

# St John Vianney Catholic School

## School Newsletter

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



### Back into Lockdown, but looking forward with Hope

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you had restful and blessed Christmas with your families and I sincerely wish you all a Happy New Year. It has started in disappointing fashion, but there is a long stretch ahead of us for it to recover and be a special one.

While it was not entirely unexpected, we are reeling from the severity with which circumstances have whipped us back into lockdown and the knock-on effect it has had to you as parents, us as a school and of course our children.

We had an assembly this morning, watched by many at home I know, where we discussed Hope. Whatever trials and challenges are thrown at us, we always have Hope. And with that hope, we have an array special weapons – our desire to not be beaten; our strength of community binding us together; our resilience and our hard work.

I have always believed that 'Hope' alone is not a plan...with these weapons at our disposal, we ensure that the things we hope for become a reality. We have already seen, after the first lockdown, that our children returned unscathed and got on with the business of catching up and reclaiming what is rightfully theirs: to come to a wonderful place to be cared for, to learn, to make friends and to grow in character and faith. To be everything we can be, with Christ in Our Hearts.

We've done it before and we will do it again.

God bless and stay safe.



# Mark Rowley

It is with great sadness that I must tell you that we were informed this week of the passing of Mark Rowley. He was a beloved member of the St. John Vianney community and was the son of Delores Rowley, who as you know worked with us for so many years and looked after so many of our children.

We pray for Mark, that he is received into the care of Jesus and is at rest. We pray also for the whole Rowley family and especially Delores, and for Charlotte and Sophie, his daughters both of whom attended this school. Be assured that all of the staff here at SJV and the entire community will keep you close to our hearts, in our thoughts and in our prayers at this terrible time.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



Have a look at the picture - discuss

What time is it?

How are they walking?

What are they doing there?

How often do they go there?

8.1.21

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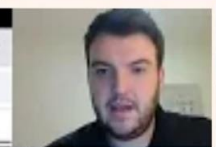
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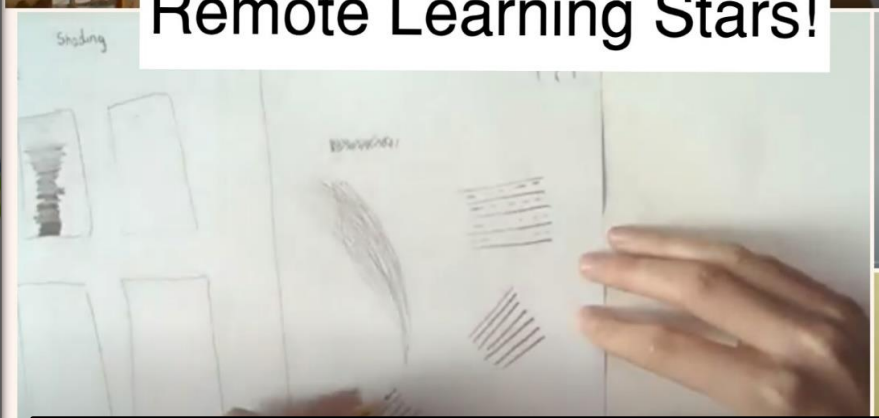
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8.1.21: When I slowly opened the door  
it let out a slow sharp scream.

# Remote Learning Stars!



A huge well done to our fantastic teachers and support staff this week!



# Home Schooling

**Thank you:** A big thanks and well done to all our parents and carers who are once again supporting children with their learning – you are doing an amazing job! If you need any support with getting set up, or wish to ask a question, make a suggestion or give feedback, please contact us on [homeschool@st-johnvianney.Haringey.sch.uk](mailto:homeschool@st-johnvianney.Haringey.sch.uk) and we will do our best to help

## Principles – how much should they be doing?

Government guidance (issued yesterday evening!!) states that KS1 pupils should be doing 3 hours a day and KS2 pupils 4 hours. Note – this does NOT equate to ‘screen time’ necessarily; much of what they will be doing is on books or other tasks.

**Getting the Balance Right:** This is new guidance and a new situation. We will need to strike the balance between too much/too little, but the general principle is that we should try to maintain better routines and structure this time round. Like last time, the last thing we want to do is put you and your home life under pressure, so please contact us if Home Schooling is starting to impact – we can always talk it through and relieve the pressure.

## Structure

Class Teachers are all, at present, teaching from home. This means **that ALL children get the SAME lessons, regardless of whether they are part of a Key Worker group in school or at home.** No group has advantage over the other. Those that are in school are supervised by a team of Teaching Assistants, but they do the same work.

## Stay at Home

The government’s clear advice at present is that everyone should stay at home if they can. **Even if you or your partner are Key Workers,** your child should stay home if you are able to care for them. Please **DO** Not apply for or keep a Key Worker place if you are not a Critical Key Worker, central to the nation’s response to Covid-19.

We are already seeing much higher numbers than the first lockdown applying for places, and it responsibility is to ensure that as few people are on site as possible. Otherwise we risk the transmission of this virus among our community. Distancing must be maintained. Your cooperation is very much at the heart of being able to manage this time successfully.

# 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.

# Collecting Work Books and Exercise Books

Please may we ask you to include a drop by the school on your daily exercise walk to collect your children's books? It will serve them much better to have their usual writing and maths books with them.

Please note the timings and exercise strict social distancing when picking up.

Class 1	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Surnames A-K	11am-Midday
	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Surnames L- Z	1:45-2:45pm
Class 2	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Surnames A-K	11am-Midday
	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Surnames L- Z	1:45-2:45pm
Class 3	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Surnames A-K	11am-Midday
	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Surnames L- Z	1:45-2:45pm
Class 4	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Surnames A-K	11am-Midday
	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Surnames L- Z	1:45-2:45pm
Class 5	Thus 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Surnames A-K	11am-Midday
	Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Surnames L- Z	1:45-2:45pm
Class 6	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Surnames A-K	11am-Midday
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Surnames L- Z	1:45-2:45pm



# Congratulations!

We received some exciting news over the Christmas break this year that Mr. Quin and Ms. Kavanagh (not **Mrs.** Kavanagh for the avoidance of doubt!) are now engaged to be married!

We are all absolutely delighted for them and we are sure you'd like to join us in congratulating them and wishing them a long and happy future together!

From all of us at SJV, congratulations!







# STARS OF THE WEEK

THE FORCE IS STRONG IN THESE ONES...

8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021

Reception class you have all worked so hard at home with all of your remote learning! It has been wonderful to see you enjoying your learning and working really hard on Tapestry you are all Stars of the week again!

Before the Christmas holidays all of you were already stars of the week for assembly and again you all are all stars of the week this week too. What a great start to the new academic year you have all made well done!







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**Year 1:** I would like to nominate the whole of Class 1 for stars this week! I have been amazed by all of the children! They have managed to find their way around Google Classroom, (Probably faster than I have learnt!), following lessons and uploading lots of pieces of work. They have all joined in on Zoom and it has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces! Their enthusiasm has helped to make the 1st week of online learning a very happy experience!





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## Year 2:

D - has impressed me this week in Literacy. He came up with lots of amazing expanded noun phrases to use to describe the character 'Captain 'Seawolf Rattlebones'.



L - has been challenging himself this week in Maths. I particularly liked the division word problems that he made up himself!





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**Year 3:** This week the skies of Haringey have been lit up by a constellation of stars - and that is all of Class 3. I am beyond impressed at how quickly they have adapted to the virtual world. Feeling their enthusiasm and seeing their faces on zoom - I never knew staring at a screen could bring so much joy! Well done Class 3 - Keep shining

...and another constellation of bright stars this week has to go to the parents. The true heroes of school's lockdown. I thank you deeply and admire you all greatly.







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**Year 4:** This week can I nominate A. He has shown great enthusiasm with his home learning, particularly in Science. We were looking at solid, liquids and gases and A found a fantastic video of man walking on custard. I would also like to nominate L. She has shown great pride in her home learning work. Her work is always beautifully presented and consistent. Furthermore, L is very quick at uploading her work as soon as she has completed it. Well done!





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**Year 5:** for all round brilliance,  
hard work and settling in to  
home learning with enthusiasm,  
E and C





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**Year 6:** I am very impressed with all of year 6. They are taking part in the zoom chats, completing their work and handing it in. I have been so impressed with their maturity and how they have adapted to their new way of learning. I am really proud of them and they should be really proud of themselves too.

I have read some fantastic stories this week but I would like to choose J, R and J for their writing work. They were tasked with writing a story based on the short film of Alma and the toy shop. They have all produced impressive pieces of creative writing. They have built tension and suspense in their stories and have really drawn the reader in with their descriptive phrases. Well done!







If it has been your birthday recently, or it is your birthday next week, please send your teacher a picture via Google Classroom so we can wish you a happy birthday in next week's assembly and newsletter!

