

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
31 March 2023

Dear parents and families,

When we come back from the holidays, as the weather starts to improve, our children will be beginning to wear their summer uniform.

Remember, children may wear the winter uniform if the weather is still not favourable or if they prefer. This may be worn until May half term, when we will do the full switch to the summer uniform only.

I would like to take this opportunity to refresh our minds about the uniform expectations for St Vincent's; please see our School Uniform Policy sent to you together with this newsletter.

Uniform is an important part of our school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community. It also helps prepare students for life in their workplace in the future, where many will have to dress smartly for work.

School uniform means students do not have to worry about peer pressure when it comes to their clothes. When everyone is dressed the same, worrying about what you look like is not so important. There is no competition about being dressed in the latest trend, which can put a great deal of financial pressure on parents.

To aid with the subject of not having pressure to buy the latest trends of clothing or school resources, we have added two new items to our school uniform. Children will be able to purchase a school summer hat (£5) and/or a school backpack (£12). These two items are not compulsory, but we are hoping to minimise the great variety of school bags brought in every day.

Thank you for your support, ensuring that school policies are followed and that your child is dressed appropriately for school each day.

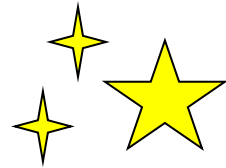


Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Gonzalez



Stars of the Week

- Reception – Layla for being creative and using her wonderful imagination.
- Year 1 – Skye for always being kind, caring and hard working.
- Year 2 – Gerry for working hard in class with a cheerful attitude.
- Year 3 – Massil for showing consistent effort in all tasks.
- Year 4 – Jason for excellent learning behaviour and a fantastic story.
- Year 5 – Affan for a good apology letter.
- Year 6 – Amelia-Rose and Kayla for making great progress with their writing.

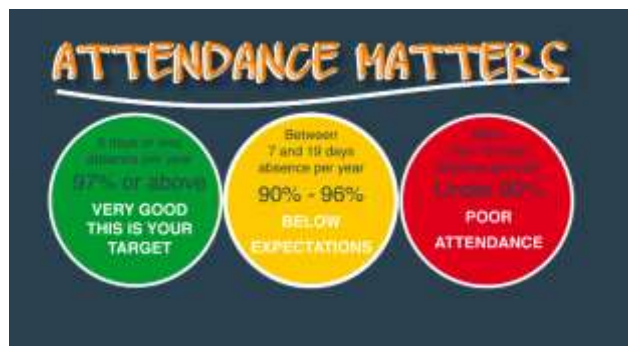


Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 18 April	School opens for Summer Term
Monday 1 May	School closed for Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 8 May	School closed for Bank Holiday to mark King's Coronation
Friday 26 May	Last day of first half of term
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
Friday 21 July	Last day of Summer Term
Monday 4 September	First day of Autumn Term

This Week's Attendance

27 - 31 March 2023	
Reception	96.0%
Year 1	98.0%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	87.1%
Year 4	91.5%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6	92.7%
Whole school	94.0%



School Meals

From the start of next term, our caterers will be using a new menu, which is attached to this email. The cost of meals for children in Years 3 – 6 for the first half of next term (18 April – 26 May) is **£67.50** or for the whole term (18 April – 21 July) is **£152.50**.

Easter Fair

The Easter Fair was a huge success. I would like to thank all members of staff for their time, energy and creative skills, which were much appreciated. Also, thank you to those parents who kindly gave donations for the stalls or who volunteered to help on the day.

Gospel Reflection

Matthew 21:1-11

This Sunday is a special day, called Palm Sunday. We hear how crowds of people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem shortly before he was crucified. We have palms to remind us of how the people cut branches and laid them in the road before him as they shouted with joy.

We will hear two gospel readings. The second gospel reading is called the Passion and tells the story of how Jesus was arrested, tried, crucified and buried.

In the first gospel reading we hear how Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. The donkey was a very humble animal – not very special for such a special person like Jesus.

All of the people were so happy to see Jesus that they laid their cloaks on the floor and cut branches from palm trees to lay before him to show their respect. This is why this Sunday is called Palm Sunday and why we wave palms. They shouted to show their joy and praise for God.

God made all of us, no matter where in the world that we come from. Jesus is in all of us. So every time we meet someone and we welcome them, we are welcoming Jesus.

Jesus is in all people, so we should treat all people with the respect, love and kindness that we would show to Jesus. We should try to welcome all people into our lives and treat them as we would like to be treated.

This week let us try to welcome all people as we would welcome Jesus.

As we welcome Jesus into our lives, we pray together...

Prayer

God of truth, we thank you for sending us your Son Jesus. Open our hearts so that we may welcome him in others and bring us together to make the world a fairer place. Amen.