



St John Vianney Catholic School Newsletter

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



St John Vianney Catholic Primary
Welcome to our school



STARS OF THE WEEK

THE FORCE IS STRONG IN THESE ONES...



“It has to be everyone...”

This is a frequent response when I ask teachers at assembly who their two stars of the week are (Two, please. Two!!).

They find it hard to choose because, to point out the obvious, they are all stars. Consistently.

This week has been incredibly hard for every one, children and staff, and they literally are ALL stars – I couldn't choose. So here they are, the boys, girls, women and men of St. John Vianney. With good humour, resilience, dedication and determination, we made it through to the end of the week. We will spend some time apart, because that is what we have to do at this time. So what.

We have shown this week that we have what it takes to take this in our stride, make the most of it and come back with a renewed passion for our school and the great good that it does. Sometimes we can all take that for granted, but not this week. Not this week...

Parents – thank you for your kind and warm messages – look after yourselves and, we'll see you all again very soon. God bless.



Coronavirus Update – time to refocus...

We will soon have you on the run, please God. We will stay at home, if we must. We will work to help those that need our support. We will read some books. We will have a good go at the work set us. We will try to stay active and healthy. We will listen to all the advice coming our way and try to follow it. We will play together. We will fall out (a bit – booo). We will make up again (yay!!). We will try to stay in touch as best we can. WE WILL DO WHAT OUR PRAENTS TELL US. Mostly.

We will choose kindness over all other urges and feelings because that is what we all want and need. We will help our mums, dads and families. We will ask questions and we will grow up a bit. We will not be scared because we know that we are surrounded by love. We know that bad times pass and there's always something good on the way if we look carefully. We will look forward to seeing each other again and will surely do that when the time is right. We will count our blessing daily, carefully and with gratitude.

Once we've finished doing all of that, we'll be back.

Can't wait...

Practicalities – Key Worker Support

We now have more guidance from the department of Education. We are fully committed to supporting this initiative **but** need all parents to follow the guidelines.

The government has asked us to remain open, if possible, **only for those children who absolutely need to attend.**

I must emphasise - DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL UNLESS

a) YOU ARE CLEARLY A KEY WORKER AND

b) HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO ALTERNATIVE

If you are able to make your own childcare arrangements, then you must (NB: advice is to NOT leave them with elderly relatives).

Our staff, who are key workers themselves it must be remembered, are ready and willing to support frontline workers in this nationwide response, so please consider all options carefully.

The link to register as a Key Worker (see below for full definition) is here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YLTLQSJ>

If you have not registered, AND received confirmation from the school, by the end of Saturday 21st, your child will not be permitted to attend on Monday 23rd.

The full Government Guidance about who is classed as a Key Worker can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Remember: if it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.

We will send you an acknowledgement receipt of your request - if you do not receive this by 5pm on Sunday 22nd, then please contact us to ensure we have received it via:

admin@st-johnvianney.haringey.sc.uk