



St John Vianney Catholic School Newsletter

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



"A good tree cannot produce bad fruit", *Luke 6*

We held parent / teacher consultations this week, and we are reminded that we are blessed that we have such a supportive and interested parent community here at St. John Vianney. You are clearly invested in your children's wellbeing and education and that is such an important part of school life. Even when we have to have difficult conversations, I know that there is usually an underlying appreciation that we each want the best for the children. *Actively wanting* to sound like a broken record, your children are the best thing about this school, and this week's gospel is a timely reminder that that, in no short measure, is a credit to you all.

Thank you to all those that came, and have a great weekend!

Take Your Parents to
LUNCH DAY



**Contact the office to book
your place on the next
Parent Lunch Experience!**



When families bring children into the world, train them in faith and sound values, and teach them to contribute to society, they become a blessing in our world.

— Pope Francis —

Reminders and Notices

- **Friends' meeting - 9am Friday 8th March**
- **Courtesy Reminder:** if Mr. Roche has already secured the playground gates at the start or end of the day, you must walk around to the office to pick up / drop off. A number of people have been rude to Mr. Roche, which is completely unacceptable. Please pick up and drop off promptly, and ensure that staff are not abused for doing their job.
- **Absence from school reminder** - Please - a telephone call to the school office **before 8.30am** on the first day **and every day** of absence, followed by a note on the first day of return to school.
Late arrival at school: Please call the school office before 8.30am.
- **Use of car park:** This is strictly for staff parking, unless prior permission has been given by the school. Do not park in the staff car park under any other circumstance.



Important Notice – Birthday Treats

PLEASE – may I ask parents to stop bringing in sweets, lollipops, cakes, etc to distribute to your child's classes as birthday treats. We have children at the school that have a range of allergies, some extremely unusual and uncommon, and we work hard to ensure that their safety is paramount. We cannot allow their health to be compromised inadvertently in this way, so we ask that this practice stops.

I thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Key Dates:

- Mar 5th – Daniel Morden (Storyteller) Visit
- Mar 6th – Ash Wednesday Service @ SJV
- Mar 7th – World Book Day
- Mar 8th - Book Fair (Nursery & Reception)
- Mar 11th – Book Fair (Years 1 & 2)
- Mar 12th – Book Fair (Years 3 & 4)
- Mar 13th – Book Fair (Years 5 & 6)
- Mar 15th Class 3 Assembly
- Mar 26th – Guitar concert
- Mar 29th – Class 4 Assembly
- Mar 29th – Shine Your Light (Lenten Fundraiser: wear something shiny!)
- Apr 3rd – Storytelling Assembly
- Apr 4th – Easter Liturgy (2:30pm)
- **Apr 5th – Last day of term (1:15pm finish)**

The SJV Daily News

Friday 1st March 2019

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Free

Great Balls of Fire!

Goodness gracious!

Nerves shaken, brains rattled

Class 1 today put on a magnificent assembly, centred around their 'Bright Lights, Big City' topic. They exuded confidence and enthusiasm as they retold the story of the Great Fire of London, shoe-horning classic tunes from Billy Joel and Jerry Lee-Lewis along the way. They also shared their experiences of the sights they saw when they visited our very own 'Big City' recently. We are very proud of our year 1s – they have come such a long way in such a short space of time, and we look forward to many more celebrations of their talents and thirst for knowledge!









Volcano tremors in Year 3

There have been many rumblings, eruptions and tremors as year three worked their way through their 'Tremors' topic. They brought their learning to life when they visited a workshop at the Natural History Museum.





Erupting Cake!

If the museum was not enough, class 3 drew a line under their topic by having a party! Ms. Wozniak-Rutkiewicz was kind enough to bake a Volcano Cake, complete with spectacular eruptions! All enjoyed a slice in the early Spring sunshine!





Year 2 Mini-Beast Hunt

Every year 2's (including the teachers) favourite activity is back! The boys and girls of Year 2 had a good root around the school's Wildlife Garden this week, and were amazed at the wealth of mini-beast life that has taken up residency!



Seeing and sharing scary things online

(advice from London Grid for Learning Safeguarding Team..)

Keeping children safe is a top priority at SJV whether on school premises or beyond, and this of course extends to the online world (although actually our online and offline lives are so blurred that it's not always helpful to use this distinction).

Online safety or digital resilience is a whole-school effort: it is embedded throughout the curriculum and of course, it is very much part of our safeguarding focus given the real risks and dangers which exist online.

In all we do, however, we like to focus on the positives of the online world. We recognise that technology is here to stay and pupils at our school live, love and learn through their tech.

What we would like to encourage you to do, though, is to talk to your children about what they get up to online.

Please take time to talk to them over the next few weeks about what they do on their devices and with whom, what they love, and what worries them. Why not get them to show or teach you how to use one of their apps, sites or games? The key thing is to stay positive, be real about the risks and make sure they know who they can talk to if they are unsure.

There are plenty of things to be aware of online (I have shared Police advice with you this week, for example, and there have been many news stories) and if you are warning them about risks and dangers, avoid showing them scary images or telling them the names of 'bad apps' (all apps can be good or bad) or challenges/dares to avoid.

The message is: if you see something that you are not comfortable with – ask an adult for help.

Here are a few links that may be helpful for you:

apps.lgfl.net

screentime.lgfl.net

parentsafe.lgfl.net





STARS OF THE WEEK

THE FORCE IS STRONG IN THESE ONES...



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celebrate!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY





ST. JOHN VIANNEY NURSERY APPLICATIONS ~ SEPTEMBER 2019

If your child was born between **1st September 2015** and **31st August 2016** and you wish to apply for a Nursery place in September 2019 at St John Vianney School, please come and collect an application pack from the school office.

We offer FREE 15 or 30hour (if eligible) spaces.

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