St John Vianney Catholic School

School Closure Newsletter

Edition: 16 (17th July 2020)

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the 16th (yes, 16th!) 'Closure' Newsletter…and the last one, we hope, for the foreseeable. The cover of the newsletter in the week that schools closed featured some of our children in 'Rosie the Riveter' mode proudly exclaiming: We Can Do It! And we have.

Not without struggle, not without pain and, sadly, not without loss. There are those in our community that have been affected in the worst possible way, like many other communities up and down the country. We pause to remember and to send the collective force of our prayers to those families that have suffered bereavement and serious illness.

Our community, as I am always proud to declare, is everything. Our community have supported each other, the school, the teachers and, most of all, the children. We have emerged as I hoped and knew we would – strong and ready to get on with the task at hand in September.

I'd like to thank the many parents that took the time to send positive messages to the school – the messages and videos that you have sent to the teachers have touched them deeply and will have strengthened the bond with you all immeasurably. The messages I have received, even when I know decisions I have made will make life difficult to balance, have been full of understanding, empathy and support. I am so grateful – they seemed to arrive at just the right points over the weeks we were apart.

The school has remained open, and has used the controlled and measured return in June to build a confidence that will reap benefits in September when we all return.

I wish you all a safe, restful Summer and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

God bless

Mr. McNicholas

On behalf of all the staff, may I sincerely thank you for all of the good wishes and gifts (some edible!). We are so grateful for your kindness…

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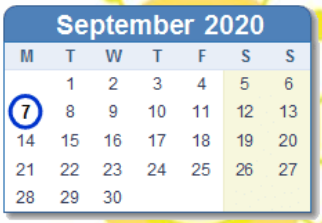

Monday 7th Sep 2020

Not just <u>any</u> September…

As I'm sure you are aware, plans for September are being built around the guidance received just two weeks ago. There is still a lot to do and decide, but I will share with you what I can to help you be prepared.

The 'essence' of the guidance revolves around keeping groups of children (or 'bubbles') apart from each other.

So the less a class and their teacher mix with others, the less the risk in infection spreading. There are many more controls in place, but this is at the heart of it, along with absolute cleanliness and hygiene.

As such, classes will have staggered start & end times, and I wanted to share those with you now so that you are best prepared. **It is important that these times are adhered to, otherwise the risk just increases.**

Over the page, you will see your start and end times.

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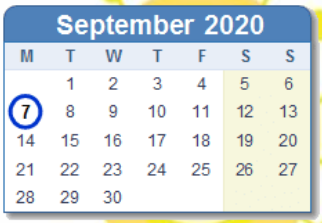

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NB: Siblings – if you have more than one child, then they ALL come in with the 'earliest' class dropped off, and they ALL leave with the 'earliest' class picked up.

Siblings waiting for their class ill have a designated place in the hall to wait until their own class is in.

Drop Off	Pick Up	Main Gates	Nursery Gates	Car park Gates
8:45am	3pm	Y2	Reception	
9:00am	3:15pm	Y3	Nursery	Y5
9:15am	3:30pm	Y4	Y1	Y6

Parents are kindly requested to drop off /pick up and leave the area promptly – please do not congregate outside the school premises.

DfE Guidance for September Opening

I am re-sharing the summary of the guidance for September. Please be aware, if the last 4 months has taught me anything, it is that guidance can change! We will keep on top of this and give you an update nearer the return in September.

In Summary:

- 'Pausing' of shielding and new expectations around 'vulnerable' children and staff (vast majority are expected to return).
- Bubble / class size now 30 (to be kept apart from other bubbles, staggering all start/end times, breaks, etc).
- NO social distancing is expected between pupils in the bubble of 30.
- Teachers are expected to keep distance from each other and the pupils as much as possible
- Close monitoring of symptoms in pupils and staff
- Compulsory engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- Increased hygiene and cleanliness routines
- No large gatherings of pupils (outside of bubbles of 30)
- No masks/face coverings for pupils or staff
- Children seated facing forwards in the same direction
- Attendance will be compulsory again
- Contingency plans for effective remote learning in case of another lockdown should be in place
- Remote Teaching/Learning – if required children will be expected to do work set and hand in.
- Increased and High expectations around behaviour and following 'new rules'

Summer Activities

- **Haringey's Summer Fun Activity Booklet** available here – please read to see what is available near you.

Summer Activities

- **HR Sports are running a Summer Camp** but at different venue if anyone is interested. Flyer below.

St. John Vianney Draft Term Dates 2020-21

Autumn 2021

	From	To
Autumn 1	**Monday 7th September, 2020**	**Friday 23rd October, 2020**
Autumn Half Term	*Monday 26 October 2020*	*Friday 30th October, 2020*
Autumn 2	**Monday 2nd November, 2020**	**Friday 18th December, 2020**
Christmas Holiday	*Monday 21st December, 2020*	*Friday 1st January 2020*
INSETS	**Weds 2nd Sept, Thurs 3rd Sept, Fri 4th Sept**	

Spring 2021

	From	To
Spring 1	**Tuesday 5th January, 2021**	**Friday 12th February**
Spring Half Term	*Monday 15 February, 2021*	*Friday 19th February, 2021*
Spring 2	**Monday 22nd February, 2021**	**Wednesday 31st March 2021**
Easter Holiday	*Thursday 1st April 2021*	*Friday 16th April 2021*
INSETS	**Mon 4th January**	

Summer 2021

	From	To
Summer 1	**Monday 19th April 2021**	**Friday 28th May, 2021**
Summer Half Term	*Monday 31st May, 2021*	*Friday 4th June 2021*
Summer 2	**Monday 7th June, 2021**	**TBC**
Summer Holiday	*Friday, 23rd July 2021*	*TBC*
INSETS	**TBC**	

NB: Summer Holidays and Quarantine

Government guidelines issued yesterday made it clear that we should remind parents that any potential quarantine when returning from selected countries should be taken into account when booking dates – it is expected that children are in class on Monday 7th September

It’s time to say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6s…

We were so lucky to have them return before the end of year and they were determined that they enjoyed the things our year 6s always have! They were lucky enough to have Pendarren; they had a beautiful leavers’ mass with a ‘virtual’ Fr. Joe and they, along with Ms. Kavanagh, created a wonderful leavers show, leaving us with such style – it is not going to be the same place without them. The only thing they ‘missed out’ on was SATs! We will miss them greatly.

As I said to them at their assembly, they have been a wonderful cohort; never a moment’s trouble, always working hard and always kind to each other.

I’d like to thank all the teachers that have had a hand in their time here, but obviously a special thank you to Ms. Burry, who has had an incredible influence on this wonderful group! She has taught them three times, and she should be very proud of her achievements in how this group have flourished as people and as SJV pupils.

Special thanks, too, to the teachers that welcomed them back in June to help them mark their time in fitting fashion. Mr. Quin, Ms. McDonnagh, Ms. Ritchie, Ms. Griffin and of course Ms. Kavanagh. Heroes all!

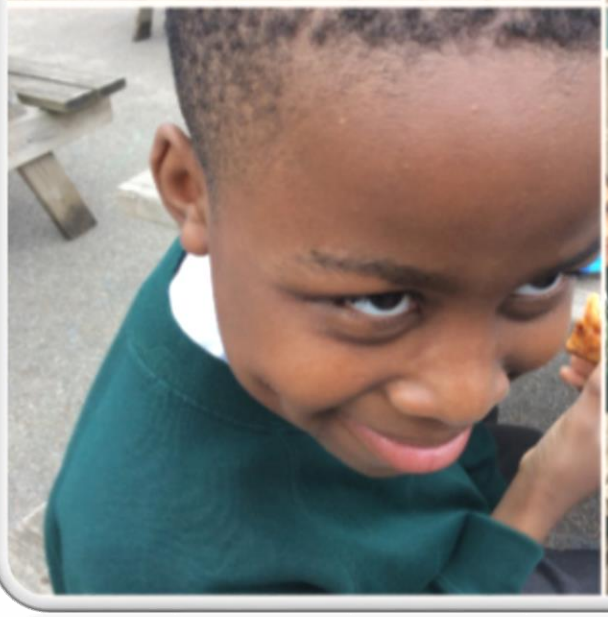
Please check out their **leavers’ show** via Showbie or the School Website – it’s a cracker! Leavers’ Assembly Here

Year 6

Everything we can be
St John Vianney Catholic Primary
with Christ in Our Hearts

St. Thomas More
Glademore
Bishop Douglass
St. Ignatius
Park View
Grrig City

Year 6



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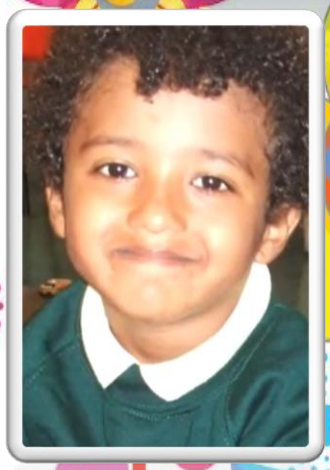

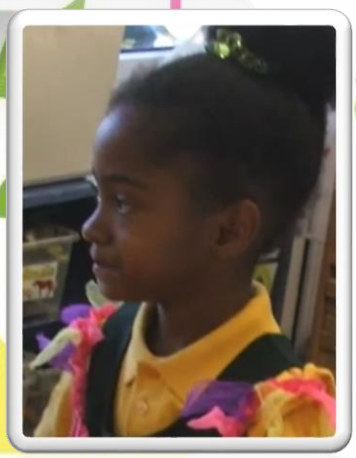

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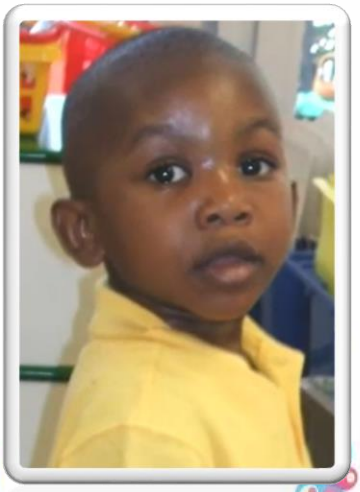

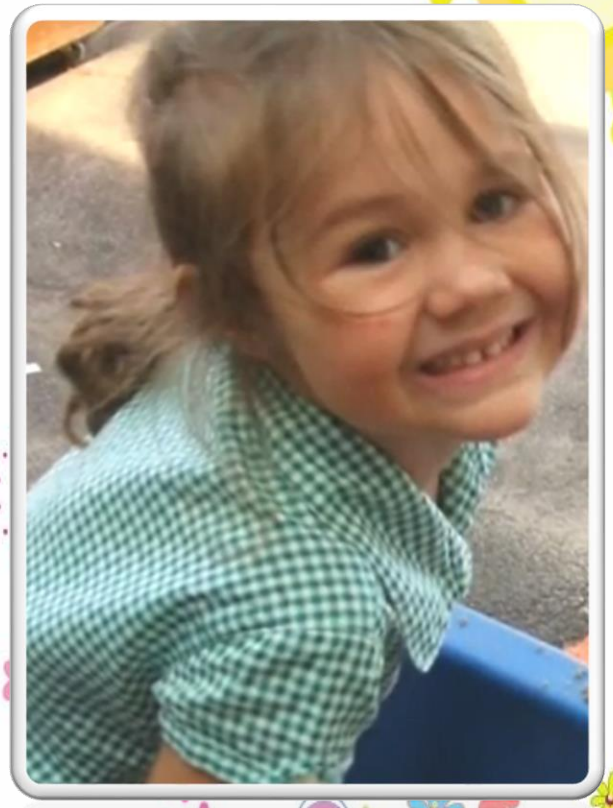

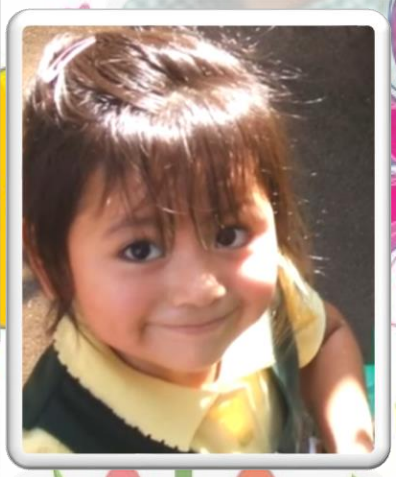

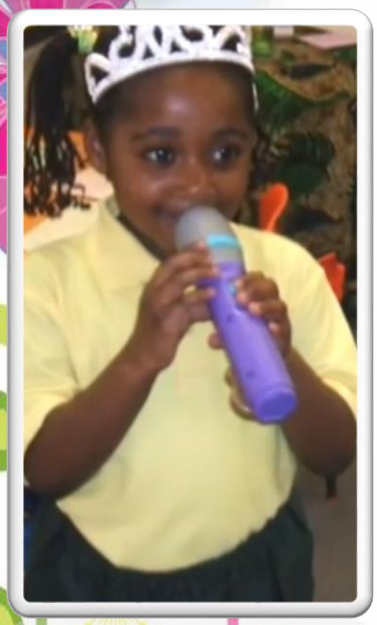

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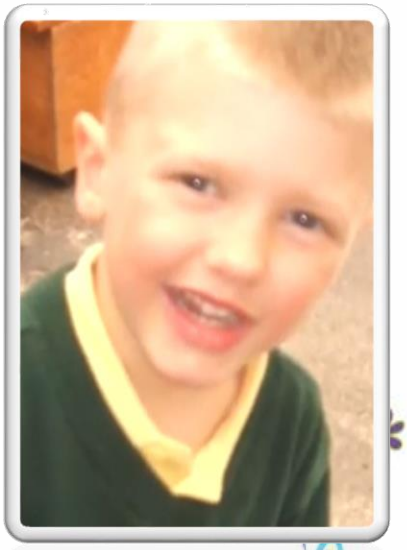

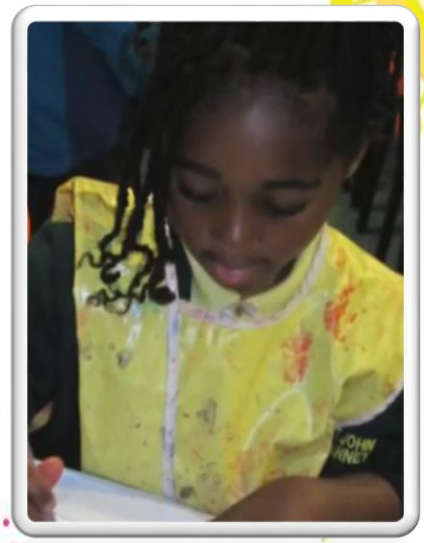

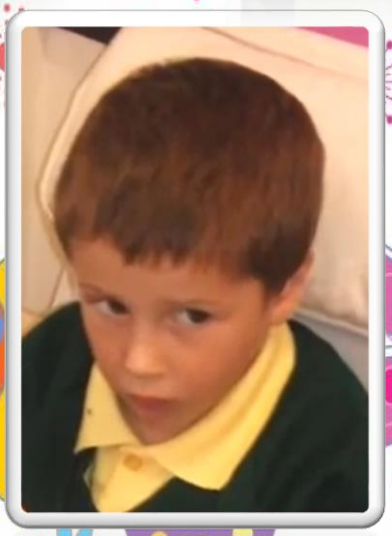

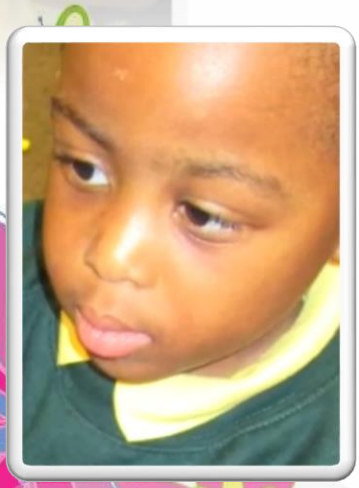

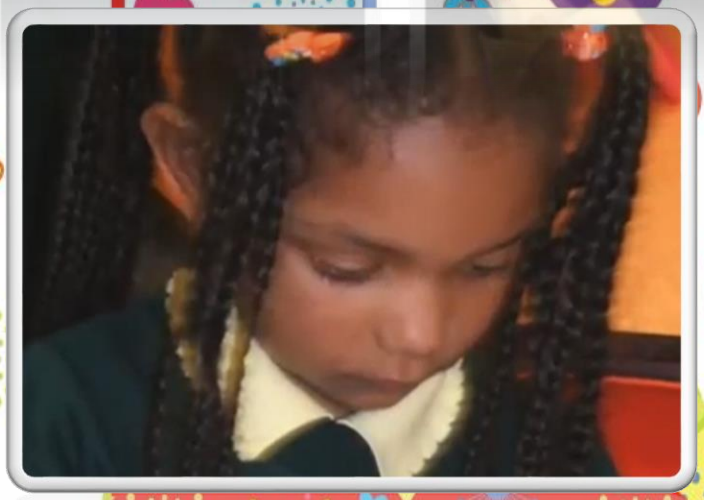

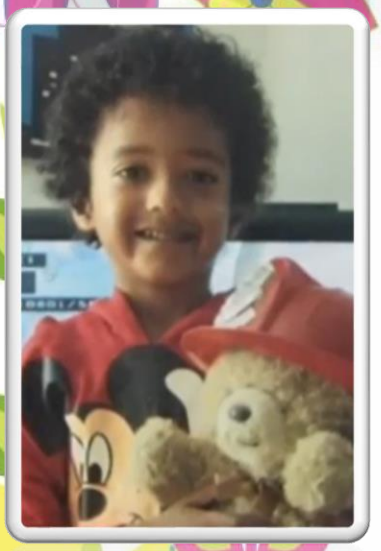

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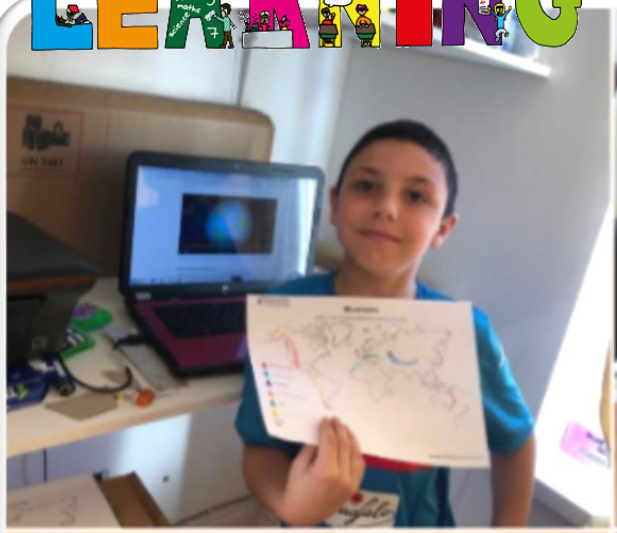

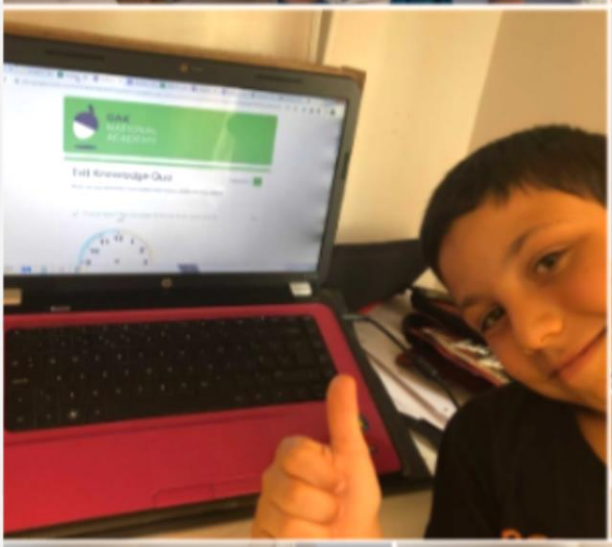

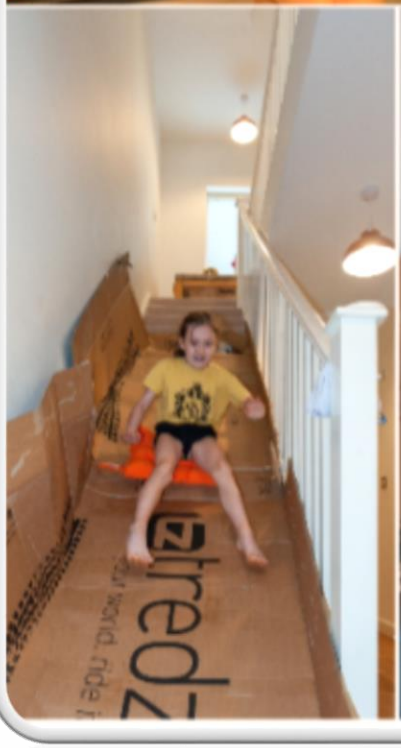

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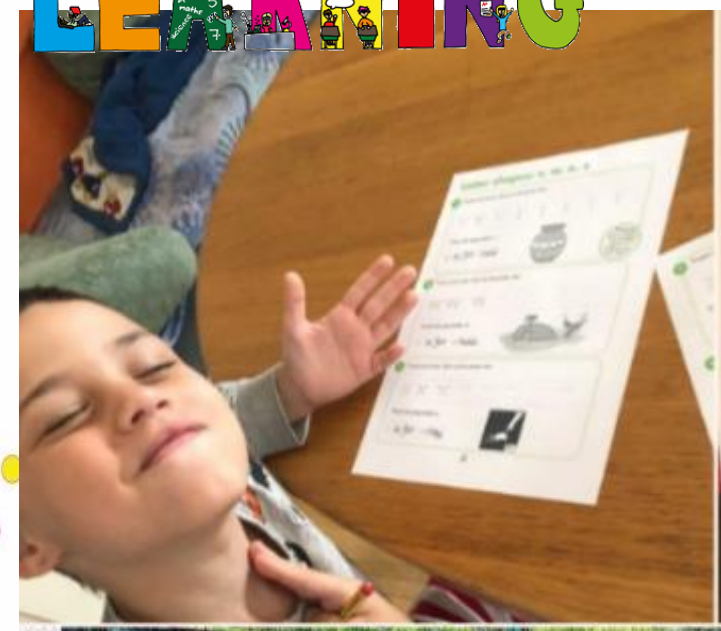

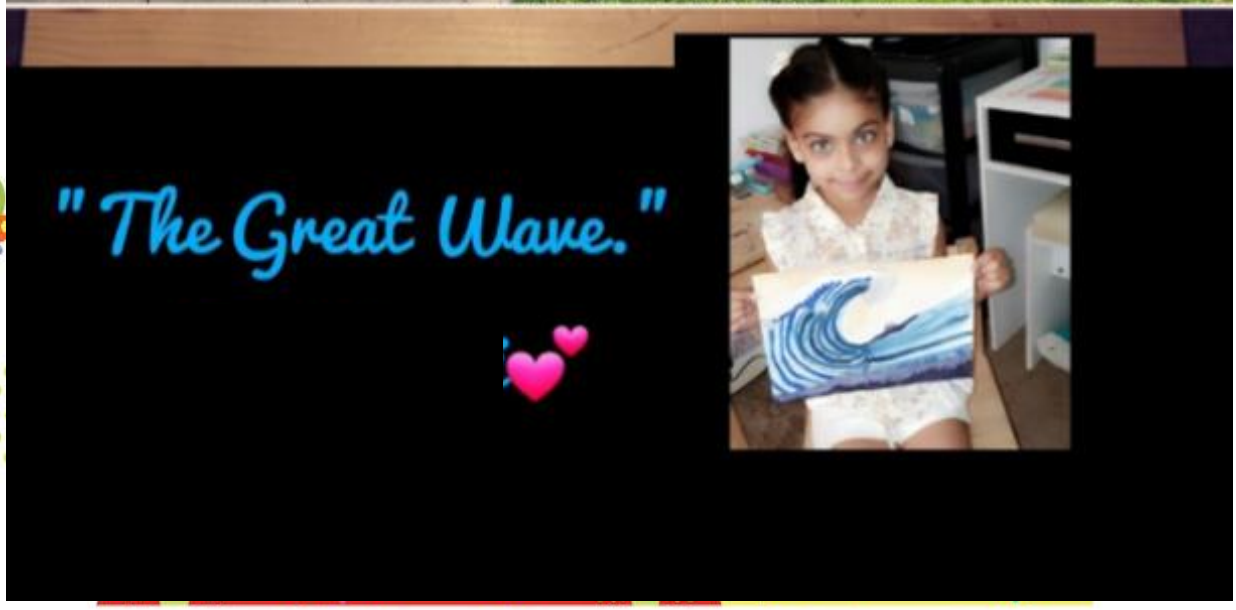

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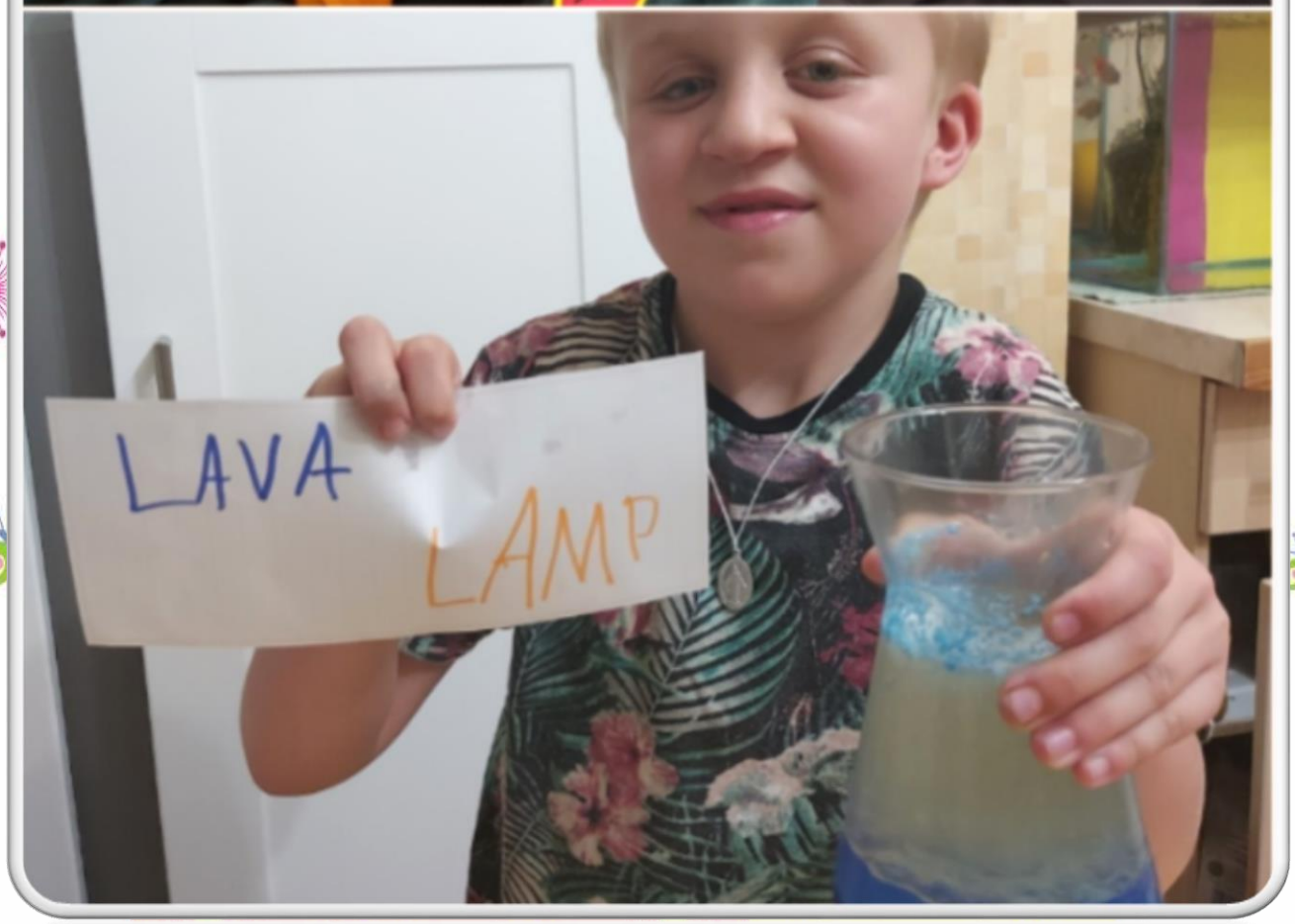

STARS OF THE WEEK

THE FORCE IS STRONG IN THESE ONES...

17th July 20

The stars of the week in Reception class is everyone!!

"Reception class you have all worked really hard this year it has been a strange year. I feel a little bit sad that we did not all physically get to be together in class for the final school term. At the same time I feel really lucky that I managed to teach some of you back in class, from afar at home and school. You are all such special children and I feel really blessed to have been your teacher this year! Continue to be the best that you can be I know that you will all be superstars in year 1! Stay safe enjoy your Summer holidays and continue to enjoy your learning".

Ms Duah :) x

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I have to choose the whole of Class 1 as my stars this week. They are an amazing group of children that adapted so well to all the challenges we faced this academic year. Those that were able to return to school followed new rules and routines perfectly, some even moving into a new classroom and those at home were able to complete work set online adapting to a new style of teaching very quickly. I have had an amazing time teaching them and think they are all wonderful!

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I would like to choose ALL of the children in Class 2 as my Stars of the Week! Since the school closed in March, the children have been wonderful at settling into a different way of learning and I am so impressed at how well they have managed to do so. They have taken control of their own learning, not only with the daily tasks that I set, but also by learning life skills like cooking, riding a bike, planting vegetables, film-making... and the list goes on! It has been a pleasure to watch them grow into the responsible, kind and hard-working children that they are. They are definitely ready for the Juniors!

STARS OF THE WEEK

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To each of the uniquely beautiful children of Class 3. They have brought me the greatest of joy this year. It was an honour to be their teacher...You are the brightest stars – keep shining.

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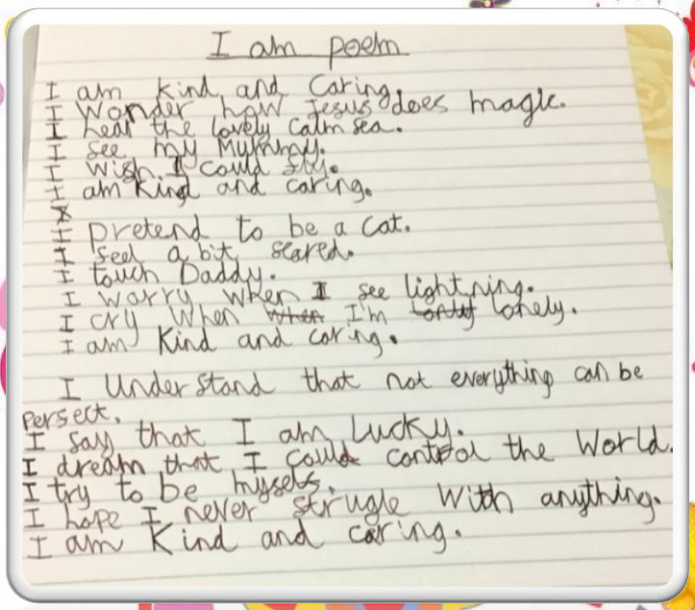
This week I would like to nominate J for his fantastic 'I am' poem. I would also like to nominate the whole of Class 4 for making my first year at St John Vianney a truly fantastic and memorable one.



I am poem

I am kind and caring
I wonder how Jesus does magic.
I hear the lovely calm sea.
I see my Mummy.
I wish I could fly.
I am kind and caring.
I pretend to be a cat.
I feel a bit scared.
I touch Daddy.
I worry when I see lightning.
I cry when ~~when~~ I'm ~~lonly~~ lonely.
I am kind and caring.
I understand that not everything can be
Persect.
I say that I am lucky.
I dream that I could control the World.
I try to be myself.
I hope I never struggle with anything.
I am kind and caring.

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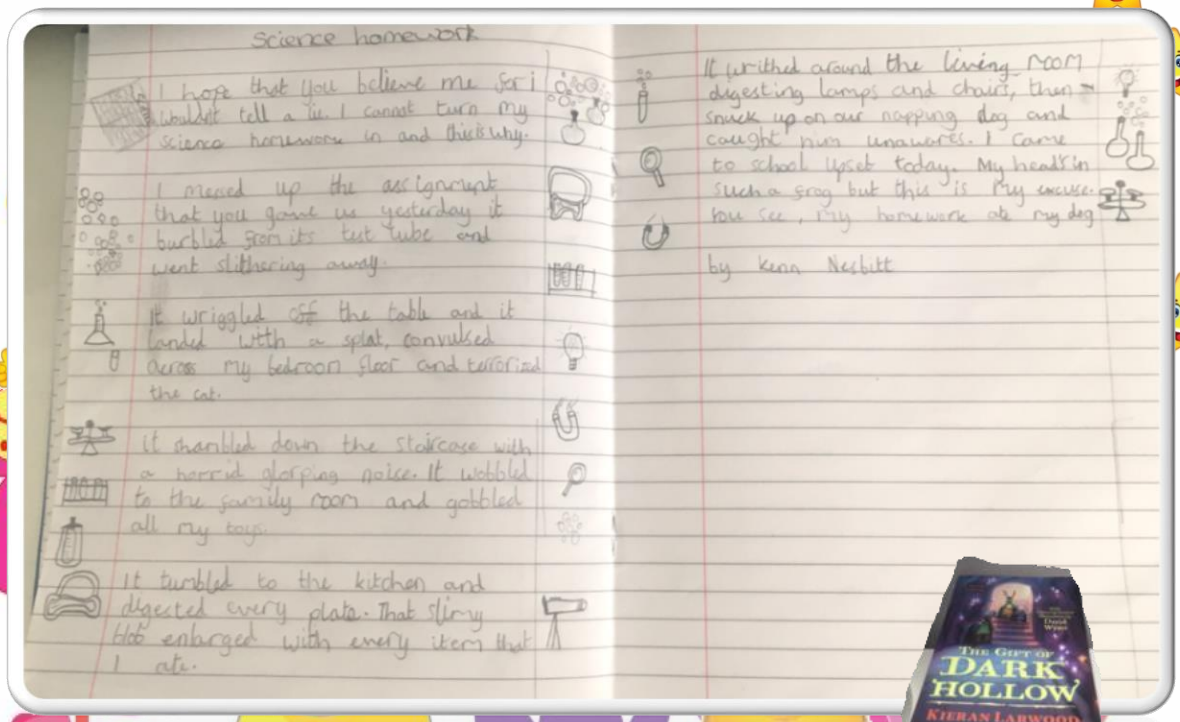
D for uploading his excellent homework which was to copy out a poem about homework in his best handwriting.



Science homework

I hope that you believe me for I wouldn't tell a lie. I cannot turn my science homework in and this is why.

I messed up the assignment that you gave us yesterday it burbled from its test tube and went slithering away.

It wriggled off the table and it landed with a splat, convulsed across my bedroom floor and terrorized the cat.

It shambled down the staircase with a horrid glorping noise. It wobbled to the family room and gobbled all my toys.

It burbled to the kitchen and digested every plate. That slimy blob enlarged with every item that I ate.

It writhed around the living room digesting lamps and chairs, then snuck up on our napping dog and caught him unawares. I came to school upset today. My head's in such a fog but this is my excuse. You see, my homework ate my dog.

by Kenn Nesbitt

R, for reading a whole series of books called the Five Realms series and recommending them with much passion to the rest of Year 5 in our Zoom calls, so much so that I am determined to read them all myself! (photos of the books she recommended and uploaded to Showbie for all Y5 to see also attached.)

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A - for her enthusiasm, for always trying her best and giving everything a go.

P - for his kindness, for always thinking of others and putting them first.

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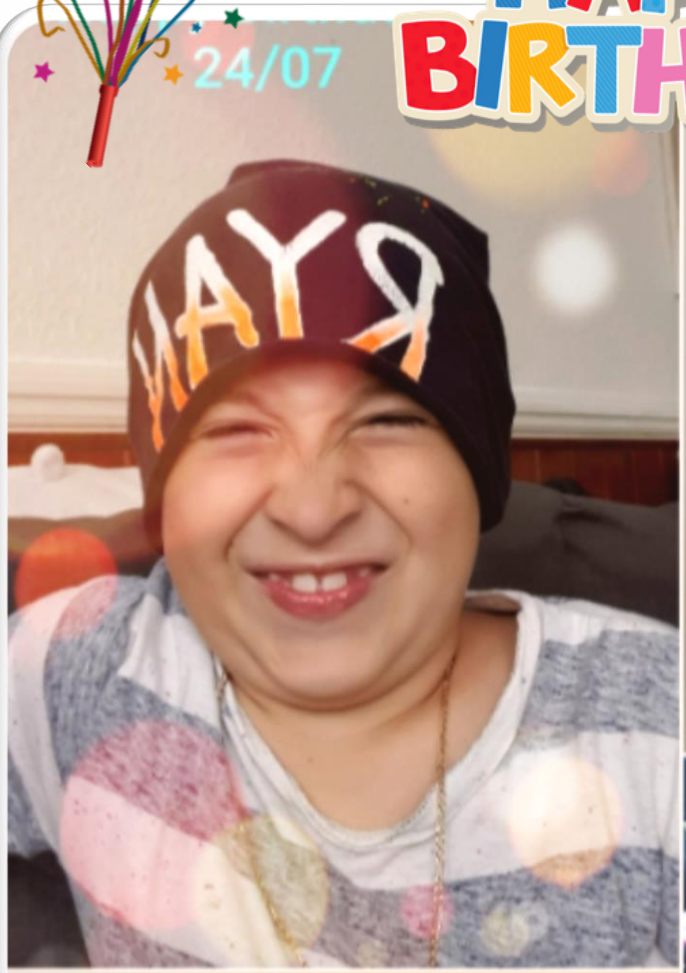

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Don’t forget, you can Join Fr. Joe for streamed services via the Church Website. Also available are Rosary liturgies and daily prayers.

Keeping Safe Online – DfE Guidance

At this time, when children may be spending **more** time on the internet than usual, it is doubly important that we understand what they are doing (and with whom).

The best way of ensuring that children are safe is to make sure that they are working within your supervision, and that you regularly check what they are doing, and even work with them.

The Department for Education has listed the sites below as being useful for you as parents to make sure you are doing your best to ensure that your children's internet usage is safe and productive.

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

Thinkyouknow (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
Internet matters (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
Parent info (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
LGfL (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
Net-aware (support for parents and careers from the NSPCC)