

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
4th February 2022

Today's Wednesday Word is **Follow**. "To follow Jesus means to share his merciful love for every human being." Pope Francis.

Dear parents and families,

Clearly from the beginning of this week, we could see an end to the temporary "wave" of infections in our school. This respite allow us to, once again, change things in school. We want to resume our visits to Mass, Library and other routines that we had to cancel to avoid spreading the virus to the community. Therefore, we expect that we will be back to those activities from the first week after half term. Thank you to all the volunteers who weekly accompany our children on our walk. Thank you for all your patience with all our messages of "Now we are going...now we are not." We need to decide, sometimes at the last minute, depending on the figures in school. I would love to say all that is in the past, but I would probably be guessing. But for now it is good news I wanted to share with you; we are going back to near to normal activities from the first week after half term.

On a different note, a personal sad one this time, I wanted to let you know that next week I will not be in school, as I had a bereavement in my family. Sadly my Dad passed away and I need to go and spend time with my Mum. Due to the dreaded pandemic, I was one of many who was not able to visit family for over two years. There comes a time when I think I need to prioritise my family and therefore, next week, I need to take my "headteacher's hat" off and instead, I need to step into the role of "Daughter".

Mrs Hall will be looking after the school and all of you. I am sure you will be returning the favour and looking after her. I have full trust and confidence in Mrs Hall, who as you know has effectively led the school on various occasions in the past few years.

I look forward to seeing you all after the half term break.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

Dates for your Diary

Break the Rules Day	Friday 11 th February
Last day of the first half of term	Friday 11 th February
School closed for Half Term break	Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th February
First day of second half of term	Monday 21 st February
Last day of term	Friday 1 st April
First day of Summer Term	Tuesday 19 th April

Stars of the Week



Reception – Gabriella for working so hard this week in all areas of learning and showing such confidence.
 Year 1 – Olumide for working hard in class and for being polite and helpful.
 Year 1 – Olamide for great spelling and writing in class.
 Year 2 – Isabelle for being keen and eager to learn and sharing great facts within the class.
 Year 3 – Evelyn for fantastic participation in lessons and always trying her best.
 Year 4 – Ryan for wonderful behaviour in class and showing excellent listening.
 Year 5 – Morayo for using excellent descriptive language in his writing.
 Year 6 – Ziva for making an excellent effort to improve her handwriting.
 Year 6 – Ana for making an excellent effort to improve her writing.

Chinese New Year

This week the children have been taking part in activities as part of Chinese New Year, also known as Tết Nguyên Đán or Lunar New Year. Children in Reception made some beautiful Chinese fans, Year 2 made hats, Year 3 made chow mein and recipe cards, and Years 1 and 5 made lanterns. Here are some examples of their amazing work!



Last Week's Attendance

24 th – 28 th January 2022	
Reception	95.0%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	86.8%
Year 4	93.9%
Year 5	90.9%
Year 6	91.7%
Whole school	93.1%

★ Well done Year 2 ★
 – best attendance for last week with
98.6%

Gospel Reflection

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus borrows Simon's boat so that he can teach the crowds that are around him on the shore. When he has finished speaking he tells Simon Peter to put out his fishing nets into deep water. Simon does not think they will catch anything. They haven't caught anything all night.

Peter did as Jesus said and sailed out to the deeper water where he cast out his nets. Although he felt unsure, Peter already trusted Jesus and was ready to do what he asked. When Simon Peter and his friends put out the nets, they catch so many fish, and they are so heavy, the boat nearly sinks!

When they returned to shore, Jesus invited these fishermen to follow him and become his disciples. They left their boats and nets and went with him, to help Jesus tell the people about the Good News of God's love.

Jesus calls us all to follow him in our lives and share his message of love and good news for all people.

Prayer:

Loving God, may we try our best to follow your Son and to serve you faithfully each day, in what we do and how we treat others, especially our brothers and sisters who are poor.

Amen.