

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
30th September 2022

Dear parents and families,

October is the month of the Rosary, which makes it the perfect time to share this beautiful prayer with our children. It is also important to share the message behind the prayers as well as explaining why we pray the Rosary. With the understanding of the meaning behind the tradition, the impact of praying will be more powerful.

The origin of the Rosary is not certain; we believe the Blessed Virgin Mary herself established it. She is said to have appeared to St. Dominic, given him a Rosary, and asked that Christians pray the Hail Mary, Our Father and Glory Be prayers instead of the Psalms.

Whether we pray only a decade or all five, with our words and actions we are instilling in our children a greater love of Jesus and a better understanding of his life. We are also supporting them in growing their devotion to Mary.

Every Tuesday children and families are invited to join me in the school hall to pray the Rosary. During these sessions we talk to our children about the importance of reflecting on our words and thinking about their meaning. Praying the Rosary, is not just about reciting prayers. It involves reflecting on the grace of God.

Praying is a powerful act that lets us develop and strengthen our relationship with God and the Rosary offers the same beautiful reward. By praying the Rosary, we meditate on the events in the life of Jesus Christ so that we may draw closer to Him.

In school, we remind our children that the Rosary was given to us by Mary. Together we learn to be thankful for it.

The Rosary is a gift

Have a lovely weekend.

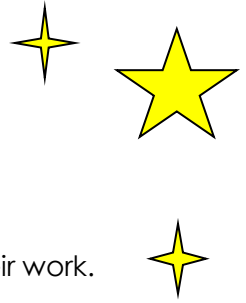
Mrs González



You can pray the Rosary and ask God to put love in our hearts for one another.

Stars of the Week

Reception – Bonnie for persevering and trying hard with every activity.
 Year 1 – Kaiden for being kind to his friends in class and for super writing.
 Year 2 – Alex M for fantastic work in maths.
 Year 3 – Maximilian for showing resilience when completing tricky tasks.
 Year 4 – Nasiah for showing a love of learning and working hard in all lessons.
 Year 5 – Isabel for being dedicated to her learning.
 Year 6 – Elizabeth and Matviy for having a more positive attitude to completing their work.



Dates for your Diary

Year 4 Mass	Wednesday 5 th October
Year 5 library visit	Wednesday 12 th October (<i>leaving at 1.40pm</i>)
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

School Photographs

Individual and sibling group proofs were given to children yesterday to take home. If you have any queries regarding them, please contact the photographic company directly on 01255 242200 or support@sbsdigital.co.uk.

Reception Class Fruit Tasting



Reception loved making their fruit faces and tasting different and exotic fruits. Thank you for all the parent donations.

Last Week's Attendance

19 th – 23 rd September 2022	
Reception	91.3%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	99.6%
Year 3	96.2%
Year 4	90.1%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	96.2%
Whole school	95.1%



Gospel Reflection

Luke 17:5-10

Today Jesus tells us how powerful faith is. How, if we have faith we can do anything we want to, even if at first it seems impossible. Let's think some more about this now.

Today the disciples ask Jesus to give them more faith.

Jesus says that even if they had faith like a mustard seed they could tell a mulberry tree to move from where it is in the ground and plant itself in the sea.

A mustard seed is really tiny. So, Jesus is saying that even if we only have a small amount of faith we can do amazing things. Even if we can't move trees we might be able to make big changes to the world around us.

It is getting harder for families here and around the world to get the food that they need. In fact, nearly one in three people around the world do not have enough safe and healthy food all year round.

There are many reasons for this. The climate crisis, COVID and the conflict in Ukraine. These problems often have the worst effects for some of our poorest brothers and sisters around the world.

We all have times when things are really difficult. It can be hard to keep our faith in God at these times. Even the disciples had moments when they did not think that they had enough faith.

Yet this reading gives us hope – that even if we just have a tiny little bit of faith, with God's help, we can make real changes to the world around us.

We know that everything is possible with faith and God's help, and so we pray together:

Prayer

God of life, give us the courage to try to make a change to our world, no matter how small, and the faith to know that with you all things are possible.

Amen.