

# St John Vianney Catholic School

## School Newsletter

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



### Have a Lovely Half Term

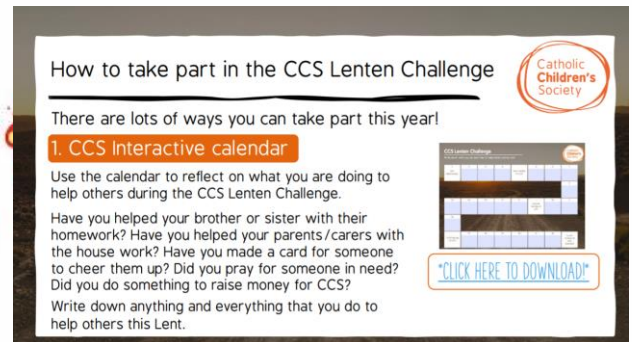
Dear Parents and Carers, thank you once again for your support, hard work, patience and forbearance this last 6 weeks. The job of keeping our children's education and welfare going during this lockdown is truly a team effort and you have played your part brilliantly. Teachers have been heartened and amazed by the enthusiasm and diligence of the children, and that is testament to the juggling you have to perform each day. We know it has been hard. As ever, doing a little is better than doing nothing, so please don't be harsh on yourself if some days and some tasks have not been as satisfying as others.

In September, we were all struck by how calm, happy and confident the children were after such a long time away, and we are hoping and expecting that that will be repeated again once schools are able to open more widely again. We know that they, and you, miss school a great deal, but our children are so resilient because we collectively look after them so well.

I sincerely hope you are able to have a quality break over half term. Away from screens, away from restrictions, away from the news – and hopefully the Beast from the East is now on the run! Relax, stay safe and enjoy each other! God bless.



**The Catholic Children's Society** have provided some lovely resources to help your children mark their time during Lent this year. [Follow this link to access their Lenten activities and fundraising ideas.](#)



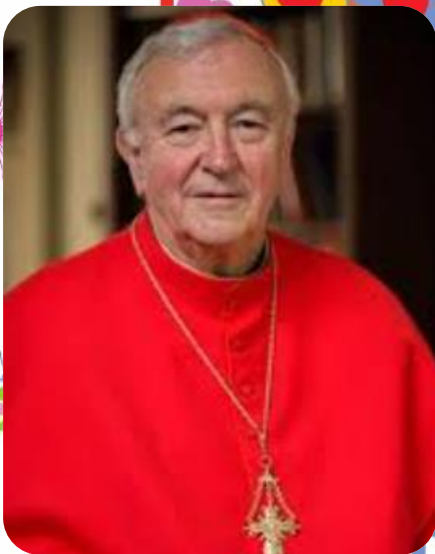
## **Wednesday, 17 February is Ash Wednesday, a message from Archbishop Vincent Nichols:**

*"Please do remember to bless each other on this Ash Wednesday.*

*If, on this day, we set aside every pretence that we can do everything of ourselves, then we create in our hearts and lives the space for God's grace and strength to find a home in us.*

*This is the great invitation of Ash Wednesday and of the weeks of Lent which follow.*

*Open your hearts to the gift of God's presence to support, comfort and strengthen you. This year, it may be best to do this, not by going to church, but by sharing the prayer, the blessing and this moment of dedication within the love of your family and friends."*



# Covid 19 Over Half Term - IMPORTANT

The school closes for the Half term Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

We sincerely hope that we encounter NO new cases from now on, but it is VITAL, for those that have been attending school, that everyone understands what they need to if any of your children develop symptoms in the **2 days that follow the end of term (Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>).**

## **Scenario A: Two Days Following the end of the term:**

IF your child develops symptoms (**AND** subsequently tests positive) on:

- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February OR
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Then YOU MUST CONTACT THE SCHOOL AND LET US KNOW. This is because children are infectious 2 days **before** they develop symptoms, and contacting us will allow us to Track and Trace their potential contacts (staff and other children in their class) so that they can isolate and protect themselves and their loved ones. **\*\* ONLY CONTACT US ONCE YOU HAVE A CONFIRMED POSITIVE CASE \*\***

**It is impossible to overstate the importance of letting the school know if symptoms are developed over either of these two days** – failure to

do so will risk staff and other children in their class transmitting the virus over the Christmas period. **PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL USING:**

**[homeschool@st-johnvianney.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:homeschool@st-johnvianney.haringey.sch.uk)**

**DO NOT CALL OR USE ANY OTHER EMAIL ADDRESS – ONLY THIS ADDRESS WILL BE MONITORED.**

**Scenario B: Over 2 days after the term closes?** If your child develops symptoms on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February, or any day after that, please make sure they have a test and, if a positive test is confirmed, call NHS 119 to report and initiate track and trace. PLEASE ALSO INFORM THE SCHOOL SO THAT WE CAN RISK ASSESS BEFORE SCHOOL REOPENS IN JANUARY.

# 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.

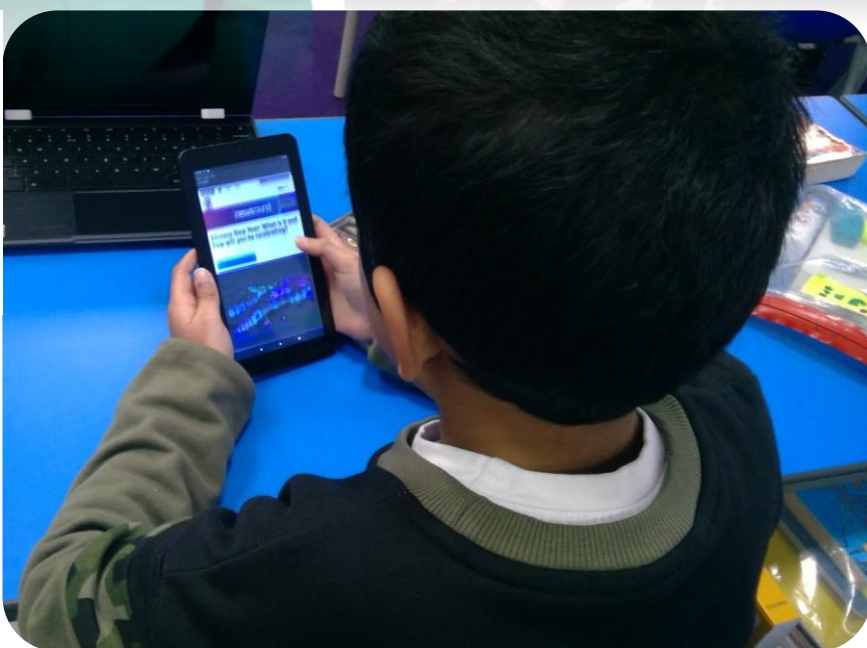
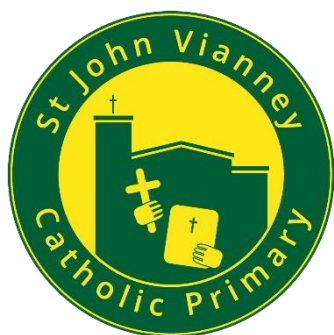
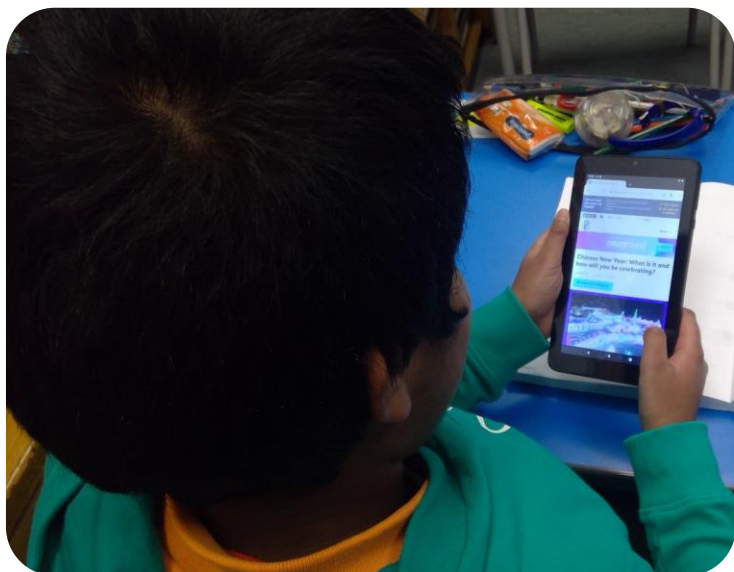
- This has been identified as a key risk in the transmission of Covid-19 in the return of children to full schooling.
- Please do everything you can to observe this.





E, A and A have busy running, keeping fit and helping a great cause. They helped their Dad take part in a crazy challenge this month and raised money for A's nursery in Portsmouth who don't automatically receive statutory funding. Adam ran a km corresponding to each day in January (1km for the 1st, 5km for the 5th etc.) in total he ran 505km! Collectively the girls ran 24km with him over the course of many of the days in January. In total they have managed to raise £4,046! An amazing achievement, I'm sure you'll agree, and the family would like to thank those staff and families that contributed – they are most grateful!





**HUGE thanks to Sam and all at Aquinas Education** for donating devices to the school to help us all have access to the technology we need to get us through these troubled times.

You may remember Sam brought his associate Jermaine Jenas (ex-Spurs and England footballer) to talk to our year 6s about the importance of aspirations. In addition to helping us out with teacher recruitment, they also organise the annual Aquinas Cup for schools in Haringey (in more normal times!)

They are working hard behind the scenes to make a positive contribution to the problems we are all facing at the moment, so hats off to them and thanks on behalf of our families!





Y4 at work and play !



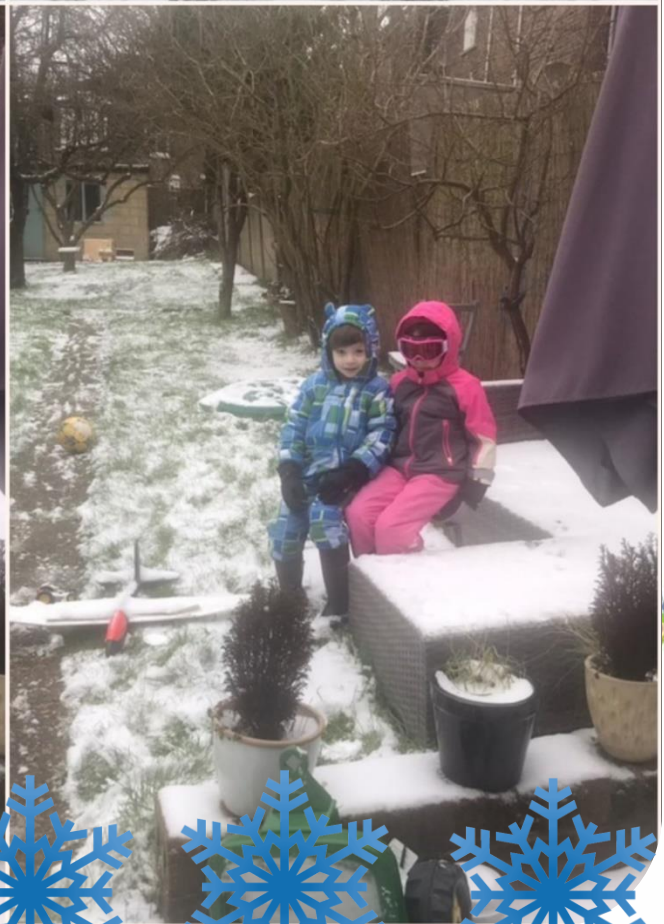




Nursery Vs The Beast from the East!



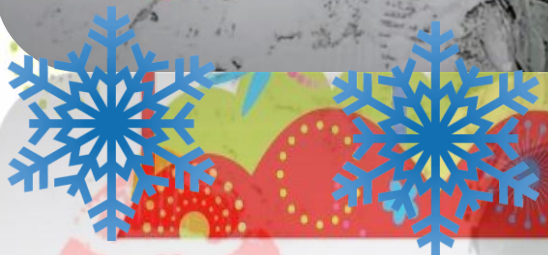








CARTWHEELS IN THE  
SNOW 🧡 🧑‍❄️







Keeping up with school work, with a bit of time to enjoy the snow!







Catching Snowflakes!















Year 6's Climate Change Posters





A busy week for Year 2!  
Some lovely artwork, inspired  
by the outdoors and Barbara  
Hepworth.







Year 1  
embracing  
the  
conditions!







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## Nursery:

We are very proud of all the nursery children, they are working hard at home with their families producing lovely videos and photographs of their learning, which they are sharing with us on Tapestry. You are all super stars!





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## Reception:

The children in Reception class have worked incredibly hard this term. It has been very strange because I know how much they miss their friends and school but they have all adapted so well to their home-learning tasks and I am proud of every single one of them! So this week I would like to nominate the whole of Reception class for 'Star of the Week'! For their determination, perseverance and togetherness!

I would also like to nominate the whole of Reception class Parents and Carers too for 'Star of the week'. They have supported their children immensely at home and we would not be able to do anything without their support. Thank You Reception class parents and carers for all your hard work this term!







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## Year 1:

This week I am giving the star of the week to someone who has tried very hard with all of their work especially their writing. I have seen improvements in their sentences, thinking about making them make sense, checking they have the correct punctuation, they are also trying to write more each day. Well done to **M** for some really fantastic work this week!

**L** has worked so hard in class this week. He has answered all his questions about the class story Paddington at the Palace. He has also been able to retell the story writing some amazing sentences. The staff in Class have been so impressed with your learning this week!



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## Class 2

As always, Class 2 have worked really hard this week. I am so proud of each and every one of them, especially for the incredible writing they have produced. This week, the children turned themselves into Grace Darling and wrote a diary entry about the stormy night where she saved nine people from a shipwreck at sea.

I was particularly impressed by two children this week:

**L** for the incredibly powerful and imaginative descriptions he has used in his writing. One example being 'I knew a ferocious storm was coming when dark clouds started infecting the sky like a disease'. Each day he left me desperate to read his next paragraph. Fantastic work!

**H** - I really think she turned into Grace Darling because when I read her work I couldn't believe it was a child from SJV! She worked hard to create a picture in the readers mind. I see the raging storm and I could feel Grace Darling's fear and bravery when reading her diary entry. Well done!





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## Year 3:

Class 3 have shown such amazing resilience, strength, kindness and inspiration this term. They have made me so very proud to be their teacher. Their joy and enthusiasm has spread much hope and their brilliance goes beyond anything I could have imagined. Two great examples of this excellence are Bryony and Rob.

**B** has worked extremely hard and has been so generous with her ideas. I have been so inspired by her creativity and ability to see the small stuff. Thank you **B** - continue to seek excellence, you have been inspirational this term.

**R** has been incredibly diligent and hardworking. He comes to all lessons ready to learn and completes his tasks to a high standard. His positivity and genuine enthusiasm is infectious. Keep shining **R**!







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## Year 4

This week I nominate **M.** Martha has always taken a very active role in our Zoom sessions and is constantly putting her hand up to answer questions. She works incredibly hard at home to complete all of her work to a very high standard. Keep it up! I also nominate **Z.** Zack has been doing extra work at home on top of his daily task. His extra work involved geometry. He has been able to use these skills to create fantastic pieces of art from different shaped stickers. They look fantastic and it shows how hard he is working at home. Well done!







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## Year 5

**R and X** - This week I'd like to nominate these two boys for being reliable, dependable and mature members of our class. They are always on Zooms (and always participating!) and have shown such maturity in the way that they always hand in work without being nagged and chased for it. Furthermore, as tiredness and fatigue have started to creep into Class 5 this week, these boys have shown incredible stamina and perseverance throughout. They always set high expectations of themselves which is truly great to see. Thank you boys!







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## Year 6

I would like to nominate all of year 6 for the star of the week. They have all been fantastic this half term. They have tried their best with their work and they have supported each other during difficult times. I have been very impressed with their maturity and I am very proud of all of them. Well done year 6! :)



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celebrate!



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY



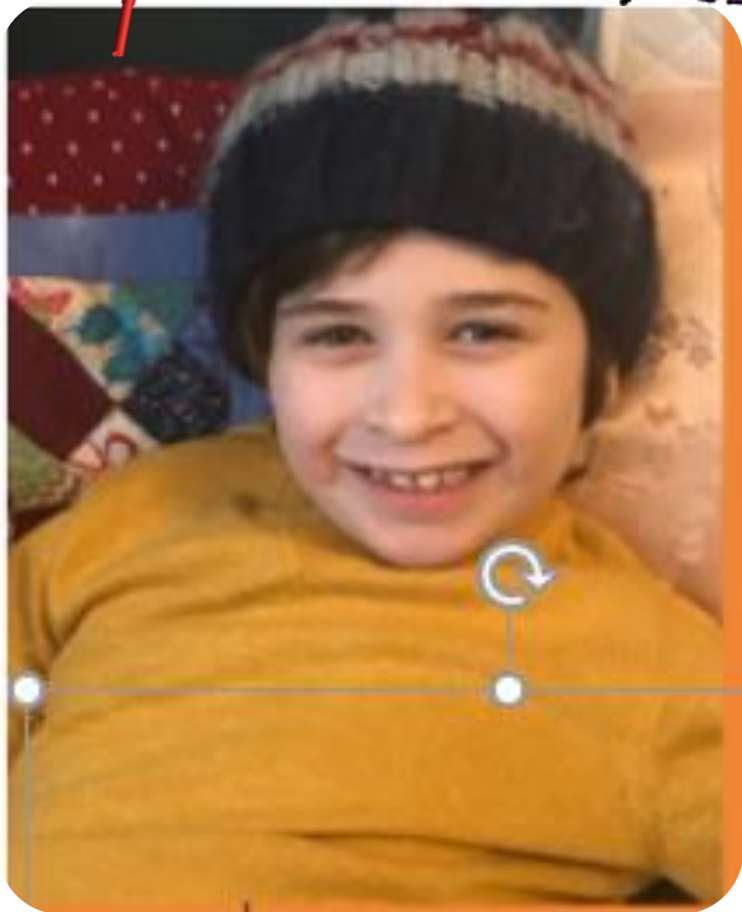
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[CLICK HERE](#) to see the NHS Choir sing 'Lean on Me' –we really have leaned on them in the last year!

