



St John Vianney Catholic School

Newsletter

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

Congratulations!

With the number of leavers' occasions, end of term assemblies and liturgies, it seems like I have been saying this constantly over the last few weeks...but: one more time! Congratulations to everyone in the SJV community for such a successful year.

Parent support has been amazing: from incredibly successful fundraising events to the rise of the wildlife garden; from supporting class trips to forging positive relationships with staff - you make a genuine and tangible difference to school life and I thank you for that most sincerely.

Staff have been incredible: hardworking, caring, diligent and talented, going the extra mile in the interests of our children; we are blessed with such a strong, cohesive team and look forward to more success next year.

Our hardworking school **Governors** have kept tight control on all aspects of the school, always with encouragement, always with the interests of your children at heart. We have THE best Governing Body!

Who have I missed? Oh, the children! **The children of this school**, as I've said many times, are its strongest asset. Kind, funny, hardworking, eager to learn and the right amount of mischievous! Their achievements this year, which I've summarised below, speak for themselves. Kids – we salute you!

As we all know, September will come soon enough, but I'd like to wish you all a restful and regenerative Summer – enjoy the freedom, enjoy each other and we will all be ready to go again in the Autumn! God bless.

Mr. McNicholas and all of the staff and Governors of St. John Vianney.



KS2 SATs (Year 6) - Meeting Expected Standard

| | St. John Vianney | National Average |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2017 | |
| | | |
| Reading | 82% | 71% |
| Writing | 93% | 76% |
| Maths | 93% | 75% |
| SPaG | 96% | 77% |
| Combined (R, W & M) | 79% | 61% |

At the end of KS2, children are required to undertake externally marked public examinations called SATs. Last year and this year, the tests have been much tougher, reflecting the more challenging 2014 National Curriculum expectations. As you can see, the staff and children of SJV have more than risen to that challenge!

KS1 (Year 2) - Meeting Expected Standard

| | St. John Vianney | National Average |
|---------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2017 | |
| | | |
| Reading | 87% | 76% |
| Writing | 87% | 68% |
| Maths | 87% | 75% |

At the end of Year 2, children take internally marked tests, which are used to confirm or refine the Teacher's own assessments. Again, the tests are more challenging in recent years, and again the results are fantastic.

KS1 - Year 1 Phonics Screening

| | St. John Vianney | National Average |
|---------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2017 | |
| | | |
| Phonics | 89% | 82% |

At the end of Year 1, the Government require that all pupils take a 'Phonics Screening' test – this is NOT a reading test (it does not check understanding), but it ensure that children have the basic skills with which to tackle words when reading. Another amazing outcome.

EYFS - Achieving a Good Level of Development

| | St. John Vianney | National Average |
|-----|------------------|------------------|
| | 2017 | |
| | | |
| GLD | 73% | 71% |

At the end of Reception Class (Early Years), children are assessed across a number of criteria, including reading, writing and maths, which determine whether or not they have reached a Good Level of Development. For the second year running, our children have exceeded national averages.

As you can see, it has been another hugely successful year, and the children and staff have excelled. Congratulations to all for the continued hard work and commitment!

The SJV Daily News

Friday 21st July 2017

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Free!

And it's goodbye from them...

By Harry Porter

Parting is such sweet sorrow...this week, as we do at the end of every year, we say goodbye to some special friends. Friends, colleagues and pupils that we have known so well and have added so much to the fabric of our school.

We say goodbye and good luck to Mrs. El Jacifi, who has supported our children so well over the last year or so – she has been an important and supportive member of our team, showing commendable care for those pupils in her classes and groups. Ms. Roberts will also be leaving us, moving onto another exciting challenge. Although her time here was short, she quickly became a valuable member of the SJV team, supporting children, staff and families alike with great care.

We say goodbye, also, to Fr. Damian, who is moving on after a year in our community. We thank him for his contribution to our school, and for the beautiful celebrations he has led over this year. The children, and staff and parents, will miss his presence greatly, but we wish him all the very best for his next challenge in Hertfordshire.

From time to time, children and families move out of the area and we are sad to see them go too: we will miss Liam, Melissa, Helen, Thalia and Lindsey – all the very best in your new schools; they are lucky to have you!

Finally, we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 class – after their final (and emotional) assembly, they enjoyed a final (and emotional) lunch, we said our final (final) farewells at (an emotional) home time. It was quite emotional! We'll see you back in September, decked out in your smart new uniforms!

Goodbye to Mrs. El Jacifi, Ms. Roberts and Fr. Damian



Top table!

Summer Fair 2017 – Update!

Although expenses and final accounts are still being worked out, the friends of SJV tell me that a conservative for the amount raised is between £6,000 and £7,000, which is an absolutely astounding amount. Once again, a huge thank you to all who contributed to this amazing feat.



(More) Music at SJV!

Once again, we finished our term by hosting an afternoon of music. Dominic and his guitarists showed us just how much progress they'd made since spring and Mrs. Griffin's pianists wowed us all with their beautifully executed pieces. The choir added their wonderful voices, while class 4 showcased their singing project, developed with the Westminster Choir Outreach programme. It is lovely to see music blossoming at our school – long may it continue!



Peace Football Tournament

This week saw the culmination of our annual Peace Football Tournament. Mixed gender, mixed class teams pitch battle against each other for the coveted trophy. All proceeds go to the Jimmy Mizen Foundation, which supports community projects to ensure the safety and wellbeing of young people. Well done to team 4: Brandon, Alejandro, Malachy, Christopher, Jakub S, Eduardo, Max and Hannah for emerging victorious!



End of Year Mass

On Wednesday, we came together as a whole community to mark and celebrate the end of our school year. A year with so much to be thankful for. It was a beautiful occasion, and was made even more special as Year 3 shared their recent Holy Communion experiences.



The Gospel focused on an appropriate and powerful message, as we head into the Summer break: **“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the most important commandment.”**



Term Dates 2017-18

*Mon 4th
September*

Staff Training Day – School Closed

| | Start | End |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| Autumn 1 | Tuesday 5 th September | Friday 20 October |
| <i>Half Term</i> | <i>Monday 23 October</i> | <i>Friday 27 October</i> |
| Autumn 2 | Monday 30 October | Friday 22 nd December |
| <i>Christmas Holiday</i> | <i>Monday 25th December</i> | <i>Friday 5th January</i> |
| Spring 1 | Monday 8 th January | Friday 9 February |
| <i>Half Term</i> | <i>Monday 12 February</i> | <i>Friday 16 February</i> |
| Spring 2 | Monday 19 February | Thursday 29 March |
| <i>Easter Holiday</i> | <i>Monday 2 April</i> | <i>Friday 13 April inclusive</i> |
| Summer 1 | Monday 16 April | Thursday 24 th May |
| | <i>Friday 25th May</i> | <i>Staff Training Day – School Closed</i> |
| <i>Holiday</i> | <i>Monday 28 May</i> | <i>Friday 1 June</i> |
| Summer 2 | Monday 4 June | Friday 20 July |

Uniform Reminder

Please take the opportunity over the Summer to check that your child has ALL aspects of the school uniform. I have seen a number of non-standard items creeping in, which need to be addressed. Namely:

- Shoes: **MUST** be **plain black** with **NO branding** whatsoever.
- Hair: patterns and **styles must NOT be shaved in**; no colouring
- Socks: **black, grey or white**
- Hair accessories: must be bottle green or white; small and practical only (**no large bows**, etc).
- PE Kit: **Bottle Green shorts, white T-Shirt**; Bottle green tracksuit for winter