

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
26 May 2023

Dear parents and families,

Before we enter the final stretch of the summer term, I want to share some important updates, achievements, and upcoming events within our school community. Let's dive right in!

Summer Fair: We have started preparing our Summer Fair, a date in July is to be confirmed. This day will be filled with fun activities, games and delicious food. It is a fantastic opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the joys of summer!

CAFOD fundraiser and Book Look: We cordially invite parents and families to attend our upcoming CAFOD fundraiser. Families will have the chance to see their child's/children's books and to have a tea, coffee and cake and a chat with other parents. This is a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's progress and strengthen the home-school partnership.

The Mini Vinnies will be leading our CAFOD fundraiser during the coffee mornings and they will be happily accepting any cash donations to go towards CAFOD's fundraiser for Amazon firefighters.

We will also be having a visit from a CAFOD volunteer in June to talk to the children about the work of CAFOD and our fundraising efforts.

Sports Day: We are thrilled to announce that our annual School Sports Day is just around the corner! The event will take place for Reception and KS1 on Tuesday 27th June (starting 1.30pm) and Wednesday 28th June for KS2 (starting at 1.30pm). The activities will take part on our school's sports field. Sports Day is an exciting occasion where our students showcase their athletic skills, team spirit and demonstrate the Olympic values of friendship, respect, inspiration, excellence, courage, determination and equality. We invite all parents and families to come and cheer on our young athletes.

Trophy Presentation Evening: Our special event for the Year 6 class is fast approaching. There will be a presentation assembly with trophies and certificates to mark special achievements and there will also be a Year 6 Leavers' Mass. Both dates in July will be shared with further details very soon.

Artist Visit: We have an artist specialised in painting and drawing coming to work with our children. Every child in school will be producing a painting based on the theme of self-expression. We will have a gallery on the last day of the visit and parents and families will be welcome to come and see the work and purchase the special creation from their child if they so wish.

Healthy Minds and Bodies: We will be holding a fundraiser on Thursday 6th July to highlight the importance of a healthy body and mind. Lots of fun and educational events are planned for this day - PE kits will be needed.

Spanish day: We are looking forward to another successful Spanish day on Friday 7th July celebrating and supporting the work of our Spanish curriculum in school.

Reading Challenge Assembly: We will be having a visit from our local librarian, Chris Davies from Mottingham library, to share with children the details of the Summer Reading Challenge being held by the library.

Reception Stay and Play: We will be welcoming new families whose children will be starting in our Reception class in September to visit on either Tuesday 4th July or Wednesday 5th July. With details being sent out very soon, directly to those families.

Further events, dates and details will follow, but what a wonderful start we have already!

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



Reception – Michael for doing really well with his writing and phonics.

Year 1 – Chimamanda for always using beautiful answers and for working hard in all lessons.

Year 2 – Victor for working hard in class and giving good answers in maths.

Year 3 – Jonathan for working hard and showing exemplary behaviour in class.

Year 4 – Alexander for great enthusiasm and effort in his work and for being kind and caring.

Year 5 – Yana for carrying out extra in-depth research.

Year 6 – Melissa for excellent writing.

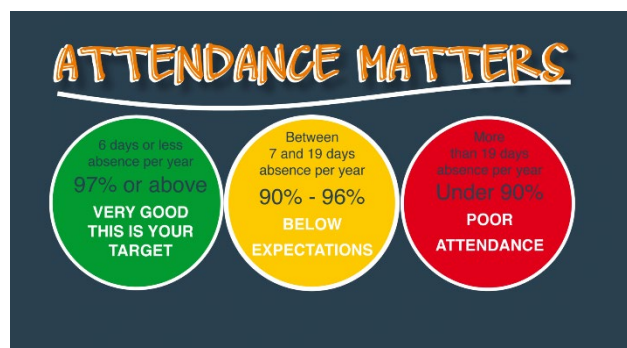
Year 6 -- Gabriel O for making great progress in his writing.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June	Half term break
Monday 5 June	School closed for staff training
Tuesday 6 June	School re-opens for second half of term
Tuesday 6 June- Friday 9 June	International Week
Friday 9 June	Children may dress up for International Day
Wednesday 14 June	Year 2 visit to Mass <i>(leaving school at 09:00)</i>
Wednesday 14 June	Year 3 visit to Library <i>(leaving school at 13:40)</i>
Tuesday 27 June	KS1 Sports Afternoon
Wednesday 28 June	KS2 Sports Afternoon
Friday 21 July	Last day of Summer Term
Monday 4 September	First day of Autumn Term

This Week's Attendance

22 – 26 May 2023	
Reception	95.1%
Year 1	90%
Year 2	92.6%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	89%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	93.8%
Whole school	96.3%



School Meal Price

We regret that we will have to increase the price of a school meal from £2.50 to £2.70 after the half term break, **from Tuesday 6th June**. The cost of meals for the second half of the term (6th June to 21st July) will be £91.80.

Message from Sr Josephine: Novena to the Holy Spirit

Friday 19th – Saturday 27th May, the Vigil of Pentecost.

Prayer intentions: Fr Mario and all Parishioners in OLHC and St. Patrick's – Lord send us your Holy Spirit – Amen

Novena Prayer: Spirit of love! Spirit of purity! Spirit of peace! Sanctify us and give us that heavenly peace which the world cannot give. Bless our Holy Father the Pope, the Church, our bishops, our priests, all Religious Orders, and all the faithful. Grant us the Spirit of Christ as we labour earnestly for the spread of His kingdom.

International Week

When we return after half-term it will be international week. So on Friday 9th June we will be encouraging the children to come to school either wearing the national dress of another country or to wear the colours or an item that represents that country. We look forward to seeing some varied and vibrant outfits!

Gospel Reflection

John 20:19-23

Today we hear how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with the disciples, to help them be brave enough to share God's message with others. Let's think a bit about what the Holy Spirit does in our lives today.

The disciples were alone and afraid, because their friend Jesus, who they knew was the Son of God, had been put to death.

Suddenly Jesus appeared to them. What did Jesus say to the disciples? (Peace be with you). The disciples were filled with joy. Jesus repeated the words "Peace be with you." Jesus breathed on the disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit.

The disciples had been sad, lonely and frightened. Jesus told the disciples he was sending them out to spread his word. The disciples were filled with joy, hope and courage to go out and spread the word of God. God's special message of peace for all people.

The Holy Spirit gives the disciples the courage to see that they can do what Jesus asks of them. Jesus asks us to do the same as the disciples – to spread his message of love and peace to all people through what we do. The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to answer Jesus' call, to do what God asks of us even when it is difficult. We each answer that call in a different way, but the Holy Spirit helps and guides us along the way.

This week let's try to notice the Holy Spirit in our lives, helping us to be brave, and helping us to spread Jesus' message of peace in our world.

Prayer

God of mercy, fill us with your Spirit and guide us as we try to share your peace in our world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.