St John Vianney Catholic School School Newsletter

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



We're Back After Half Term (well...most of us)!

Once again, we've had to test the resourcefulness, resilience and sheer doggedness of our school community, with two classes having to close and a number of staff isolating. SJV staff, children and parents once again passed the test with aplomb! We even had a number of teachers utilising their undoubted technical wizardry to teach classes from home! Incredible stuff.

We hope that you all managed a restful half term and we hope that current restrictions and the situation generally pass quickly.

The Friday assembly continues to delight – this week, I had the opportunity to Zoom in as Mrs. Kennedy joined Year 1 in the hall to celebrate our action-packed first week back. I must say, that this 'window' into our school, which like all others is working to extremely difficult restrictions, is so uplifting! From the 'Stevie Wonder dances' to celebrate birthdays to the opportunity see ALL of our Stars of the Week in one place, it gives me great pride to see that we are coping so well and showing the outside world just how strong we are.







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 bee interested

Notices and Reminders

Nursery, January 2021 Intake.

If your child is 3 years old by 31st December 2020 you can apply for a Nursery place starting in January. Forms available from the office.

School Office During Lockdown:

If you need to come into the office you MUST call first to make an appointment.

Parent Teacher Consultations:

Please look out for an email from the school detailing your date, time and link for your Parent Teacher Consultation Video Call.

Please remember that the consultations will be limited to 10 minutes and a focused on the progress of your child.

Reception Admissions September 2021

Applications for Reception places in September 2021 are open. Obviously, we cannot welcome visitors and show them around our school at the moment, but we will be hosting regular meetings for prospective parents every Thursday morning at 9:30.

This will give us an opportunity to:

- Show a short Life at SJV video (click here to see it)
- Share some information about the school with you, and
- Allow you to ask questions about any aspect of school life at SJV.

If you, or anyone you know, is looking for a school place in September 2021, please contact the school office and book yourself onto one of these sessions.

If you cannot make Thursday mornings at 9:30, please ask and we will make arrangements to contact you.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN VIANNEY



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, <u>book a test</u> 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.



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I would like to nominate everybody for star of the week in Reception class. I know that you have missed coming back to school this week and we have missed you too! but you have all worked so hard at home with your adult helpers. You have all done some amazing work on Tapestry for me to see! I know that you are all really excited about our new class learning topic 'All around the World' I am excited to teach this to you.

Well done Superstar Reception class!





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E for excellent behaviour at all times and always trying his best with every piece of work.

M for fantastic concentration and always putting a lot of effort into your work.





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L for a strong understanding of the story of Mr Twit and for making a perfect grass beard and some delicious Yucky Stew! Well done for being so creative!

S for being an amazing asset to our school. She has been so kind and helpful and we will miss her so much – her new school is very lucky to have her!

I am so also so impressed with how well all of Class 2 have adapted to learning with 'Virtual Ms Swan'. I would also like to nominate Mrs Donellan and Miss McDonagh for all of their hard work this week!





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I'd like to give my first star of the week to D. He is always polite and well mannered. I've been very impressed by his hard work this week especially in Maths. Keep it up!

My second star this week is E. It has been wonderful to watch her grow in confidence. She is an active learner and regularly reminds others to use the Working Wall as a resource!

Brilliant work!

....and our real shining star this week is Super S! She has been a ray of sunshine in our lives and we wish her well in her new school.



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This week can I nominate D for his excellent multiplication work. He has shown great effort and as a result he is able to recall his multiplications facts quicker.

Can I also nominate R for being a fantastic role model in class four and always sharing his ideas with others.



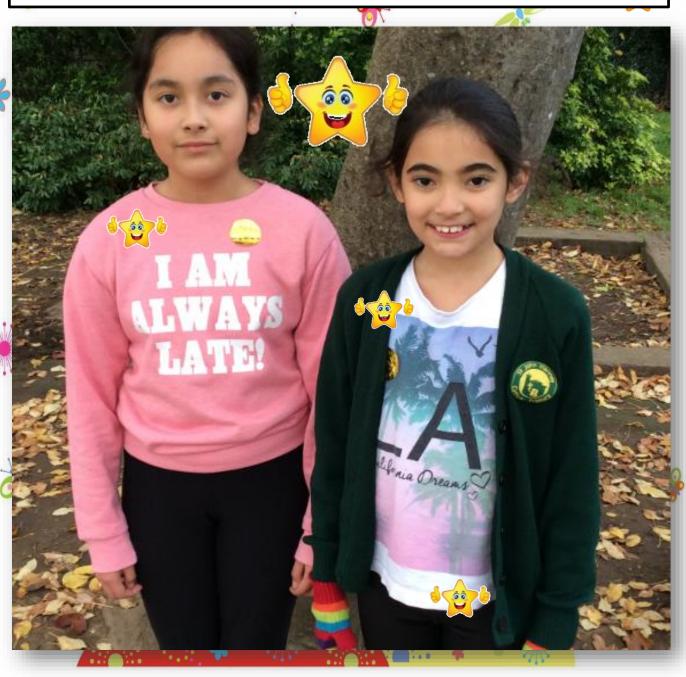


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Year 5 have all been brilliant this week, such reliable and engaged students.

I am choosing A and E in particular for being able to "get on with the job" no matter which adult has been with them. Focused, hard working and an absolute pleasure to teach. Well done both of you! You make us so proud.





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D and **S** for being thoughtful and showing kindness to others in the playground. For working hard and for being great role models in class 6.



