

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
7th January 2022

The Wednesday Word for this week is **Baptism**. "Faith is a gift which we receive in Baptism and which allows us to encounter God." Pope Francis.

Dear parents and families,

First of all I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope that, where possible, you were able to spend quality time with your loved ones over the festive period and the joy of Our Saviour's birth managed to shine through in your households.

Once again, we opened the doors to our wonderful children this week. It is always such a delight to see their beaming smiles and joyful presence shine throughout the school. It never ceases to amaze me how our children show such resilience, even during the most testing of times. As you may be aware, one of our school values is **resilience**, and the children have certainly demonstrated this in abundance this week. Teachers have commented on how well the children have settled back into school, with exceptional behaviour for learning, always striving to do their best. We continue to be so proud of each and every one of them.

As both a nation and school community, we are still facing the impact of COVID. As a school, we closely follow the ever-changing guidance and ensure all safety measures are in place to keep both our children and staff safe. As we all know, the COVID-19 infection rates are very high and the Omicron variant persists in spreading rapidly. The latest guidance states:

'The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day.'

Last of all I would like to share this wonderful message from our PTA:

"The PTA is proud to announce that we have raised £2,000 thanks to the Christmas Fair! We would like to thank all the amazing volunteers who have helped make the event possible and everyone who came and made it a success!"

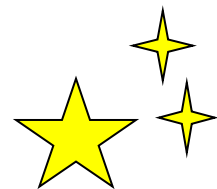
What a great achievement! This money will go a long way in supporting our children with their education and learning at St Vincent's. On behalf of the staff of St Vincent's, we would like to thank each and every one of you for supporting and working together to achieve this incredible amount of money. We are very grateful.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Hall

Admission to Reception September 2022

If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, please remember that the deadline for applications for Primary School admission in September 2022, is **15th January 2022**. You should apply online on the website of the borough in which you live. In addition you should complete a Supplementary Information Form which can be found on the school website or may be obtained from the school office.



Stars of the Week

Reception – Nicholas for showing such enthusiasm with our new topic and sharing great ideas.

Year 1 – Alison for showing the value of love; always ready to help others and being kind. Also for fantastic work.

Year 1 – Abigail for showing the value of aspiration; always working as hard as possible to get the best results.

Year 2 – Milana for always putting her best effort into all her work.

Year 3 – Nasiah for taking challenges on board and showing an excellent attitude to learning.

Year 4 – Gala for excellent work in numeracy and for always trying her best.

Year 5 – Matviy for excellent story writing this week, keep it up.

Year 6 – Ruby for greatly improving the quality of her writing.

Year 6 – Zaina for making a determined effort to improve her writing.

Dates for your Diary

Year 5 Library visit	Wednesday 12 th January
Year 6 Mass	Wednesday 19 th January
Year 4 Library visit	Monday 24 th January
Year 5 Mass	Wednesday 26 th January
Year 4 Mass	Wednesday 2 nd February
Year 3 Library visit	Wednesday 2 nd February
Year 3 Mass	Wednesday 9 th February
Year 2 Library visit	Wednesday 9 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 term	Monday 21 st February
Year 2 Mass	Wednesday 23 rd February

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our extra-curricular clubs will start next week. Letters about the clubs have been sent out to parents this week and places are being reserved. If you would like your child to attend, please return the permission slip along with payment to the school office as soon as possible, as places are being filled quickly. Payments and bookings for Performing Arts and Science clubs are to be made directly with the companies and not through the school.

Last Week's Attendance

13 th Dec – 17 th Dec 2021	
Reception	96.7%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	93.8%
Year 3	93.7%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	87.3%
Year 6	92.0%
Whole school	93.8%



Gospel Reflection

Matthew 2:1-12

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a small town in Judaea when King Herod ruled the land. Three wise men from the east had been following a bright star. They went to Jerusalem and asked King Herod where they could find the new-born King of the Jews that they had come to adore. Herod was greatly troubled because he didn't want anyone else to be King, so he sent for his advisors.

'Tell me where this child, the so called King will be born' he asked. 'It has been foretold by the prophets that he will be born in Bethlehem', they answered.

King Herod sent for the wise men and said to them, 'I will allow you to search for this child, but you must come back and tell me where to find him. Then I too can go and honour him.'

The wise men set off again on their journey. They followed the bright star until it appeared to stop over a stable. There they found Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus. They were filled with wonder and joy, and fell to their knees to worship him. They gave him gifts fit for a king, of gold, frankincense and myrrh. An angel warned them in a dream not to return to Herod's palace, so they went back to their own countries a different way.

Amen.

Achievements

This week the children in Year 4 have been learning about Pablo Picasso and created their very own self-portraits in a cubism style.

