



St John Vianney Catholic School

Newsletter

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

Well done to our Year 6s for completing their SATs tests this week – you have all worked so hard and all of the staff are incredibly proud of you!

As you know, class 2 SATs are not external examinations and are used to help the teacher assess children's progress and attainment as they reach the end of KS1. They will be spreading their tests out over the next couple of weeks, starting with reading next week.

If the SATs tests were not enough to keep us busy this week, we have had plenty of other distractions: Class 4 and their Reception buddies charmed us all with their Miraculous medal assembly, while we were also treated to a visit from 'John Lennon', who was kind enough to tell us about his amazing life and to sing a few songs.

This week will be memorable for me, personally, as the reasons behind my Mum stopping payment for my Irish Dancing lessons 42 years ago, finally became crashingly obvious to me, and frankly to all, at assembly on Friday! Well done to Jodie for showing me how it's done!

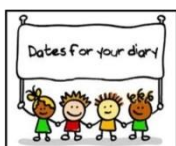
Dates for the Summer Term

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

- Mon May 15th – C3 trip to Natural History Museum
- Mon May 15th – C4 trip to Westminster Cathedral
- Tue May 16th – Whole Class Photographs
- Wed May 17th – Non-Uniform Day (£1 donation)
- Thu May 18th – School Census Day
- Fri May 19th – Friends of SJV Junior Party (5pm)
- Fri May 19th – Class 1 Assembly (9am)
- **Fri May 26th – Staff Training Day (School Closed)**

Mon May 29th – Fri Jun 2nd: Half Term

- W/C Jun 12th – Phonics Screening Test Week (Year 1)
- Wed Jun 14th – Parish Mission service @ Church 11am
- Thu Jun 22nd – New Reception Parents Information Meeting (7pm)
- Wed Jun 28th – Meeting for NEW Nursery parents 7pm
- Fri Jun 30th – Reception Class Assembly
- Wed Jul 5th – Choir at the Water City Signing Festival @ Tower of London
- Wed Jul 5th – Y6 Reconciliation Retreat
- Fri Jul 7th – Y5 Reconciliation Retreat
- **Sat Jul 8th – Friends of SJV Summer Fair**



- W/C Jul 10th – Fun and Fitness Week
- Wed Jul 12th – Infant Sports Day
- Thu Jul 13th – Year 6 Leavers' Performance (9am & 6:30pm)
- Fri Jul 14th – Fun and Fitness Assembly; Junior Sports Day; Reports Sent to Parents
- Tue Jul 18th – Year 6 Leavers' Mass (7pm in the school)
- Wed Jul 19th – End of Year Mass (10am school hall)
- **Fri Jul 21 – End of Term: School closes 1:15pm**

Reminders:

- **Sainsbury's Vouchers** – any still lying around the house gratefully accepted!
- **Walk to School Week:** next week – you child has a pack with details. Please make an effort to walk at least part of the way if you are able.

The SJV Daily News

Friday 12th May 2017

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Free!

Miraculous Medal Buddies!

By Harry Porter

Buddies shine in Reception Medal Ceremony

The SJV community today joined Class 4 and Reception in one of the most heart-warming ceremonies in the school calendar. Having been welcomed by their Class 4 buddies back in Autumn, Reception Class were reaffirmed as valued members of our school community as they were awarded the Miraculous Medal, in this very special month dedicated to Mary, mother of Christ. From the beautiful singing of 'Let It Be' to Angelina's barely-contained excitement in receiving her medal (we look forward to her Oscar acceptance speech in the future), it was clear that this meant so much to all concerned.

We are so very proud of our Reception class; they have settled into our school so well and have added their own special piece to the SJV jigsaw.

And, as for class 4....well, who could wish for better Buddies? Kind hearted, helpful and protective, they enjoy and revel in the responsibility given to them, and it's a lovely thing to see.

A special mention to Lucas: his Buddy's mother informed me that he has taken his promise SO seriously, that he takes the time, **daily**, to say hello, give advice and to just be a great friend to his Reception buddy. Well done Lucas – you encapsulate the spirit of this beautiful occasion.



THE BEATLES in Class 4

[Click here to see a snippet of the John Lennon experience...](#)

Class 4 took a trip down memory lane this week as they studied the times, lives and music of the greatest band of all time...The Beatles!

I was particularly excited by this prospect, as my love for all things Tottenham is ONLY matched by my near obsession with the music of the Beatles.

They are a brilliant topic for social and cultural history...and it gave Class 4 (and me) the chance to have a good old-fashioned sing-song! Education at its best in my book!



The highlight of the week was a special visit from John Lennon himself. Really! Well, sort of...

'John' spoke to the children of his post-war childhood, his family and his time as the world's number one musical icon. He, as was I, was struck by the children's interest and knowledge; clearly some good 'cultural parenting' going on in class 4! Special mention to Eduardo, who seemed to know more about 'John' than 'John' did!





Making a Splash for Playtimes

Mrs Nightingale, having seen the most recent set of playground equipment reach their natural life, has decided to organise a sponsored swim to raise money for some new playtime games and activities. She will be carrying out the swim next Wednesday 17th May and will attempt as many lengths as she can in a set time.

In order to show our support, we have decided to make next Wednesday a 'non-uniform day', where for a donation of £1, the children can wear their own clothes to school.



So, we will be dusting off our glad-rags, showing Mrs. Nightingale our support, having fun AND raising money for a great cause.



Summer Fair Countdown - we need your help

Would you consider hosting a 'Kings Group' estate agent board in your front garden for a month.... each board raises £10 for the school... **we are aiming for 50 boards but only have 20 forms thus far.**

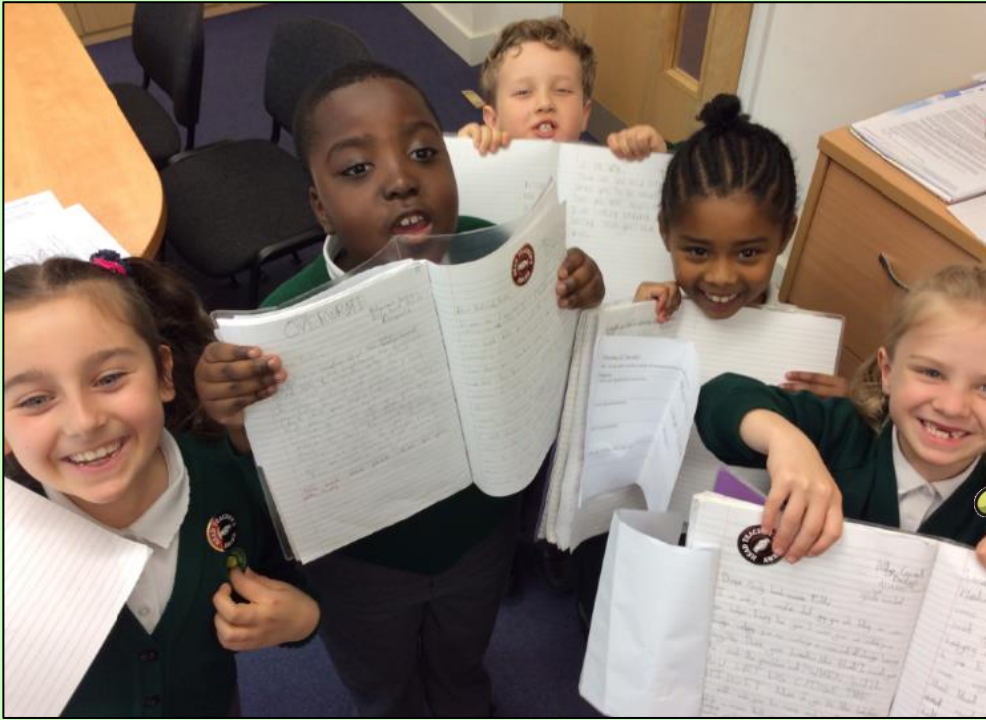
If you are interested simply return your form to reception or email us at [sjvfriends@gmail.com]sjvfriends@gmail.com. We need all submissions by 22nd May.

Some parents would prefer to donate £10 instead of hosting a board.... if you'd like to join this initiative, please email us at [sjvfriends@gmail.com]sjvfriends@gmail.com or drop your £10 into reception in an envelope marked 'estate agent' boards....

In 2015 we raised £800 through our estate agent initiative.... please help us better that target in 2017.

Many thanks in advance,

SJV Friends



Brilliant Writing from Class 2:

Understandably, Class 6s across the land have been grabbing the headlines as they sat the national SATs tests this week. However, behind the scenes, Class 2 have been working hard to prepare for their own end of year SATs. This week, I had the pleasure of listening to some brilliant writing from this excited gabble of authors. They had written a letter to the infamous Troll from the 3 Billy Goats Gruff; their version of a 'strongly worded email...' would put any would-be Troll in their place!

Super Spellers & Times Table Champions from Class 3:

Not to be outdone, this group of Wizards from Class 3 were also proud of their achievements: in their weekly tests, they have rarely, if at all in some cases, made ANY mistakes since the start of the year

