

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
27 January 2023

Dear parents and families,

Today I want to share with you the well-known words of Mahatma Gandhi:

"Your beliefs become your thoughts.

Your thoughts become your words.

Your words become your actions.

Your actions become your habits.

Your habits become your values.

Your values become your destiny."

This quote reminds us that our words are never without meaning. Those around us will be listening and feeling the effect of what we say.

This week I had to, sadly, deal with two incidents of children using unkind language to others. The children involved, realised their wrong choice of words and they apologised, wanting to right their wrong.

We regularly speak to our children about the power of words and speaking out. It is, in this case, important that children, and adults, for that matter, understand that we might find it very difficult to repair the damage, once we have used hurtful language.

We work hard on creating a culture that enables all pupils to feel safe from any harm. We encourage our children to report any incident of "derogatory and discriminatory language". We want all pupils and staff to feel confident in discussing concerns about the 'protected characteristics' (types of discrimination).

Above all, we want our children to form their character through the pursuit of personal strengths and virtues. The achievement of excellence is by repeatedly performing particular virtues that build our character. At St Vincent's, these are:

Love, Forgiveness, Compassion, Curiosity, Resilience and Aspiration.

Let us then, think about our words to others; after all, our words define who we are.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

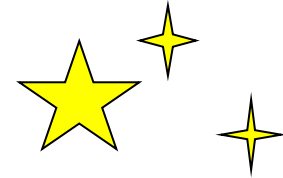


Childminders and Helpers for the School Run

We are often asked by parents if we know of a childminder they might be able to use. If you are a childminder and would be happy for us to pass your name to any parent who enquires, please contact the school office.

Also, we sometimes hear of families that need help with the school run. We are currently looking for a helper for a family living in Stofield Gardens, which needs someone to pick up their child from school and deliver him home. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

Stars of the Week



Reception – Manuela for showing curiosity and trying the activities.

Year 1 – Fope for wonderful maths work and for always being kind and caring.

Year 2 – Leah for beautiful artwork and working hard in class.

Year 3 – Mekeda for showing aspiration and hard work in all subjects.

Year 4 – Anna for excellent work in maths division, with and without remainders.

Year 4 – Isabella for showing a love for learning and trying her best.

Year 5 – Une for an exemplary attitude to learning.

Year 6 – Saniya for working hard to finish her work.

Dates for your Diary

Book Looks Reception, Years 1&2 in school hall	Tuesday 31 January 8.45-10am
Book Looks Years 5&6 in school hall	Wednesday 1 February 8.45-10am
Book Looks for all classes in classrooms	Wednesday 1 February 3.30-4.30pm
Book Looks Years 3&4 in school hall	Friday 3 February 8.45-10am
Years 2 and 4 to Mass	Wednesday 8 February (leaving at 9am)
Year 1 Liturgy assembly	Wednesday 8 February at 9am
Last day of first half of Spring Term	Friday 10 February
School closed for half term break	Monday 13 to Friday 17 February
First day of second half of Spring Term	Monday 20 February

Last Week's Attendance

16-20 January 2023	
Reception	91.1%
Year 1	99.4%
Year 2	99.4%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	96.1%
Year 5	94.2%
Year 6	92.7%
Whole school	96.3%



Prayer and Reflection



Matthew 5:1-12a

Today we hear about how Jesus went onto a mountain and taught his disciples. Jesus told them about the kind of person who makes him happy and who is blessed. Some of what he said might be surprising, so let's think about it together today.

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way he would like people to be treated and how he sees some types of people as extra special. He says that they will be happy or blessed.

We are all part of one global family and we are called by God to care for the other members of that family, wherever they are in the world. We can help Jesus' words to come alive today.

By doing all those things we will be truly following Jesus. We can help to make the words that he spoke to his disciples a reality.

The words of Jesus give us hope for a fairer world and so together, we pray:

Prayer

God of mercy, open our hearts to listen to what Jesus tells us. Help us to reach out to others who are poor, sad, or frightened and try to make their lives blessed.

Amen.