

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
3 March 2023

Dear parents and families,

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our World Book Day celebration. It really helped raise the profile of reading across the school.

The costumes were fantastic! It was great to see the efforts made with the homemade costumes. Some of them really show an incredible imagination and creativity. Well done to all parents and families for your support.

The main aim for World Book Day is to promote reading and in particular reading for pleasure. This day encourages us all to share the enjoyment of reading with others.

Research shows that reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income.

The **evidence base** shows there are six building elements that support a child to read for pleasure

- Being read to regularly
- Having books at home and at school
- Having a choice in what to read
- Finding time to read
- Having trusted help to find a book
- Making reading FUN!

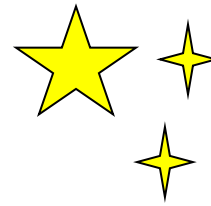


Your child has received a book token, worth £1, which they can redeem in a range of shops for specific World Book Day books- or use to receive £1 off other books. You might want to save your token and use it in our Book Fair, which is coming up later on this month.

Reading for pleasure does not make children better at reading; it makes them better at learning.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Gonzalez



## Stars of the Week

Reception – Ben for making excellent progress in phonics and reading.

Year 1 – Mayah for excellent maths work and for always trying her best in class.

Year 2 – Ernest for working hard and joining in well.

Year 3 – Amari for showing a positive attitude to learning.

Year 4 – Angela for excellent learning behaviour and effort in her work.

Year 5 – Tom for great contributions to a class debate.

Year 6 – Ivana for making great progress in her writing.

## Dates for your Diary

School Disco	Wednesday 8 March
Book Fair	Monday 13 & Tuesday 14 March
Last day of Spring Term	Friday 31 March
First day of Summer Term	Tuesday 18 April

## Last Week's Attendance

20 - 24 February 2023	
Reception	85.0%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	89.2%
Year 4	97.9%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	93.4%
Whole school	94.1%



## School Disco

Thank you to those of you who have already offered to help with the Discos. We are particularly **short of helpers for the Infant Disco** from 3-4pm. Help is required in the following areas:

- \* Signing children in at the start
- \* Tuck shop
- \* Food counter
- \* Drinks table
- \* General marshalls

If you can help, please add your name to the list on the table in the school foyer.

## Gospel Reflection

### Matthew 17:1-9

Today we hear about something very special that happened to Jesus while he was on a mountain with three of his friends. His appearance changed as his face and clothes shone like the sun. This also changed the lives of his friends, as they realised that Jesus was the Son of God. We can change people's lives through our actions, let us think about how, today.

Jesus goes to the top of a mountain with Peter, James and John. When he gets there his appearance changes – his face and clothes shine with light.

A voice comes from a cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'  
The disciples are very afraid, but Jesus tells them not to be and everything looks normal again.

We can hear God's voice when we stop and pray, when we make time for God in our lives and when we make the right choices in how we treat others.

The disciples' lives are changed by what happened on the mountain. They now know just how special Jesus really is – that he is God's Son. They have seen his face shine like the sun and they have heard God speak to them.

Our lives are changed by Jesus too. Jesus lives in all of us. He asks us to always try to do what is right, to stand up for what we believe in and to help other people. Jesus calls us to show God's love to others.

Our love for one another can also shine out like the sun, as we treat all people as we would like to be treated by others.

People all around the world are different but they were all made by God. Every person is unique and special.

Jesus' appearance was changed on the mountain. As we try to change our lives and the lives of others, we pray together...

### Prayer

God of love, help us to be like your Son, and make a real difference to the lives of our global family.  
Amen.