



St John Vianney Catholic School

Newsletter

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"Everything we can be, with Christ in our hearts."



Welcome Back!

May I say, first of all, a warm welcome back to all of you: children, families, staff and helpers to this, another new year at S. John Vianney. The Autumn sun was shining beautifully on us as we met once again on Wednesday morning, with the children looking rested, happy and beautifully turned out in their uniforms.

My sincere best wishes to all of the SJV community for the forthcoming year!



Term Dates:

Please make a note of term dates for the 2016/17 academic year.



Half Term	Monday 24 October 2016 to Friday 28 October 2016
Autumn Term Ends	Wednesday 21 December 2016 (1:30pm)
<u>Spring Term</u>	
Training Day	Tuesday 3 rd January 2017
Training Day	Wednesday 4 th January
Spring Term Begins	Thursday 5 th January 2017
Half Term	Monday 13 th February 2017 to Friday 17 th February 2017
Spring Term Ends	Friday 31 st March 2017 (1:30pm)
<u>Summer Term</u>	
Summer Term Begins	Tuesday 18 th April 2017
Staff Training Day	Friday 26 th May 2017
Half Term	Monday 29 th May 2017 to Friday 2 nd June 2017
Summer Term Ends	Friday 21 st July 2017 (1:30pm)



Change to Friday Assembly Times: Please note that Friday's merit and class assemblies **will now start at 9am NOT 10am**. This is in response to feedback from working parents who find the 10am slot difficult to manage, and staff, who are now able to plan more effectively for Friday mornings.

Parents are still welcome to use the Blue Room to have a cup of tea or coffee on Friday mornings until 10am.

Mass times, when appropriate, will still be at 10am.



Sep 15 Secondary Transfer Meeting (Year 6 Parents)

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ School Hall

Sep 16 Mass to Celebrate New School Year

10:00 am - 11:00 am @ School Hall

Sep 21 World Peace Day

Sep 22 Reception Workshop - Reception Parents

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm @ School Hall

Sep 30 Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning

10:00 am - 10:30 am @ Hall/Playground

Upcoming Dates for September:

Please make a note of these in your diary.

- The **Secondary Transfer Meeting** is for all Year 6 parents, to assist with the consideration, processes and procedures for applying for secondary schools, starting in September 2017. **Applications must be completed by 31st October 2016**. Attendance at this meeting is important.
- **Mass** will be celebrated by Fr. Joe on Friday 16th September at 10am. We would love to see as many parents in attendance to share our celebrations to mark the new year as possible.
- New **Reception Parents** are encouraged to attend an induction meeting on 22nd September at 7pm. This will give you a valuable insight into life in Reception and into how you can support your child's development at home.
- Please join us at 10am on Friday 30th September, immediately after assembly to help raise money for Macmillan's Cancer Research. Details to follow.

Contact and Medical Details:

You will soon be receiving a small pack of forms that will enable you to confirm your contact details and any changes to medical needs of your child.

This is a vital safeguarding consideration, and I ask you to complete them as carefully as you can and to return them as soon as possible. Thank you for your help in this matter.



Lunch Money Payments:

Please ensure that all lunch money is paid promptly and in full. This is an area that creates an inordinate amount of unnecessary work for the office staff, and your promptness will be greatly appreciated.