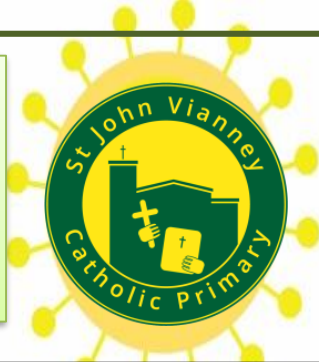


# St John Vianney Catholic School

## School Newsletter

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



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

### **And breathe...**

The end of another frenetic week! The sun has been kind to us and has made the perfecting of drop off and pick up (and it IS near perfect – thank you all!) much easier.

The children continue to settle down nicely into their routines and patterns once more, even those from Year 2 that are at home. I'd like to let you all know how proud I am of 'Team 2' – the teachers, the children and the parents. What a wonderful collective effort! You all have shown the way, demonstrating what can be achieved in these ridiculous circumstances. We look forward to getting you all back on Tuesday.

### **Stay vigilant...**

Please keep an eye on the reminders in this newsletter – they are really important in our efforts to a) keep us Covid-free and b) react to limit transmission if we do get a case. Our Risk Assessment and procedures worked swiftly last week to ensure that we didn't have a more serious case on our hands – well done to all the staff and children for that.

### **Rain – maybe?**

If there is one thing that can challenge the 'calm' that we've worked so hard for at drop off and pick up, it's a drop of precipitation! We can't expect the Sun to get us through to the end of term, so can I make an appeal?

- Please ensure that your child has a good rain coat to help keep them dry at these times?
- Please ensure that you continue to arrive at the allotted time for your class
- Please ensure that rain does not interrupt the collection system we have in place

### **We can do this!**

In the meantime, before the rain sets in, have a great weekend – stay safe and we'll see you on Monday.

*Mr. McNicholas*

# Important reminders:

In order to ensure the safety of all and the continued operation of the school, I am asking you all to pay special attention to the following two points:

## **1) Please DO NOT send your child to school if they are unwell IN ANY WAY AT ALL.**

- If they have 'sniffles', sore throat, headache, tummy ache, are sneezing or ANY other symptom that means they are not 100% - you must keep them at home until they are 100% better.
- Now is the time to **err on the side of caution**.
- **IF they have any of the Covid-19 symptoms**, then you **MUST** keep them at home, book a test and notify the school that you have done this.

### **Covid Symptoms**

- A) High temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- B) A continuous cough (coughing a lot for an hour)
- C) A change in your sense of taste or smell
- IF YOU ARE UNSURE ABOUT ANY SYMPTOMS, SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE OR CALL 111

## **2) Please observe STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING when dropping off and picking up children.**

- Please ensure that you turn up **on time** – too early or too late invalidates the idea behind a staggered start/end
- Please leave promptly after collection
- Please stay 2m clear of all other parents, children and adults
- Drop off / Pick up is an incredibly sensitive time and your patience and understanding is essential – please do not question staff or challenge them on routines and arrangements – be assured, they have been carefully thought through.

## Covid-19 Information

[Our website](#) has been updated to include some useful links and information. It includes:

- A Visitors' Guide
- The School's Risk Assessment
- Guidance on Face Coverings
- Safe Use of Public Transport
- Guidance for Families and people who are Isolating
- Latest Shielding Guidance and Advice

## Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting

This meeting will be held on Zoom, and is an important opportunity for parents of Year 6 children to start the application process for secondary school.

The meeting is on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept at 6pm** (link to be sent via email).

Please make every effort to attend.

**After School Club:** We have again agreed with West Green Primary that we can take advantage of their After School Club. They have an exciting new provider this year, so please see below for more information, including a 'try for free' offer.

**BOOK NOW**



Ages 4-11



**Energy Kidz**

After School Club  
Launching Monday 5th October  
West Green Primary School!

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We are so excited to be launching our brand new club at your school that we are giving you the opportunity to try us for a free session!

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**Offer ends 20/12/20**

**Science – Year 1 Style!** Year one made their own windmills while exploring the weather, wind and forces!



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**Back where we belong! Getting back into the swing of school life!**



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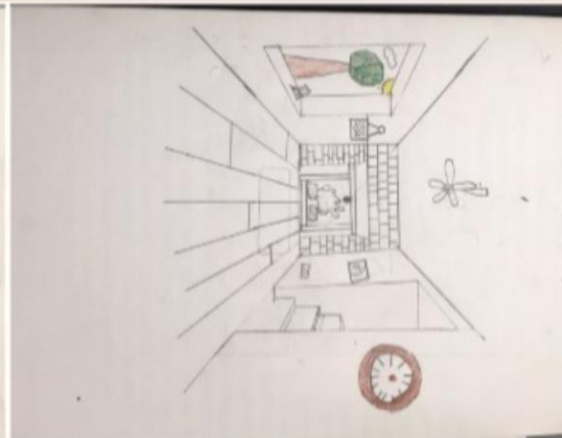
**Cycling Champs!** These two must have a huge trophy cabinet!



**Mass to Start the School Year:** Fr Joe will not be beaten by these circumstances! He joined us virtually today to help children, staff and parents to start the new school year in the traditional way. Many thanks to Ms. Griffin and Sr. Devy for their support and technical wizardry!



**Art in Year 6:** The children enjoyed using 'one-point perspective' techniques in art this week. Brilliant!



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18<sup>th</sup> Sept 20

I would like to nominate all of the children in Class 2 this week for star of the week. It wasn't quite the first week we had in mind but they have proved to be a very grown up group of children. I have been utterly impressed by their maturity, hard work and enthusiasm. Well done for a fantastic week of home learning Class 2! 🌟





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C - For doing really good talking about our new class topic Our Friends and Families- you spoke so confidently in front of everybody and showed your class friends some lovely photos of yourself and your family. Well done!

A For talking so confidently in front of everybody about your family too. You brought in a lovely interesting object to share with your class friends which your class friends were fascinated with. Well done!





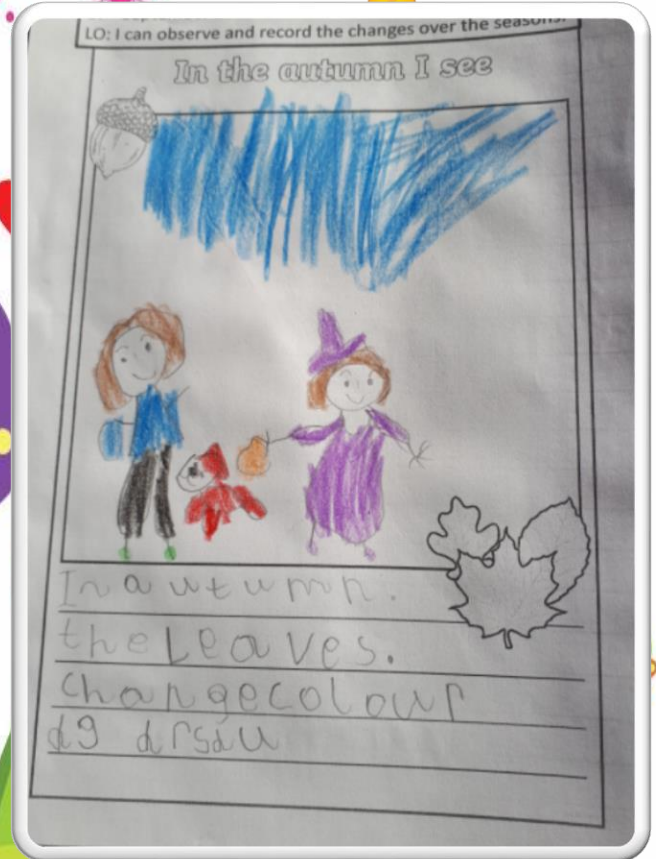
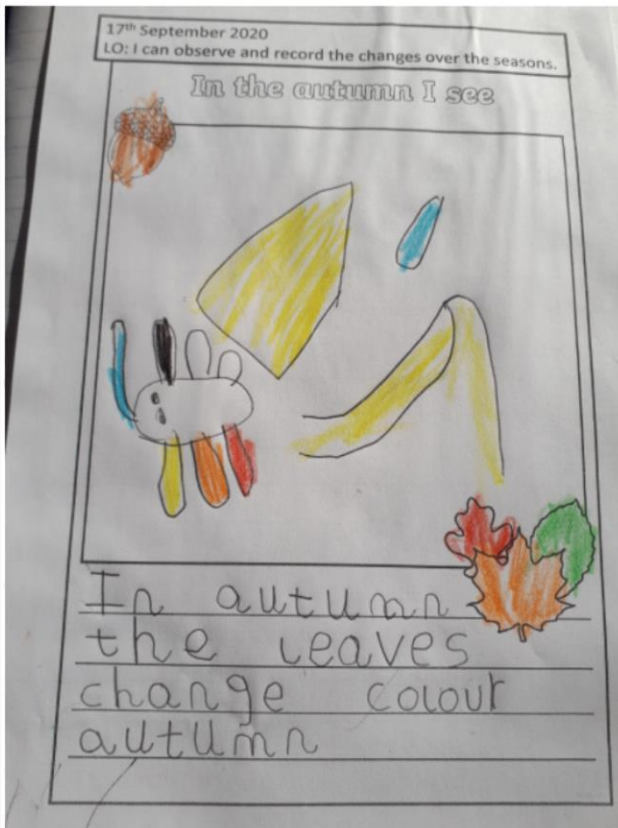
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Dylan, for being a lovely, enthusiastic member of the class - always smiling and always keen to take part and share his ideas.

Arianna, for having a fantastic attitude to her work, always showing excellent listening skills and getting on with her work carefully and independently.





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B for her determination to her best at all times and her generosity of spirit towards all of her classmates.

A for settling in so well and not letting difficulty stop her from trying. A wonderful way to start a year!





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This week I would like to nominate C, for always putting her hand up and sharing her ideas with others. I would also like to nominate F, for his excellent place value work in Maths.





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E - For being organised and always ready to learn this week. He listens to instructions and has been a fantastic example to others in Class 5. Well done!

F - For being an active learner across the curriculum. Her hand is always up ready to contribute to lessons in many different subject areas. She has made some very interesting comments and observations in lessons this week. Well done!





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J - for her positive attitude this week. She is always ready to learn in lessons and always trying her best in everything that she does.

G - For settling really well into class 6. He has started the year off well and has done some great work in writing and art this week.

