



St John Vianney Catholic School

Newsletter

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

As we fast approach the end of this first half term, we can reflect on what a busy, bustling environment our school is.

We have celebrated Roald Dahl's birthday, marked World Peace Day, celebrated a start of year Mass with Fr. Ryan (and Fr. Ryan!), enjoyed some sumptuous cakes while raising money for the Macmillan Cancer Support charity, enjoyed getting stuck into poetry for National Poetry Day, and are currently marking Black History Month by celebrating some of the world's greatest sports stars.

This is all on top of the business of reading, writing, maths, science, history, geography, art, design, PE and of course Religious Education.

The children have immersed themselves in their new topics for this term, and I have been very impressed with their thirst for learning, often carrying out work outside the classroom then sharing it with us all. I have seen some particularly impressive models of caves and Stonehenge from class 3 this week!



Parent Consultations – Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th Oct @ 2:30pm to 5:30pm

If you haven't already booked your slot, please do so as soon as possible. It is vitally important that you take this opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher to see how they are settling in to the new school year and to see how they are performing in their class work.

Please be considerate and stick to the 10 minute time slot – if you need more time, for any reason, please make a separate appointment with the teacher.

NB: Class 6 consultations will take place after half term due to the Pendarren trip.

Class 2 Assembly – Friday 21st October

The first of our Autumn class assemblies take place next week, when Class 2 treat us to an insight into their first topic of the year – Bounce! Expect some bouncing...All parents are welcome to join us at 9:05am, for these delightful celebrations.

Harvest 2016

In order to mark the Harvest Festival this year, we will be inviting families to support the Catholic Children's Society by bringing in **£1 on Friday 21st** – in return, the children get to have a **non-uniform day**. Everyone's favourite!

Pendarren 2016

The wait is almost over! Next Monday morning, Mr. Quin, Mr. McNicholas and Ms. Giltinan will have the genuine pleasure of escorting the cream of our school community, our lovely Class 6, to the valleys of Wales to enjoy a week of fun, exercise, learning, bonding and weather. Lots of weather I expect. Please, read the reminders in this newsletter to ensure that a) you don't miss the coach, and b) you have a great time.

We will send back some snaps, details of our adventures, and we ask that YOU enjoy your week as much as we do by not worrying! Roll on Monday!

Pendarren Notice **Monday 17th October**

Class 6 in school by 7.00am.

**The coach is scheduled to
leave at 7.30am.**

What to do when you arrive at school:

- If the coach is not at school when you arrive, please leave large bags outside the classroom window and bring them over to the coach when it arrives; if the coach is there please help the driver to load large holdalls straight onto it.
- The children should keep their small rucksack and take it onto the coach with them when they get on.
- Parents come into class six with your child so that we can mark them off on the register and you can hand in any medication.

Your child will then be sent to the toilets.

Medication:

- Put your child's name on the medicine packet or bottle and hand it to Mr Quin for safe keeping on the morning of the trip.
- If your child uses an inhaler, even occasionally, you will need to provide one for the trip; please ensure that it is full! Please label inhalers as well as their boxes.
- If your child suffers from travel sickness, please ensure that he/she has enough tablets for both outward and return journey to Wales and for any long trips we may make during our stay. Please make sure your child has had their first tablet before you leave for school on the Monday morning and hand in the rest of the packet (label the packet with your child's name). We will return any unused tablets to you at the end of the trip.
- The school will provide sachets of Calpol liquid and you can sign to give us permission to administer this if your child needs it; we will phone you before we give Calpol to your child. Please do not send your own Calpol.
- Prescription creams for eczema need to be handed in with other medication but creams such as E45 can be packed with toiletries. Do not pack any glass containers.

Please remember that we can only give your child prescription medicines, travel tablets and Calpol.

A reminder about Packing:

- Please ensure that your child has the list of items packed into his/her bag and that all clothing and towels are clearly marked with your child's name- including underwear where possible. Try to pack distinctive towels that your child will recognise easily!



- Your child's belongings should be packed into one large holdall and one small rucksack. Both bags should have the School luggage label attached with your child's name on it. Suitcases must not be brought.

- Your child will need a carton of drink and a bag of crisps in their rucksack to eat when we stop for a break. We recommend that you pack cartons of drink in his/her large holdall (at least 10) that they can have with their packed lunch or at other times during their stay. Please label the drinks if you can.

No extra money is necessary – you have already given us your child's pocket money.

Write to your child!

(Your child's name)

St. John Vianney School Party,
Pendarren House Outdoor Education Centre,
Llangenny,
Crickhowell,
Powys,
South Wales NP8 1HE

We will be back on
Friday 21st October at
approximately 4.30pm.

Be there to meet your child.
Don't be late.

