St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter 6 October 2023

Dear parents and families

We are delighted to celebrate our Year 5 students, who recently took centre stage to deliver a touching message during their Collective Worship. They chose to focus on the theme of love, a fundamental value cherished within our school community. Their initiative in selecting the theme added a unique and personal touch to the event, making it even more special.

The Year 5 students demonstrated exceptional leadership as they led the assembly, displaying their growth and maturity. What is truly remarkable is that they not only presented but also took the initiative to design every aspect of the assembly themselves, including prayers, questions, and reflections based on the powerful teachings from Corinthians 13.

Their message resonated with everyone in attendance, reminding us of the significance of love in our lives and that it aligns with our school's values. It is heart-warming to witness our students embracing such important lessons at a young age. Their dedication to promoting love as a core value is a testament to the notable individuals they are becoming.

A special thank you goes out to all the parents and families who attended the assembly. Your presence and support mean a great deal to us as we encourage and empower our students to grow spiritually and personally.

We are looking forward to continuing this tradition of collective worship led by our students, with each year group taking their turn and selecting their themes. It is an opportunity for us to come together as a school community, learn from our young leaders and strengthen our values.

Let us continue to nurture and support our students as they grow and develop into responsible, compassionate, and principled individuals.

Thank you, Year 5, for reminding us all about the power of love!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week

Reception – Harry for following instructions and being a great role model.

- Year 1 Mia for excellent literacy work and for always working hard.
- Year 2 Epiphany for a great attitude to learning and producing wonderful work.
- Year 3 Jesse for showing compassion towards those who need support.
- Year 4 Damilola for being intrinsically motivated in numeracy.
- Year 5 Leia for writing an excellent evacuee letter.
- Year 6 Corben for making a great effort to improve his writing.

School Value Awards

Reception – Ian for showing resilience with writing and making great progress.

- Year 1 James for showing resilience towards all his learning and for trying his best.
- Year 2 Vita for showing aspiration, creating artwork that inspires others.
- Year 3 Ivan for showing incredible resilience with his handwriting.
- Year 4 Jonathan for demonstrating love through action.
- Year 5 Ambrose for showing compassion and friendship to others.
- Year 6 Lena for showing good aspiration.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 11 October	Years 3 & 5 to Mass (leaving at 09:00)	
Friday 13 October	Care for God's creation day, Non uniform day £1 donation	
Monday 16 – Friday 27 October	School closed for half term break	
Monday 30 October	First day of second half of term	
Tuesday 31 October	School Photographs	
Wednesday 8 November	Year 6 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome	
Thursday 9 November	Face to face Parent-Teacher meetings	
Wednesday 15 November	Year 2 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome	
Wednesday 22 November	Year 1 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome	
Tuesday 28 November	Nasal flu vaccination	
Wednesday 29 November	Year 3 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome	
Wednesday 6 December	Year 4 Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome	
Wednesday 13 November	Reception Liturgy 09:00 Parents welcome	
Wednesday 20 December	Last day of Autumn term	

This Week's Attendance

2-6 October 2023		
Reception	86.9%	
Year 1	89.6%	
Year 2	97.3%	
Year 3	91.7%	
Year 4	96.1%	
Year 5	95.3%	
Year 6	97.8%	
Whole school	93.7%	



Parking

We would like to bring your attention to a matter that has been raised by our neighbours at the bottom of Court Farm Road. They have sent an email to our school, expressing their frustration and concerns regarding parking issues.

In recent times, local residents have faced difficulties due to blocked access during both mornings and afternoons, primarily caused by vehicles associated with our school. While we understand that parking space is limited in the area, please note that there are available parking spots on the opposite side of the road, near the woods.

Our neighbours have taken the initiative to approach some of our parents and kindly requested them not to block driveways. Regrettably, these efforts have not yielded the desired results.

It is crucial to recognise that some of our neighbours, work in professions where emergencies may occur. Being blocked in their driveways poses a significant safety concern for them, potentially impeding their ability to respond promptly to critical situations.

We kindly ask all parents and families to consider the impact of their parking choices on our neighbours. It is not only a matter of convenience but also a matter of safety and community cooperation.

As a school, we value our relationships with our surrounding community. We would like to remind everyone to think twice before parking in a way that may block access for residents and their vehicles.

Your understanding and cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the residents of Court Farm Road and by the school as a whole.

Let us all strive to be good neighbours and responsible members of our community.

Mini Vinnies

The Mini Vinnies are planning a collection for the Harvest Festival. They would like to ask if you could bring in long-lasting food and toiletries, which we will be collecting for the Bromley Food Bank. <u>Please give your contributions to your child to bring into class, between Monday 2nd and Friday 13th</u> <u>October. Thank you for your support with this.</u>



School Photographs

Individual professional school photographs will be taken of every pupil on Tuesday 31st October. In addition, photographs of sibling groups will also be taken. These groups will only include current pupils, not pre-school siblings or ex-pupils.

Care for God's Creation Day, Friday 13th October

On 13th October, we will discuss eco-friendly habits and conservation with our children. Wear <u>green</u> or clothing with an <u>environmental message</u>. **£1 donation**, **thank you**.



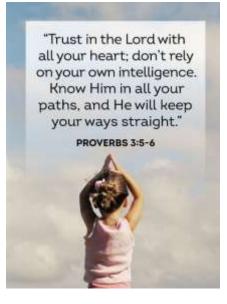
Safeguarding our children

To facilitate a smooth and safe dismissal process, we kindly request that during pick-up time, parents refrain from entering the classrooms. Instead, we ask that you patiently wait outside for your child to be dismissed by their teacher. Please stand back and allow adequate space for the teachers to oversee the process and ensure that each child departs safely.

If you need to speak with a teacher or have any concerns, please wait until all children have been dismissed. This will allow us to focus on the orderly and secure departure of each child before addressing any individual concerns.

Your cooperation in adhering to these procedures is greatly appreciated, as it helps us maintain a safe and efficient environment for everyone. Our top priority is the well-being of your children, and these measures are in place to ensure their safety during dismissal.

Scripture of the week



We would like to share with you the Scripture of the Week, which has been at the heart of some of our Religious Education curriculum this week. It has served as a guiding light for our students as they explore and deepen their understanding of faith and values.