

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
27th May 2022

Dear parents and families,

We come to the end of the first half of the summer term and to a very special week ahead of us. On the first weekend of June, her Majesty the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee to mark the anniversary of her coronation.

Any Jubilee is an occasion to celebrate the life and reign of a monarch, and is a **significant** event, celebrated around the world. Through British history, there have been occasions to celebrate silver and gold jubilees and even a couple of diamond jubilees. However, the celebration of a platinum jubilee is a remarkable achievement after 70 years of service.

This event, a once in a lifetime, will be remembered by our children for years to come as an unprecedented milestone in history. Elizabeth II, now 96, remains a highly popular monarch, admired for her work ethic and undramatic moral fibre. This is an important reason why the whole nation, whatever their views, are preparing for celebrations across the country akin only to those ones witnessed at the end of world wars.

Our school wishes to join in the festivities. Hence, we are preparing a week full of activities relating to the Jubilee, as we return after the half term. The week will culminate with a mini-street party (playground) with party food and special dress code! This party will be on **Friday 10th June**; it will be a non-uniform day so come in **1950s style**, dress up as a **king or queen** or alternatively dress up in **red, white and blue colours**.

After lunch, children will enjoy some party food and drinks. To make sure that they have some party food of their choice, we are asking parents to send their children with a small box with their chosen food. Decorate your boxes with the Jubilee theme, as there would be prizes for the best-decorated box in each class! Your box could be a small shoebox or other small cardboard box.

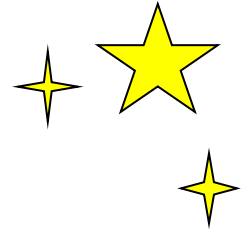
Children have been preparing bunting and other decorations to make the event special. If you would like to help us with some decorations (even if they are second hand after the weekend!) it would be much appreciated.

Let us make our mini-Jubilee special; after all, we need to wait 70 years for the next one!
Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

Reception – Vita for always showing a love for learning and a thirst for learning more.
 Year 1 – Alison for lovely, imaginative writing and beautiful artwork.
 Year 2 – Amari for being helpful around the classroom.
 Year 3 – Leia for being ambitious and using interesting words in literacy.
 Year 4 – Yana for always showing kindness to others.
 Year 5 – Hannah for writing an excellent diary entry, showing great emotion.
 Year 6 – Emmanuel for making great progress with improving his writing.



Dates for your Diary

Half term break	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June
Reception Class outing	Tuesday 7 th June
Year 1 class outing	Wednesday 15 th June
Year 6 Liturgy Assembly	Wednesday 15 th June
Year 4 visit to Mass	Wednesday 15 th June
Year 3 visit to the library	Wednesday 15 th June
Sports Afternoon for Rec, Years 1 & 2	Tuesday 21 st June
Sports Afternoon for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Wednesday 22 nd June
Class photos to be taken	Monday 27 th June (change of date)
Year 2 class outing	Wednesday 29 th June
School closed	Friday 1 st July
Year 5 class outing	Tuesday 5 th July
Year 3 class outing	Wednesday 6 th July
Summer Fair	Saturday 16 th July
Last day of Summer Term	Friday 22 nd July
First day of Autumn Term	Thursday 1 st September

Crowning of Mary

The children brought flowers and took part in the Crowning of Mary.



Last Week's Attendance

16 th – 20 th May	
Reception	93.8%
Year 1	99.0%
Year 2	95.9%
Year 3	94.4%
Year 4	98.2%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	96.7%
Whole school	96.5%

Well done Year 1
 – best attendance for last week with
99.0%

Thank a Teacher Day

The staff would like to thank all those parents who sent lovely messages. They have been a source of encouragement and are very much appreciated.

Gospel Reflection

John 17:20-26

Today we hear how Jesus prayed to God for all those people, like us, who would come to believe in him. Let's listen and think more about this now...

Jesus is praying to God for his disciples, but not only for his friends who were with him during his life. Jesus also prays for all those people who will come to believe in him through the disciples, no matter when or where they will live.

This means Jesus was praying to God for us. Jesus asked that all his people could be as one. This means that they all stand united; they love one another, live peacefully and work together.

We are all different. We all have differences. These things make us special. They make me, me and you, you.

Even though we are different, we have lots of things in common with each other. There is one very special thing, which we all share. God loves us. We are all sisters and brothers, no matter who we are or where in the world we live. We are all part of one global family, loved by God.

God wants that love to shine through us in the way that we treat each other. We are called to love one another and to live together in harmony.

This doesn't mean all being the same. It doesn't mean we all have to agree about everything. But it does mean that we should always be kind and loving to one another, treating each other as we would wish to be treated. Even those people who live in different countries to us who we might never meet.

We are united by God's love for us.

Jesus prayed to God to help us to be loving to one another. This week, let us also pray to God to help us live in this way.

Let us do our very best to be united with other people even if they are different from us, and to love our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

Prayer

God of all, we thank you for your love for us. May we share that love with others so that all your children throughout the world may be one family. Amen.

School Meals

If you still owe payment for meals taken to date, please clear your debt before the start of the next half term. The cost of school meals for children in Years 3–6 from 6th June to 22nd July is £83.30. It would be helpful if you could please pay for meals in advance, rather than waiting until you are reminded.

Reception Class Jubilee Celebrations

