



St John Vianney Catholic School Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

Having laughed out loud at the 'Back to School' adverts that started appearing in late July, we all now find ourselves in the midst of an Autumnal September, looking back at the good times we have enjoyed and forward to the new challenges ahead.

Parents are feeling sad to hand their children back to excited, happy teachers (or is that the other way round – I can never remember!), but what is MOST impressive at this time of the year is...the smiles, the 'spring-in-the-step', the immaculate uniforms and the positive attitude of the children of SJV! What a delight they are, leaving the back-to-school blues at the gate and getting stuck right in.

It is (genuinely) great to be back in an environment such as this, and we look forward to another happy and successful year.



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Charity Begins at SJV

Pupils cash helps our sister school in Malawi



Fr. Henry completed his annual pilgrimage to the UK last week by visiting the school to collect the fruits of our fundraising.

St. John Vianney School has a long and proud connection with Chinziri Primary school in Malawi.

In the recent past, we have helped provide infrastructure, basics such as roofing and much needed equipment for learning.

Fr. Henry tells us that, this year, the money will be used to help build a house for a 4th teacher at the ever-expanding school, as well as lamps for working at night (!) and the continued feeding programme.

We have been with the school every step of the way, and are proud that we play a small part in education of some 600 pupils in another continent.

£500 Raised!

Pupils and their families have raised money all year via cake sales, Red Nose Day, Year 6's Bussy performance and Movie Nights. One pupil even donated some money he found on the way back from swimming – every little helps!

Fr. Henry has asked that we pass on his sincere thanks for our continued efforts.





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Lates

Morning – if you know you are going to be late for any reason, please call the school office **before 8:30 am**. **Afternoon** – If you are going to be late picking up, please call the office to let them know **before 3:30**

Medical Forms

If you have not already done so, please complete and return your Medical Forms by Wednesday 13th September. Thank you for your cooperation in this vital task.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer Evening

There will be an information evening for Year 6 Parents next Thursday, September 14th at 6:30pm. Important information about the application process and deadlines for secondary schools will be discussed, along with an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.





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New Beginnings, New Challenges

The children have been reflecting on the idea of New Beginnings and New Challenges this week. We listened to the Gospel of Luke, where Zacchaeus, the infamous New Testament tax collector, was given the opportunity to start afresh.

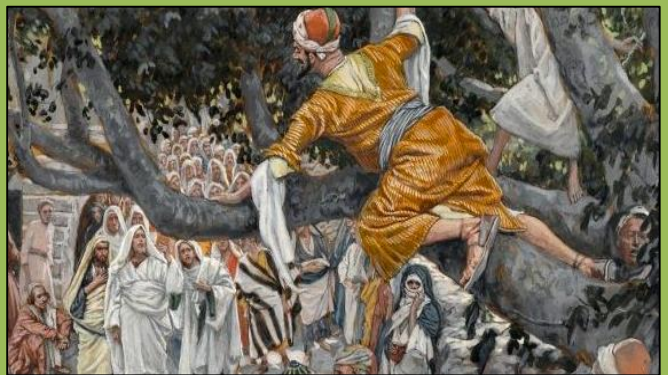
Each new school year, indeed each new day, gives us all that opportunity to start over; to try again.

We finished our week with an assembly around the theme of Challenge, and our brave, Elodie, Cristiano, Roisin, Foffiette and Alana all agreed to perform an unseen challenge 'live' on stage!

All did brilliantly well, and Roisin's dance to Michael Jackson's 'You Wanna Be Startin' Something' will live long in the memory! It embodies the 'have-a-go' attitude of all of our children when it comes to facing up to new challenges. Have a great year all!



Challenge?



Dear God,
We thank you for all the opportunities you have given us.
Help us to make the most of our time at school to learn and enjoy all that we can.



Help us to encourage others to do their best, too.
We pray for all those feeling nervous about the new challenges that are ahead of them.

May they grow through new experiences and find joy in whatever comes their way.

Thought for the day

There will come a time
when you believe
everything is finished.

That will be
the beginning.

School Mass

To celebrate the start of the new academic year, Fr. Joe will be saying mass in the school hall next Friday, 15th September. All parents and friends welcome. Please join us in this special celebration.

