

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
23rd September 2022

Dear parents and families,

Every September, in school, we review our Safeguarding procedures by reflecting on our systems and their impact.

Safeguarding is an important area, as it encompasses all aspects of school. It is our duty to ensure that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care.

All members of staff, both teaching and non-teaching, update their safeguarding training yearly. We discuss matters arising, in staff meetings and the lead team meets every fortnight to assess the efficiency of our procedures.

The aim of all our policies, systems and rules regarding the use of our field, equipment and playground, is to minimise accidents and ultimately to keep our children safe.

Whilst we know that slips and falls are a normal part of a child's development, it is our aim to make playtime happy and safe.

Playgrounds and outdoor play equipment offer kids fresh air, friends, fun, and exercise. But it's important to ensure that improper systems and unsafe behaviour don't ruin the fun.

During our training, one of the most important messages, is that the safeguarding of our children is everybody's responsibility. I would like to include here parents and families when they visit our school.

With this in mind, I have noticed an increase in the number of children using their scooters in our playground.

Cycling to school or riding a scooter is a very healthy way to exercise and to avoid the overuse of cars. I highly recommend it; however, we need to take into consideration other members of our community when we arrive at our playground.

Please do not ride your bikes or scooters in our playground. During the time when parents and families are coming to drop or collect our children, the playground can be a very busy place and therefore not appropriate for the use of scooters.

I love to see how our playground is an important hub for our community. Dropping off in the morning and picking up time is not just a quick half a minute and off we go. Instead, children and families remain in it, enjoying a short time together.

Let's keep our playground a happy place!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs González

Stars of the Week



Reception – Jackson for always trying his best in every activity.

Year 1 – Katherine for trying her best in all her activities and for being a great class helper.

Year 2 – Leo for working hard and producing great work.

Year 3 – Amarisa for showing curiosity in her learning.

Year 4 – Mercedes for working very hard in literacy, both with reading and writing.

Year 5 – Henry for enthusiasm and love of learning.

Year 6 – Raphaela for making a great effort to read in front of the class.

Dates for your Diary

Year 3 library visit	Wednesday 28 th September (leaving at 1.40pm)
Year 5 Liturgy assembly	Wednesday 28 th September at 9.00am
Year 5 library visit	Wednesday 12 th October (leaving at 1.40pm)
Year 1 Liturgy assembly	Wednesday 12 th October at 9.00am
Break the Rules Day	Friday 14 th October
Last day of first half of the term	Friday 14 th October
First day of second half of the term	Monday 31 st October
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 2 nd December (TBC)
Christmas Fair	Wednesday 14 th December (TBC)
Last day of term	Wednesday 21 st December

Mini Vinnies

I would like to introduce you to our Mini Vinnies for this year. The children are Martin, Massil, Tobenna, Isabelle, Violet and Elena. They are very excited to start putting their wonderful ideas, to support our local community, into practice.



Last Week's Attendance

12 th – 16 th September 2022	
Reception	95.3%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	96.2%
Year 4	97.1%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	94.8%
Whole school	96.7%



Gospel Reflection

Luke 16:19-31

Today we hear the story of two men, one of whom is rich and feasts every day on good food. The other man, Lazarus, is poor and he longs for something to eat. This story helps us to see how we should treat one another. Let us think a bit more about this now.

The rich man wears fine clothes and feasts every day on the best food that he can get. He has more than he needs.

Lazarus sits outside the rich man's gate. He is poor and he is hungry. He wishes that he could eat the leftovers that fall from the rich man's table.

God created the world with enough food for everyone. But we are not sharing fairly. Some of us are like the rich man and we have more food that we can eat. Some of us are like Lazarus and go to bed hungry every night.

What do you think we can do to make sure everyone has enough to eat?

We can take no more than we need, share any extra that we have and we can ask the government to fix our broken food system.

Every single person in the world is special. God loves us all. Every single person in our big global family has the right to enough food to live a healthy life.

But some of us aren't able to get enough food. This is a big problem and it is not easy to solve. Sometimes, when something is difficult, we ignore it, hoping that the problem will go away.

The rich man in Jesus' story is a bit like this. He ignores Lazarus, even though Lazarus is right outside his gate and he walks past him every day.

God calls us to share what we have and to do all that we can to help each other get enough to eat. God asks us not to ignore each other, but to reach out and help one another.

We are all God's children and so we pray together:

Prayer

*Generous God, you created the world with enough food for all to share. Help us to play our part in making sure that all people can have their fair share of food to eat.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen*