

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter  
4 November 2022

Dear parents and families,

A very warm welcome back to a half term, which we hope, will be filled with creative learning and festive fun!

Throughout this week, amongst many other things, children have been learning about the importance of enjoying fireworks and bonfire night safely. It is important that children understand the dangers associated with fireworks.

Remember to:

- Keep the correct distance away from fire and never play with it (including matches);
- Never return to a lit firework or pick up a discarded sparkler;
- Keep children close to the adults who are looking after them.

Did you know sparklers burn 16 times hotter than your kettle? They can cause serious burns!

Next week we are having our own mini elections in school. Children will be voting for their representatives for the School Council.

A School Council is a formal group of pupils within a school who are elected by their peers to represent them and their views.

This is not a popularity contest, but one to select the best-suited children to lead on issues that affect them, thus ensuring that their opinions count. We respect and value the thoughts and opinions of our children, even if it may not always be possible or practical to do everything they suggest.

Any child in the school may stand to be a School Council Rep for their class. It is not a decision made by teachers. If your child wishes to consider being part of the School Council, you could support them by helping them draft some reasons why they would be a good councillor. On Thursday, the day of the elections, children will talk to their peers and explain why they are the right candidate. They need to have ready their Manifesto!

This is also a good opportunity to discuss the concept of Democracy and how we are all impacted by the elected leaders. A very current and hot topic!

Good luck to all candidates!

Have a lovely weekend. If you are attending a fireworks event, stay safe and look after your pets.

Mrs González



## Stars of the Week

Reception – Chloe for building good friendships with her peers and being caring to all.

Year 1 – Epiphany for making an excellent start to Year 1 and working hard in class.

Year 2 – Arianna-Rose for working hard and challenging herself with her learning.

Year 3 – Ella for showing aspiration in all tasks.

Year 4 – Cody for reading confidently during guided reading.

Year 5 – Joshua for being helpful and considerate.

Year 6 – Gabriel for working hard to improve his writing, during the holidays.

## Dates for your Diary

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| Year 3 Mass                         | Wednesday 9 November ( <i>leaving at 9.00am</i> )  |
| Year 2 liturgy assembly             | Wednesday 9 November at 9.00am                     |
| Mini reports to be given to parents | Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November                 |
| Year 4 visit to library             | Wednesday 16 November ( <i>leaving at 1.40pm</i> ) |
| Non-uniform Day                     | Friday 18 November                                 |
| Donations of bottles                | Monday 21 November                                 |
| Year 5 Mass                         | Wednesday 23 November ( <i>leaving at 9.00am</i> ) |
| Year 4 liturgy assembly             | Wednesday 23 November at 9.00am                    |
| Donations of soft toys              | Monday 28 November                                 |
| Christmas Jumper Day                | Friday 2 December (TBC)                            |
| Christmas Fair                      | Wednesday 14 December (TBC)                        |
| Last day of term                    | Wednesday 21 December                              |

## All Saints' Day Mass

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our trip to Mass last Tuesday. The rain was heavy at the time we were due to leave for the walk to church, so we needed to remain in school.

## Last Week's Attendance

| 10-14 October 2022 |              |
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| Reception          | 91.7%        |
| Year 1             | 97.9%        |
| Year 2             | 94.3%        |
| Year 3             | 98.1%        |
| Year 4             | 94.7%        |
| Year 5             | 90.3%        |
| Year 6             | 94.8%        |
| Whole school       | <b>94.4%</b> |



## Foodbank Donations

A huge thank you to our parents and carers for their generous donations to the Foodbank last week. We had a large amount of donations and the Foodbank volunteer was delighted! Well done to the Mini Vinnies who helped to load everything into the car!



## Gospel Reflection

**Luke 20:27-38**

*Today we hear how a group of religious leaders try to catch Jesus out but he shows them and us a different way of thinking.*

*In today's story, we hear how the Sadducees asked Jesus a question. The Sadducees were a group of religious leaders who were from rich families, and they did not believe in resurrection - that people would be raised from the dead to be with God in heaven after they had died.*

*The religious leaders in today's story loved to obey rules. They asked Jesus a question to trap him, to catch him out. They asked him about who a woman would be married to in heaven, if she had been married seven times in her life.*

*But Jesus says that in heaven everything is different from on earth.*

*Jesus is showing us that our rules only go so far and that his Kingdom is bigger than this world. If we believe in Jesus we see things differently, we see people differently and we act differently. Because we believe that all people are special and loved by God.*

*In this gospel story, Jesus is showing us that God sees things differently to us. We believe that in God's Kingdom, everyone is treated equally and fairly, whether they are men, women, girls or boys. However, we know that this does not always happen in our world right now.*

*Let us think a bit more about treating each other equally. If we all treat each other fairly and as we would like to be treated, perhaps we can start to reflect a little bit of God's Kingdom here on earth.*

### **Prayer:**

*God of heaven and earth, in this life and the next you are with us. Thank you for protecting us and guiding us as we journey towards you. Amen.*