



# St John Vianney Catholic School

## Newsletter

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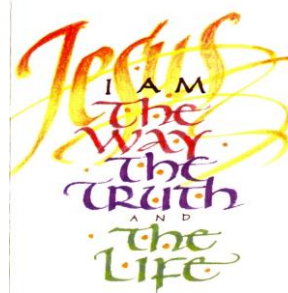
*"Everything we can be, with Christ in our hearts."*

### Faith – I am the way, the truth and the life

As we continue to celebrate the Risen Lord during this Eastertide, the children have been reflecting on the importance of Faith – what it means, how it helps us and what to do in times of confusion and fear. We take important lessons from the gospels during this time, identifying with the fear and confusion felt by Jesus' followers, and taking great comfort from His insistence that Faith in His way, His Truth and His life is the route the Father.

The strength that this school is built on is inherent in these words – our children, supported by their families and the staff here, do their level best to put them into practice every day. I have to tell you that I see some astounding acts of kindness, support and love in and amongst the hard work and determination.

I wish you all a pleasant and restful bank holiday weekend!

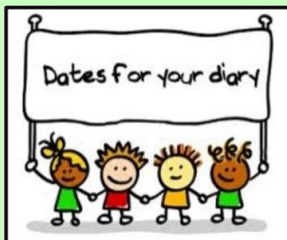


### Dates for the Summer Term

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

- Mon May 1<sup>st</sup> – Bank Holiday (school closed)
- Tue May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Reception eye tests (NHS)
- **Postponed:** Thu May 4<sup>th</sup> – 'Maths No Problem' parent information meetings 9am, 2:30pm, 7pm
- W/C May 8<sup>th</sup> – KS2 SATs Week
- Fri May 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 & Reception 'Miraculous Medal' assembly
- Fri May 12<sup>th</sup> – Friends of SJV Infant Party (3:30pm)
- Tue May 16<sup>th</sup> – Whole Class Photographs
- Thu May 18<sup>th</sup> – School Census Day
- Fri May 19<sup>th</sup> – Friends of SJV Junior Party (5pm)
- Fri May 19<sup>th</sup> – Class 1 Assembly (9am)
- **Fri May 26<sup>th</sup> – Staff Training Day (School Closed)**
- **Mon May 29<sup>th</sup> – Fri Jun 2<sup>nd</sup>: Half Term**

- W/C Jun 12<sup>th</sup> – Phonics Screening Test Week (Year 1)
- Thu Jun 22<sup>nd</sup> – New Reception Parents Information Meeting (7pm)
- Fri Jun 30<sup>th</sup> – Reception Class Assembly
- Wed Jul 5<sup>th</sup> – Choir at the Water City Signing Festival @ Tower of London
- Wed Jul 5<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Reconciliation Retreat
- **Sat Jul 8<sup>th</sup> – Fiends of SJV Summer Fair**
- W/C Jul 10<sup>th</sup> – Fun and Fitness Week
- Wed Jul 12<sup>th</sup> – Infant Sports Day
- Thu Jul 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Leavers' Performance (9am & 6:30pm)
- Fri Jul 14<sup>th</sup> – Fun and Fitness Assembly; Junior Sports Day; Reports Sent to Parents
- Tue Jul 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Leavers' Mass (7pm in the school)
- Wed Jul 19<sup>th</sup> – End of Year Mass (10am school hall)
- **Fri Jul 21 – End of Term: School closes 1:15pm**



### Reminders

- Please ensure Lunch Money is paid promptly and in full – this is still an issue with many.
- The Lost Property basket is overflowing again (with items with NO name). If you have lost items recently, please ask at the office.

# The SJV Daily News

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Everything we can be, with Christ in Our Hearts

Free!

## Creative Model Mania!

By Harry Porter



### Topic Projects Reach New Heights (literally!)

The start of each half term now comes with the added excitement of reviewing and celebrating the brilliant topic projects that have now become part of life here at SJV. Feedback from the children (or even a short conversation) tells us that they LOVE their topic work – they immerse themselves in every aspect and go well beyond expectations when it comes to bringing that learning to life.

It is also delightful to see that parents are rolling their sleeves up and helping – this is NOT cheating! It is lovely to think that these projects are alive in your homes, and that you obviously spend a great deal of time discussing them, while assisting with the odd bit of papier mache, cutting, gluing and even carpentry! Beautiful work all round – keep it up!



**Big Ben?** This beautiful model caused a stir at assembly this week – not only is it almost as big as its creator, there was some debate as to what it *actually* was. Dylan in year 6 correctly pointed out that it is NOT Big Ben, it is actually called The Elizabeth Tower (Big Ben is the name of the biggest bell inside). One teacher asked if we needed to consider a ‘cap’ on the size of models – no way! As long as it fits through the door, it’s in!



[More photos on the website!](#)

# Running Machines!

This weekend, our little group of running marvels will be undertaking the Virgin Sports Half Marathon challenge! They have been preparing for the big day by running 12 of the 13 miles needed to complete this impressive feat. The group have run 6 of the 12 miles here at school and, before I went and injured my foot playing football (which everyone apart from me thinks I should have given up many years ago), I really had started to enjoy our afternoon runs. I discovered that they were enthusiastic, energetic, faster than me and fitter than me. However, it gave me an opportunity to wear ALL my Spurs shirts, so everyone was happy.

Well done to the parents for encouraging participation and for running with them, and a big thank you to Mrs. Kavanagh for stepping in to continue the training regime after my 'incident'!

Good luck to our band of athletes, and best of luck for the big day on Sunday – bring some photos to show us next week!



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**30 APR 2017**



# Project 'Wildlife'

## **Thank you to all our generous volunteers.**

Last Saturday, a group of parents, organised by the Friends of SJV, kitted up and got stuck into the least glamorous part of Project Wildlife: digging up the weeds and removing the pond. They worked incredibly hard and, as you can see, achieved a great deal in a short space of time.

This amazing effort follows on from that which was organised by Mr. McBeath and his group earlier this year.

Clearly, we are blessed with a dedicated group that are willing to put in extraordinary efforts to make the school a more interesting and enriching place in which to learn and play.

Please keep an eye out for future appeals for help – the project has got off to a great start but there are still plenty of opportunities to get involved!



PUTTING THE FUN INTO FUNDRAISING FOR OUR KIDS!

# Summer Fair Crisis – WE NEED YOU!



Dear Parents/Carers,

The Friends Association of St John Vianney exists purely to enhance the time your children spend at school. We organise fun activities and parties so your kids can enjoy themselves with their friends. We also organise events to raise money for the school to buy equipment and facilities that really enhance your children's experience.

For example, the money raised from the cake sales and summer fair has rejuvenated the nursery playground, bought the AV system in the hall, subsidised the Christmas panto trips and much more! As well as currently developing the wildlife garden, our next project is to buy some proper, much wanted and much sought after playground installations for the junior playground.

**We can only do this if we raise enough money at the summer fair.**

HOWEVER... it is the same few parent volunteers organising these events and we simply do not have enough people to organise, plan and implement this year's summer fair (so far it's only 5 people organising!). **WE NEED YOUR TO HELP.**

**Put simply, if we do not get more volunteers to help organise this really vital and important money making summer fair, it will be CANCELLED. Which means, our plans for a new improved junior playground will also have to be cancelled.**

You do not need to be a member of the friends to help, all are welcome! We will be having a summer fair meeting after the assembly in the parent room on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Please do try and come along to see the plans for the playground. If you can't make the meetings and can spare some hours/expertise to help organise and run the summer fair, e-mail us at [sjvfriends@gmail.com](mailto:sjvfriends@gmail.com) or talk to your class rep.

## **YOUR HELP CAN SAVE THE SUMMER FAIR!**

Let's make this year's summer fair the most successful yet, all you need to do is get involved!

Thank you.

**The Friends of SJV**



## Notice for the SJV Community:

North London Shamrocks will be running the successful Gaelic4Girls again this year, starting 22nd April. The 8 week programme is aimed at girls aged 8-12 years who would like to play gaelic football, but are not registered with a club.

Anyone interested is warmly welcomed to come along Saturdays 12.45pm to 1.45pm at Tottenhall Sports ground, N13 6LH.

For more information contact Ciara Holland (07716 753663) or Eoin Hourigan (07740 950425).



## Haringey's Weekend of Play

Children can take to the streets or head to their local park for some free fun outdoor play sessions as part of Haringey's Weekend of Play, from 28th-30th April.

Join us for circus/theatre skills, orienteering, boxing/football sessions, martial arts, scalextrics, London Youth Games' parkGames Pilot App as well as traditional play and so much more...

The Weekend of Play is supported by Haringey's Obesity Alliance, aiming to tackle childhood obesity in a fun and practical way by promoting healthier living.



## Play locations

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| 1 Lordship Recreation Ground, N17 6BD                      | 5 Russell Park, N22 6PS      |
| 2 Wood Green Common, N22 7SY                               | 6 Chestnuts Park, N15 5BN    |
| 3 Albert Road Rec, N11 2HU                                 | 7 Downhills Park, N17 6PR    |
| 4 The Gardens, Community Garden, Doncaster Gardens, N4 1HX | 8 Stationers Park, N8 9NS    |
|  | 9 Priory Park, N8 8LN        |
|  | 10 Alexandra Palace, N22 7BA |

## Event locations and details

### Friday 28th April

Launch to take place in various schools across the borough celebrating children and families playing supported by schools.

### Saturday 29th April

#### Alexandra Park, 11am - 4pm

Orienteering for families, meet at The Grove Information centre for registration. Please contact [community@alexandrapalace.com](mailto:community@alexandrapalace.com)

#### Lordship Recreation Ground, 12-2pm

Tottenham Hotspurs Foundation will be running fun multi-sports activities (meeting point near the football cage).

#### Lordship Recreation Ground and The Eco Hub, 2pm - 5pm

Rounders and Frisbee play and soft play in the Hub for toddlers. Xplorers Orienteering fun. Turn up and play.

#### Priory Park, 1 - 4pm Jacksons Lane Theatre

Circus skill sessions.

#### Railway Fields Local Nature Reserve N4 1ES, 10am - 2pm

Nature, child and environmentally friendly activities available to all.

#### Russell Park - Selby Trust, 10am - 4pm

Boxing, football skills, world games, fruit picnic, musical drumming, cartooning workshop, sewing and knitting.

### Sunday 30th April

#### Albert Road Recreation Ground, 1 - 6pm

Family Fun Day including barbecue, petanque and bowls and other activities. Bring your bike for a check up with Dr Bike plus Smarter Travel information.

#### The Gardens Community Garden, Doncaster Gardens 2 - 5pm

Try out the scalextric in the park.

#### Stationers Park, 10am - 2pm

London Play joining up to deliver football, skipping, parachuting, playground games and junk modelling for all family.