

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
22nd April 2022

Dear parents and families,

Happy St George's Day! And welcome back to the Summer Term. We have high hopes for a new term full of learning. We are also very excited about the reintroduction of outdoor learning and school outings.

Within the next few weeks, every class teacher will contact their group of parents to inform them of a planned school trip with their class. Teachers are currently researching suitable locations and attractions that fit their children and the learning they want to gain from the trip. We are finding the prices to different attractions and coach trips much higher than we would hope for, but I am confident we will find a way to keep the prices and opportunities right for the different year groups.

On Tuesday, I was pleased to see children returning to school with, as always, wide smiles all round and they looked happy to be back with us. As a whole, this week has been quite 'normal' and although this may seem a bit bland, after the two years we have had, a 'normal' week is quite a breath of fresh air. But of course, even in ordinary days we can find the extraordinary beauty of unexpected gestures of kindness and courage. On Wednesday, I was very impressed to learn that one of our parents thought nothing of going through a window to save one of our neighbours who was involved in a house fire! I thought it was courageous and decisive. Well done to Milana's Dad who took quick action to help someone in distress. Milana, your Daddy is a superhero!

Today we celebrate St George's Day, the patron saint of England. The most famous legend of St George is of him slaying a dragon, with the dragon commonly used to represent evil in the Middle Ages. Unfortunately, the slaying of the dragon by St George was first credited to him in the 12th century, long after his death and it is therefore likely that the many stories connected with St George's name are fictitious.

His emblem, a red cross on a white background was adopted by Richard the Lionheart and brought to England in the 12th century, when the king's soldiers would wear it on their tunics to avoid confusion in battle. One quarter of the Union Jack, this two-tone flag has been waving in the wind for many centuries now.

But, did you know? The date of 23rd April was also the date of the death of the English playwright William Shakespeare. UNESCO marked this historic date by declaring it the International Day of the Book and it is also traditionally when Shakespeare's birthday is celebrated.

So, happy St George's Day and happy World Book Day!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – Orion for having a positive attitude to learning and always working hard.
Year 1 – Sienna for fantastic writing and reading and for beautiful artwork.
Year 2 – Valentina for being a kind friend to everyone.
Year 3 – Charlotte for using ambitious language in literacy.
Year 4 – Diana for excellent focus in class and for great work in creative writing.
Year 4 - Tom for excellent work in numeracy and for always sharing great answers in class.
Year 5 – Naasei for a fantastic attitude towards learning, always trying his best and challenging himself.
Year 6 – Iris for making great strides to improve her maths.
Year 6 – Noah for maintaining an excellent standard of work throughout the year.

School Meals

If you owe money for meals taken to date, please clear your debt as soon as possible.
The cost of school meals for the first half of the summer term (19th April to 27th May) is **£68.60**
The cost of school meals for the whole of the summer term (19th April to 22nd July) is **£149.45**
It would be much appreciated if parents could pay in advance.

Dates for your Diary

Year 4 Library visit	Monday 25 th April
Year 5 to Mass	Wednesday 27 th April
Year 3 Liturgy Assembly	Wednesday 27 th April
Year 4 to Mass	Wednesday 4 th May
Reception Liturgy Assembly	Wednesday 4 th May
Year 5 Library visit	Wednesday 4 th May
Year 6 SATs week	Monday 9 th – Thursday 12 th May
School closed	Friday 1 st July
Last day of Summer Term	Friday 22 nd July
First day of Autumn Term	Thursday 1 st September

Last Week's Attendance

28 th March – 1 st April	
Reception	94.7%
Year 1	91.7%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	92.6%
Year 4	90.6%
Year 5	95.2%
Year 6	84.0%
Whole school	92.3%



Gospel Reflection

John 20:19-31

On Sunday, we'll hear about how Jesus appeared again to the disciples and shared peace with them.

The disciples were frightened and lonely and so they locked themselves away.

The disciples were filled with joy that Jesus had risen from the dead and was with them again.

Thomas wasn't there with the rest of the disciples when Jesus appeared. He refused to believe Jesus had been there until he saw for himself.

We all have times when we can be a bit like Thomas, when we find it hard to believe in God and his love for us; times when we are not sure if God really is here with us.

But God is always with us, even though we can't see him.

When he first appeared to the disciples, Jesus said to them: "Peace be with you."

Peace can mean different things to different people. When some children around the world were asked what peace meant to them, they gave very different answers:

"Peace is very important and it makes us be united." "I have learned that, if we get on well, we can live in peace and be far away from the violence." "Peace is forgiveness" and "Peace is very beautiful".

Let us remember in our prayers this week everyone who is affected by war, and all the people who are working to support them. We pray that God will give them courage, strength and hope at this difficult time.

We can help those who need our help. We can try to make things right when we have argued with a friend or a family member. We can try to talk to people calmly when something upsets us or makes us angry, rather than shouting or stamping or being violent.

So this week let's try to be more confident in our faith, sure of God's love for us and for everyone throughout the world.

We know that God wants us to live in peace with others and so we pray together:

Prayer: God of light, help us to bring peace to those who face violence, war and conflict, so that all your children around the world may know hope and happiness. Amen.