



St John Vianney Catholic School

Newsletter

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

A Lot to Catch Up On! You will see from this newsletter that there has been plenty going on in the school over the last week or so! We have a vibrant and happy environment here at SJV and that is something to be cherished. Our pupils are never far away from a memorable experience!

Reminder!

Some Notices from the Office

1. **Changes in Contact or Emergency Details.** Please notify the school office of any changes to the following:
 - Address, Telephone number - parental or childminder, GP details, medical conditions
2. A reminder that **Nursery applications** are available from the school office for September 2017 places. Please advise anyone you think may be interested.
3. **Breakfast Club** - please may we ask that you comply with the breakfast club agreement and ensure that payments are made two weeks in advance of attendance.
4. **Dinner Money** - may I remind you that it is not acceptable to be in arrears with payment. Failure to pay on time may result in your child automatically being moved to packed lunch.
5. **Free School Meals** - If your circumstances change and you may be entitled to FSM then please ask the office for a form. Likewise if you are on FSM and your circumstances change (i.e. you start working) please inform the office immediately.
6. **Closing dates of letters issued by the school** - please note that these dates need to be strictly adhered to, as this helps us to fully prepare for trips and visits.
7. **After School Clubs** - May I remind you that the maximum number of children we can take for each club is 14. Any children on the waiting list for clubs will be notified when a space becomes available.
8. Once again the **lost property** basket is overflowing. Please make sure your child has all items of clothing with them at the end of each school day. All items need to be clearly labelled.

Parent Voice

The next meeting of our Parent Voice class representatives is on Tuesday 21st March at 9am.

Each meeting, along with any specific items forwarded by parents, will have a focus that will act as the backbone of discussions.

This half term, we will be considering the following statement:

- **St. John Vianney is a welcoming and friendly place that communicates well with its parents and families.**

If you have any thoughts, comments or suggestions around this statement, or if you wish for anything else to be discussed, then please contact your representative in person or via the following email addresses:



Class / Representative		Email
Nursery	Ms Batchelor	NurseryParentVoice@outlook.com
Reception	Ms McGaw	ReceptionParentVoice@outlook.com
Class 1	Ms Domenech	ClassOneParentVoice@outlook.com
Class 2	Ms Mikeli	ClassTwoParentVoice@outlook.com
Class 3	Ms Quilliec	ClassThreeParentVoice@outlook.com
Class 4	Ms Smalle	ClassFourParentVoice@outlook.com
Class 5	Ms Dunne	ClassFiveParentVoice@outlook.com
Class 6	vacancy	Please email one of the above

Dates

Please make a note of these dates and events in your diary:

Mon 13th Mar: Year 1 & 2 Book Fair

Tue 14th Mar: Year 5 & 6 Book Fair; Y4 visit to Mosque

Wed 15th Mar: Year 3 & 4 Book Fair

Fri 17th Mar: St. Patrick's Day Assembly

Mon 20th Mar: Big Maths Day

Tue 21st Mar: World Poetry Day

Tue 21st Mar: Parent Voice Meeting (9am)

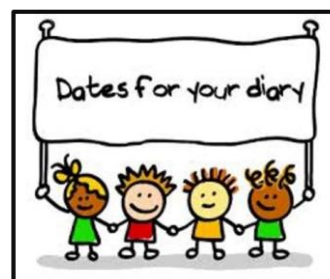
Tue 28st Mar: Year 5 & 6 eSafety Parent Information Workshop (9am, 2:30pm or 7pm)

Fri 24th Mar: Year 6 assembly (Malawi Appeal)

Wed 29th Mar: Easter Liturgy (9am in school hall)

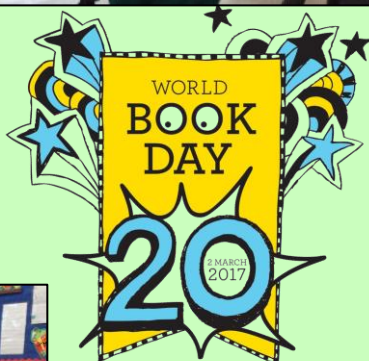
Fri 31st Mar: Mass for end of term (10am in the school hall)

Fri 31st Mar: End of Term – school closes 1:15



Do something 'Booky'

That was the challenge last week as the nation celebrated World Book Day. As you can see, we were extremely 'booky' all week! We dressed up, read some cracking stories, launched our 'Book Swap' scheme AND...we had we brought TWO classic children's books to life in our amazing dance workshops!



West End
in Schools



Dance Yourself Happy!

As part of World Book Day celebrations, we were fortunate enough to be visited by 'West End in Schools', a company that specialises in bringing dance and drama from the stages of Shaftsbury Avenue to the halls of our schools. We were treated to two immersive and hugely enjoyable dance workshops, based on two stonewall classics of children's literature: **Where the Wild Things Are** by Maurice Sendak, and **The BFG** by Roald Dahl. A wonderful, active, literate time was had by all!

Maths Magicians

In order that our pupils are able to reach their full potential, we are always on the lookout for opportunities to strengthen and widen what we can offer. Two such initiatives have provided us with some brilliant feedback on our ambassadors this week...



Year 6 'Maths Mastery Thursday'

In what has become known as 'Maths Thursday', a group of our pupils spend the whole morning with our visiting maths tutor, Mr. Behseta. He was DESPERATE for me to let parents know just how impressed he is with our group, and by how much he looks forward to his Thursday mornings! He is struck by their positive attitude, behaviour and ability (see below – there's a theme here!) "Like teaching a university group!", was his comment this week. Well done everyone, keep up the great work!



Park View Maths Masterclasses

Each week, a group of year 5 girls attend Park View secondary school, along with a host of other local primary schools, to take part in maths masterclasses.



The feedback we received from the teacher this week was pleasing at two levels: firstly, she said that our pupils were the best behaved, most polite, had the best attitude and tried the hardest; secondly, that their performance in the classes showed astounding promise!

This week, they were working on Year 10 problems (that's GCSE grade C work, in other words) and impressed the teacher with not only their ability to solve them, but to explain and reason too! We are all so, so proud – well done girls: flying the flag for excellence in maths!

Cafod & Lent

Last Friday, we were fortunate enough to have a representative from CAFOD to help us launch our Lenten appeal.

Our plan this year is to 'Turn Little Fish into Big Fish' – **we are asking children to bring in a 50p coin or a £1 coin** – these will become the 'scales' of Big Fish!

In this way, we can creatively raise money for CAFOD to support them in their important global work.



Focus on Islam

This week, classes have been learning about Islam. As a faith school, we know how important our faith is to us as individuals and how it helps us to live peaceful and harmonious lives with our fellow humans. In a society such as ours, it is even more important that we understand and celebrate this diversity and use this understanding to follow Jesus' example of respect, tolerance and love in all that we do.



Next week, Class 4 will be visiting a local Mosque and we look forward to their report on their return!

eSafety

I would like to invite Class 5 and Class 6 parents to an information session on Tuesday 20th March. Sessions will be at 9am, 2:30pm and 7pm to provide for differing schedules.

As we all know, digital technology is evolving rapidly, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that we teach our children to be responsible and safe 'digital citizens'.

This session will give us a chance to discuss and share your child's use of technology, what is already in place to ensure safety and what we could all do in order to better safeguard their experiences.

In the meantime, please visit the school's [eSafety page](#) for lots of practical information and advice.



Year 4 Natural History

Class 4 have been extremely busy this year! Another half term, another trip – they are really making the most of the fact that we are positioned nicely by the Piccadilly Line!

Once more, they hopped on the tube and had a marvellous day out at the Natural History Museum. They are studying the body in their topic this half term, and this trip and workshop brought the way in which different animals (including ourselves) use teeth to survive was brilliant.

Of course, once you are IN the museum, there are plenty of other things to see and do too!



A Series of Unfortunate Wives...

This Friday, Class 5 took us back in time - to the 16th century to be precise! They have been learning about the Tudors, and what an 'interesting' character Henry VIII was!

Their presentation was full of facts and fun, a great combination, with a central performance of Henry that will live long in the memory! Well done Class 5 – it is brilliant to see how much you have covered in just a few weeks.

