

# St John Vianney Catholic School

## School Newsletter

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



Another hugely busy week this week, where teachers and children have been undertaking assessments. Not unusual at this time of year, but clearly, these assessments will help us identify any gaps in learning resulting from the lengthy lockdown period, not that the children are settled back into routines.

While it will not be as easy as 'assess-gap-fix' we have always been confident of bringing the children back to where they should be. It will take time, but we will get them there.

What will help is the continued attitude of the children and the dedication of the staff. We couldn't have asked for a more positive return to school. We will be sending out details next week about how Parent Consultations are going to be run this year. Clearly, we can't welcome you into school in the normal manner, but we will find a way to allow you to discuss your child's learning. Watch this space!

Also coming will be details about how to apply as a Parent Governor at the school. This is an important role on the Governing Body, and Parent Governors play a vital part in helping the leadership team run the school. I will send out full details next week. Please read and consider whether you can help the school in their way.

Have a great weekend, as ever!

*Mr. McNicholas*



## **Dangerous Parking and Driving**

Unfortunately, a number of parents have reported issues with inconsiderate parking and driving around the Stanley Road car park entrance.

PLEASE –

- Do not park on the double yellow lines outside the school AT ANY TIME. They are there for a reason – to keep us all safe.
- Please take extra caution when manoeuvring your car along Stanley Road. The pedestrian traffic has increased significantly, and you must be more aware. AVOID REVERSING – this is a particular danger.

Also...

- Please do not stand or wait in the road outside the gates for your children, and
- Please DO NOT allow your child to run across Stanley Road, or cross by themselves, at drop off or pick up time

## **Important – Drop off and Pick Up**

At the start of the year we introduced staggered start times to help with social distancing.

Please make sure you arrive at school promptly.

On wet days, siblings are allowed to wait in the hall in year group bubbles. Unfortunately, due to social distancing, we do not have the space to allow all children who arrive early to wait inside. The main gates will only be open at 8:45, 9am and 9:15. Please come to school at your allocated time."

We will not be amending our routines, which are there for the continued safety of all, because it is raining. We appreciate it is not pleasant to have to wait in the rain, but ask that parents are prompt to minimise any inconvenience.



## Notes and Information

**Flu vaccinations** - these are now taking place on Tuesday 13th October. Please return the consent forms by Monday morning regardless of whether you wish your child to have the vaccination or not.

**School Money** - The IT issue is close to being resolved. Payments for dinners and breakfast club will be able to be made by the end of next week.

**Reporting your child's absence** - Please call the office each morning before 8.30 am. We have a new phone system, select option 1 to leave a message on the absence line.

### **School Photographs -**

These can be ordered on line via Churchbury Photography. Information was sent home via the children on Tuesday.

# Important reminders:

Once again, please ensure that you are doing everything you can about keeping possible Covid-19 symptoms away from school.

## 1) Please **DO NOT** send your child to school if they are unwell

- If they do not have symptoms of Covid-19, but have been unwell, you must still wait until they are fully better before you send them back to school.

## 2) Please be vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19

- **IF they have any of the 3 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.**

## 3) The Importance of being Tested

- If your child has one of the above **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU BOOK A TEST.**
- Failure to do this means a) they cannot return to school for a further 10 days and b) we are unable to manage the possible risk of infection to other children and staff in their bubble.
- If you have difficulty booking a test, please keep trying until you get one - please let the school know if you are unable to.
- Waiting for 10 days is **NOT** an option – your child may be missing schooling unnecessarily.

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

- This has been identified as a key risk in the transmission of Covid-19 in the return of children to full schooling.
- Please do everything you can to observe this.





## SJV Nursery Places Available

**Our fabulous Nursery has places available**

**NOW!**

- Free 30 hours (if eligible)
- Free 15 hour part time spaces available for 3 year olds.

Please call the office to make an appointment to collect an application form.



Please pass this on to anyone you think may be interested

**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!

**TRY US FOR FREE**

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[info@energy-kidz.co.uk](mailto:info@energy-kidz.co.uk)  
0333 577 1533

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!

Book now using the code:



**FS20-WESTGREEN**



at [bookings.energy-kidz.co.uk](http://bookings.energy-kidz.co.uk)...

**Offer ends 20/12/20**





**PICCOLLAGE**

**Nursery Life** – Here are some of the ways we’ve been busy this half term!







**The Evolution of Art:** Year 3 used all sorts of techniques, modern and ancient, to transform themselves into stunning Egyptian Kings and Queens!







PIECOLLAGE



**Plants up Close:** What better way to understand how plants are structured than 'get one and have a close look at it'? Blooming marvellous!







**Seasonal Art in Year 1:** Some beautiful 'hand' artwork in year 1, depicting the 4 seasons



# Well deserved certificates for our Mini Marathon Runners!







# STARS OF THE WEEK

THE FORCE IS STRONG IN THESE ONES...

9th Oct 20

J for amazing writing in literacy this week, I am impressed with your fantastic sentences and your beautiful neat handwriting.

N for participation in class, you always have your hand up and explain your answers so enthusiastically.







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G - for his incredible effort in Literacy this week. He has been using his phonics to spell words and has come out with fantastic ideas for adjectives to describe. Well done!

A - for using exciting adjectives and vocabulary from the text to write an incredible retell in Literacy this week.





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In Class 3 we have been learning how to build suspense in our writing and have used it to write a paragraph about entering a tomb. E and A showed great talent for the genre. They followed the slow write plan carefully and composed wonderful opening paragraphs that sent shivers down my spine!







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This week can I nominate L for his excellent effort and determination when tackling his Maths questions. I would also like to nominate M for her hard work and enthusiasm across all subject areas.





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For being patient, polite, kind and well-mannered all of the time! Well done to these two for setting a great example to others.







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P - for his hard work in maths, I have been very impressed with his determination and hard work.

K - for working really hard and trying her best. She has been doing some extra maths and I was very pleased with her writing this week too





# Celebrate!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY