

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
8th July 2022

Dear parents and families,

With only two weeks left of school, we begin to prepare for September, as I am sure, many families are already doing. By now, we see some shops beginning their sales and advertising their 'Back to School' deals. I thought this would be a perfect time to remind us all of our uniform policy.

'Our School Uniform is important to us. School uniform can play a valuable role by setting an appropriate tone; instilling pride; supporting positive behaviour and discipline; encouraging identity with, and support for, the school ethos; protecting children from social pressures to dress in a particular way; and nurturing cohesion and promoting good relations between different groups of pupils. We also believe that it supports effective teaching and learning.'

During the pandemic and including this current year, the uniform rules were noticeably relaxed, which is understandable, as we all had many more urgent issues to deal with. However, we want to ensure that the focus and attention on learning, returns and remains, ensuring the best for our children.

From September, we would like the uniform rules to return to what the norm was pre-pandemic. With this aim, please note the following changes:

- Children, with the exception of only the Reception class, should come to school in their uniform including on P.E. days.
- Please bring the P.E. kit to school on Monday and take back home Friday.

Please see attached to this newsletter our uniform guidance and policy for your information.

We hope that these changes will make a difference to children's focus and attention to learning. Our children's attitude to learning is already excellent. We are aiming to give the best possible chances of success for every child.

I know that those chances of success come with a very important contribution from all the families.

I want to thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



- Reception – Nahia for being a Spanish Star on Spanish Day.
Year 1 – Emme for being very creative on Spanish Day and for always being helpful.
Year 2 – Martin for teaching the children new Spanish words on Spanish Day.
Year 3 – Giorgio for being a kind friend towards others.
Year 4 – Ovie for excellent literacy work and sharing of ideas.
Year 5 – Camilla for an excellent towards learning and trying her best.
Year 6 – Morgane for trying her best to improve her acting performance.

Dates for your Diary

Year 4 class outing	Tuesday 12 th July
Year 3 to Mass	Wednesday 13 th July <i>(leaving at 9.00am)</i>
Year 2 Liturgy Assembly	Wednesday 13 th July at 9.00am
Year 2 Library Visit	Wednesday 13 th July <i>(leaving at 1.40pm)</i>
Year 6 Performance	Thursday 14 th July at 1.30pm
Summer Fair	Saturday 16 th July
Year 6 Leavers' Mass	Wednesday 20 th July at 2.00pm
Last day of Summer Term	Friday 22 nd July
First day of Autumn Term	Thursday 1 st September

Praying the Rosary

We will continue to pray the Rosary on Tuesdays at 8.40am in the school hall. All are welcome.

If you would like to pray the Rosary remotely with Sister Josephine on Sundays, please use this link.

Link: <https://www.zoom.us/join>

Zoom ID: 602 432 2888

Meeting Passcode: 8M62dE

Last Two Weeks' Attendance

20 th – 30 th June	
Reception	98.9%
Year 1	99.6%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	94.0%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	97.3%
Year 6	98.9%
Whole school	97.7%



Gospel Reflection

Luke 10:25-37

Today we hear how a Good Samaritan helped a man who was hurt, but how a Priest and a Levite both ignored him. Let us think about who our neighbour is and how Jesus shows us that we should help anyone in need.

A man asks Jesus who his neighbour is, so Jesus tells a parable.

A man is travelling to Jericho and meets some robbers who beat him up, take all his money and then leave him injured on the side of the road. A Priest and a Levite (the Levites helped the priests in the Temple) see the wounded man, deliberately cross over the road and walk on by. Then Jesus says that a Samaritan (the Jewish people and Samaritans disagreed with each other and were not friends) saw the man on the ground, felt sorry for him and went to help him.

You might be very surprised because Samaritans and Jews did not usually talk to each other or help each other.

Next, the Samaritan takes the man to an inn to rest, he pays the innkeeper and promises to return and pay any more expenses. When he has finished his story, Jesus asks the man who the better neighbour is, the Priest, the Levite or the Samaritan.

Jesus is saying that everyone is our neighbour, no matter where they come from, or where in the world they live. At the end of the story, Jesus tells the man who asked who his neighbour was to go and do the same as the Samaritan. This is what we are all called to do - to try to help everyone who needs us to.

Prayer

Healing God, unite us in love for our neighbours, no matter who they are. Let us be like you and offer compassion and help to everyone in need. Amen.