

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
21st January 2022

Today's Wednesday Words are **Good News**. "We need to proclaim the Gospel on every street corner, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing, even with our preaching, every kind of disease and wound." Pope Francis

Dear parents and families,

We continue having a sizeable number of children in school with covid. This is having an impact, not only on the day to day activities we run in school, but also on the plans for activities that we typically would be organising at this time of the year.

A particular one is, Parents' Evenings. We would normally have a specific date to welcome parents to our school to view children's work, as well as to meet with the class teachers. On this occasion I have decided to arrange the meetings remotely. I understand the Government is lifting most of the restrictions, however, I need to take into account the circumstances particular to St Vincent's. I am grateful that our children seem to be recovering from the infection without major difficulties. But on the other hand, I need to ensure our teachers remain healthy and able to continue teaching our children without disruption.

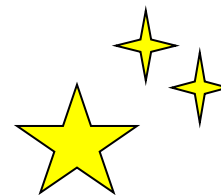
Our school has signed up to Schoolcloud, a popular software designed to support school operations, for instance Parents' Evenings.

I want to also give all parents the opportunity to come and celebrate your children's work. Therefore, I have allocated some times before and after school to allow you to come and see the books. Next week you will receive some login details together with a user guide to Schoolcloud. I predict that we may have some teething problems, as one would expect when we start a new system. I am, nevertheless, convinced that together we will manage to surmount any difficulties. Schoolcloud has been used across many schools, particularly during times when face to face appointments are not possible, and the consensus is that it is very successful and easy to use.

Once you receive your details you will be able to choose appointments at your convenience. You will have a choice of appointments for a learning dialogue with your class teacher and a choice of times to come and see the books.

I am looking forward to meeting you all during your visits to see the children's work.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – Fope for excellent writing in our literacy lesson.

Year 1 – Oliver for great work in class and for showing good understanding when answering questions.

Year 1 – Jessica for showing the value of aspiration – always working as hard as possible and taking on challenges to achieve excellent results.

Year 2 – Amarisa for always participating fully in every lesson and asking and answering lots of questions.

Year 3 – Uvie for showing ambition by using interesting words in writing. What a great week! Stay motivated.

Year 4 – Kiana for showing a positive attitude towards her learning and for always being a helpful girl.

Year 5 – Maria for fantastic multiplication work in Numeracy. Keep it up!

Year 6 – Kadesh for making great progress with literacy work.

Year 6 – Matthew for excellent literacy work.

Dates for your Diary

Year 4 Library visit	Monday 24 th January
Year 5 Mass	Wednesday 26 th January
Year 4 Mass	Wednesday 2 nd February
Year 3 Library visit	Wednesday 2 nd February
Year 3 Mass	Wednesday 9 th February
Year 2 Library visit	Wednesday 9 th February
Last day of the first half of term	Friday 11 th February
School closed for Half Term break	Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th February
First day of second half of term	Monday 21 st February
Year 2 Mass	Wednesday 23 rd February

Last Week's Attendance

10 th – 14 th January 2022	
Reception	86.7%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	69.3%
Year 3	81.8%
Year 4	91.8%
Year 5	89.0%
Year 6	81.7%
Whole school	85.2%



Gospel Reflection

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Today we hear Jesus telling people what it is he has come to do. One of the things he says is that he has come to bring good news to people who are poor. Our faith calls us to do the same. Let's think a bit more about what this good news is and how we can share it with others today.

Jesus is teaching in the synagogue. He reads a passage from the Scriptures which is about himself (although the people listening don't know that until he explains it afterwards).

The Scripture passage talks about what Jesus has been sent to do. It says that he has come to bring good news to people who are poor.

Good news means different things to different people. It can be confidence, peace, enough food, light in the darkness, doing well at school, getting to spend the day with friends.

We are all God's children. God loves us all. No matter where in the world we are, whether we are rich or poor, we should all have the chance to live in a world of peace, dignity and fairness. This is the good news of Jesus.

Prayer:

God of life, you call us all to share your good news. May we do all that we can to answer that call. We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Extracted from Cafod's children's liturgy