

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
24th June 2022

Dear parents and families,

This week the children in Year 4 have taken the National Multiplication test. It was the first time we have had a year group take the test. It is an online test where pupils are asked to answer 25 questions on times tables from two to twelve. Children are given six seconds per question, with three seconds rest between each question, so the test should last less than five minutes. Year 4 have been practising for weeks. This was a journey that clearly evidenced the saying: 'Practice makes perfect.' The more they practised, the quicker they got, and by the time of the assessment, they were all very well prepared for it. We were very impressed with their attitude and concentration.

Today we wave our Year 6 good bye as they set off to their residential weekend away. I am pleased that we were finally able to arrange a trip away with our children. Children will remember these experiences happily throughout their lives. For some of them this will be the first time they are away from their families overnight and so, it will be a major milestone. As we have our residential at the end of their final school year, it becomes an opportunity to celebrate all their achievements and goals reached during primary school. We also know that children will begin their next journey in various different school with new peers and new friends. We want them to make memories that will cement their current friendships with unbreakable bonds. I hope they all have a fabulous time.

Mrs Gonzalez

Class Photographs

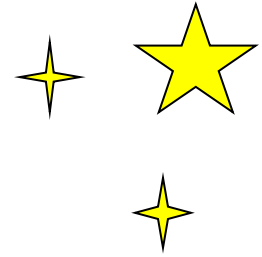
Class photographs will be taken on **Monday 27th June**. Therefore, **children in all classes should come to school wearing their school uniform** and bring their PE kits with them, please.

School Jumpers and Cardigans

We have received a delivery of school jumpers and cardigans, but unfortunately, cardigans in sizes 26" and 28" are still unavailable. We have jumpers and cardigans in all other sizes. School uniform may be bought from the school office, preferably on Tuesday mornings.

Stars of the Week

Reception – Damola for trying hard in phonics and joining in well.
Year 1 – Lillie for working hard and creating lovely artwork.
Year 2 – Isabelle for being thoughtful and respectful to everyone.
Year 3 – Ambrose for giving clever answers in Spanish.
Year 4 – Sophie for always being kind, caring and helpful.
Year 5 – Lizzie for fantastic participation and enjoyment in Sports Day.



Dates for your Diary

Class photos to be taken	Monday 27 th June
Coffee morning	Tuesday 28 th June at 8.40am
Year 2 class outing	Wednesday 29 th June
Year 6 to Mass	Wednesday 29 th June <i>(leaving at 9.00am)</i>
Year 5 Library visit	Wednesday 29 th June <i>(leaving at 1.40pm)</i>
School closed	Friday 1 st July
Year 5 class outing	Tuesday 5 th July
Year 3 class outing	Wednesday 6 th July
Year 6 performances	Thursdays 7 th and 14 th July at 1.30pm
Year 4 class outing	Tuesday 12 th July
Summer Fair	Saturday 16 th July
Year 6 Leavers' Mass	Wednesday 20 th July at 2.00pm
Last day of Summer Term	Friday 22 nd July
First day of Autumn Term	Thursday 1 st September

Praying the Rosary

We will continue to pray the Rosary on Tuesdays at 8.40am in the school hall. All are welcome.

If you would like to pray the Rosary remotely with Sister Josephine on Sundays, please use this link.

Link: <https://www.zoom.us/join>

Zoom ID: 602 432 2888

Meeting Passcode: 8M62dE

Last Week's Attendance

13 th – 17 th June	
Reception	98.0%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	93.8%
Year 4	92.7%
Year 5	97.3%
Year 6	94.3%
Whole school	95.8%



Gospel Reflection

Luke 9:51-62

Today we hear a little bit about how hard it can be to follow Jesus.

Three people offer to follow Jesus, but Jesus tells them it will not be easy.

To the first person, Jesus says that there will be nowhere comfortable to stay on their journey. He says that animals have their own houses – foxes have holes and birds have nests – but that he does not have a nice house to live in. He must travel and is not sure where he will end up sleeping each night.

Another man says he will follow Jesus, but first he wants to go and say goodbye to his friends and family. Jesus says there is no time for that, and if he is serious about following him, the man must come straight away.

Jesus is letting them know that following him is not easy. Not everyone will understand their choice to follow him. They will have to change the way that they think about things. What is important to them, might not be what Jesus is asking of them.

We know that it is not always easy to follow Jesus. It can be hard to love others and to treat all people, as we would wish to be treated.

There might be people who laugh at us or who disagree with us when we try to live as Jesus asks us to.

However, we can make a choice – to follow Jesus no matter what. Even when it is hard. We can ask God to help us through prayer, as well as asking our friends and family for help.

We can make the choice to help people who are hungry to get enough food, or thirsty to get enough drink. We can help those who are homeless find somewhere safe to stay. We can share what we have and care for those who are sick or lonely or sad.

In all these ways, we can show that we are following Jesus and we will be sharing God's love with others.

Prayer: God of mercy, watch over those who have been forced to flee their homes. Help us to follow you and to reach out in help to all who are in need, so that through us they may know your love. Amen.