

# St John Vianney Catholic School School Newsletter

Edition: 177 23rd July 2021

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



### Thank You (again!)

I know that I have thanked you all a number of times over the last two academic years, and I am conscious about it becoming blasé' and meaningless if it is just repeated ad infinitum. However...

What I would really like to say is...I really mean it! Really.

It is a singular pleasure to be the Headteacher of this very special community. In the toughest of times, we have not only endured, I believe we have flourished.

The year has been punctuated with some proud highs and, like so many other communities, some desperate lows. We would have buckled had any one of our foundations become loose — our parents, our staff, our Governors, our parish and our children. It is some feat to report that, as we reach the end of this phase of our challenge, we are intact and stronger than ever.

We have proved, twice, that we can support our children remotely (even though we have all had quite enough of that!) and that we can return, recover, bounce back, rejuvenate...whatever the current word is. We can do it because of you all. Our foundations are strong and resilient and while we hope for brighter, simpler times in September, now is the time to reflect on all that we have achieved this year..

Please enjoy the Summer and all that it brings; stay safe, recharge and let's make next year the start of something special! *God bless, Mr. McNicholas* 





# **Staffing 2021-22**

	Nurs	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Teacher	Ms. Agu & Ms. Holden	Ms. Duah	Ms. Collins	Ms. Swan	Ms. Giltinan	Mr. Ehodes	Mr. Quin Ms. Griffin	Ms. Burry
Support staff	Ms. Osborne & Ms. McDonnah	Ms. Yerill Ms. McDonnagh	Ms. Rodrigues	Ms. Andersson Ms. O'Shea	Ms. Tully	Ms. Adler	Ms. Ritchie	Mrs. McDonnagh Ms. Corsini Ms. McDonnagh

Support Teachers Ms. Dewar, Ms. Hulbert, Mr. Scott (KS2 Support)

& Support TAs



## **THANK YOU!**

#### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

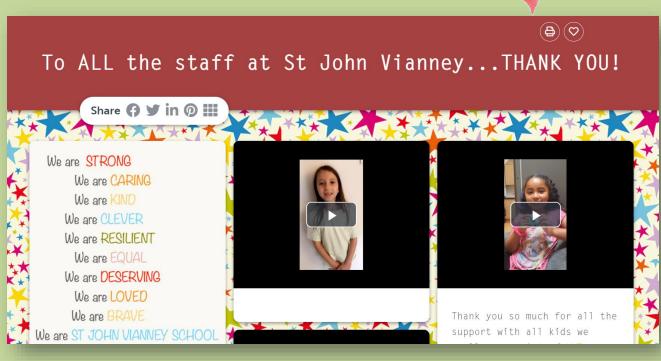
I'd like to take a moment, on behalf of the whole staff, to thank you for your messages good wishes this week.

I have to tell you that your good wishes and appreciation mean a great deal to all of those that work with your children. More than you can imagine.

From the videos sent to teachers to the absolutely lovely 'message board', not to mention all of the gifts and card, it has closed our year on SUCH a high. God bless you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Thank You!





# From our wonderful Year 6's – a Thank You to their teachers!

Such a thoughtful way to say thanks. Not a dry eye in the house I can tell you! Their progress has been managed by a huge team; the best anyone could ever hope for.

But...they've had real quality to work with! Thank you to our children and to our brilliant parents who raised them so well!

As Year 6 tell us in this video...'We are the best Year 6 you've ever had'!

Who am I to argue! <u>CLICK HERE TO VIEW</u>

To all St John Vianney teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, lunchtime staff, Caretakers, head teacher, deputy head.. everyone...

From nursery to year 6, you've been amazing! Thank you and goodbye from your wonderful class of 2021











# Something to think about over the Summer!

The Friends of St. John Vianney are looking for a Chairperson to join their team!

Please consider whether you would be able to support in this way.

It would be amazing to get our 'Friends' up and running again next year – more 'normality'



PUTTING THE FUN INTO FUNDRAISING FOR OUR KIDS!

# Track & Tracing 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 29<sup>th</sup> July IMPORTANT

#### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

As you will know, from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, NHS Track & Trace were due to be taking over the responsibility of establishing and contacting 'close contacts' of confirmed cases.

I am sorry to say, but not entirely surprised, that NHS Track & Trace are not 'ready' to take this on, so Public Health Haringey have asked schools to continue until they are.

### From Friday:

If your child tests positive in any of the 6 days from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> (up to Thursday 29th), can you **please let the school know.** 

Email us on <a href="mailto:homeschool@st-johnvianney.haringey.sch.uk">homeschool@st-johnvianney.haringey.sch.uk</a>

Can you please provide us with the following:

- 1) The date symptoms first started (if there were any)
- 2) The date you received your PCR positive result
- 3) The last day your child was in school

Once we have that, we will notify staff and families in the class so that they can assess their exposure.

I sincerely hope that this does not happen and that we have no further cases to deal with.

If your child tests positive **after Thursday 29**<sup>th</sup> , you must notify NHS Track & Trace.

Please look after yourselves, exercise cation and stay safe over the Summer.

Mr. McNicholas, Headteacher

# St. John Vianney Term Dates 2021-22

### Autumn 2021

	From	То	
Autumn 1	Thursday 2nd September 2021	Friday 22nd October 2021	
Autumn Half Term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021	
Autumn 2	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2021	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021	
Christmas Holiday	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2022	
INSETS (school closed)	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021		
	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021		

## Spring 2022

	From	То
Spring 1	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Spring Half Term	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022
Spring 2	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February, 2022	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022
Easter Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
INSETS (school closed)	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022	
	Monday 21st February 2022	

### Summer 2022

	From	То	
Summer 1	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May, 2022	
Summer Half Term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May, 2022	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	
Summer 2	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June, 2022	Thursday 21st July 2022	
INSETS (school closed)	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022		

# Year 6 – Goodbye & Good Luck!

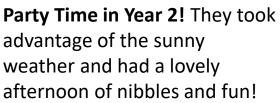
Jesus saw crowds of people approaching and he said to Philip, "Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?" He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, "Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, "There is a small boy here with five loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?" Jesus said to them, "Make the people sit down." There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted until everyone was fed. The word of the Lord



Led by our wonderful Year 6 for the last time, our assembly reflected on the gospel – giving and receiving help when you feel that you have nothing more to give. Never more apt than this year – our year 6s were given so much, from their parents and their teachers, that enabled them to reach the finish line, not just 'intact', but brimming with confidence and ready for the adventure of secondary school. Goodbye & good luck year 6!

Assembly: https://youtu.be/cB07O5h4UZc



















This week we were honoured to welcome Cllr Zena Brabazon (the Cabinet Member for Early Years, Children and Families) and Maria from Public Health Haringey, who was behind the organisation of the Spring Stride 'get fit' campaign and competition. Class 3 were presented with their certificate and prize for finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the borough! Looking forward to next year already!



# Sometimes, 'Bursting Bubbles' is fun!

Year 2 today, too to the pitch armed with the 'funnest' thing known to humanities – BUBBLES!

They had a great time in the sun – it almost felt like the 'other bubbles' bursting in schools across the country didn't exist.

CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE LOVELY VIDEO (and get to listen to a bit of Vera Lynn – win/win!)







# The SJV Paily News

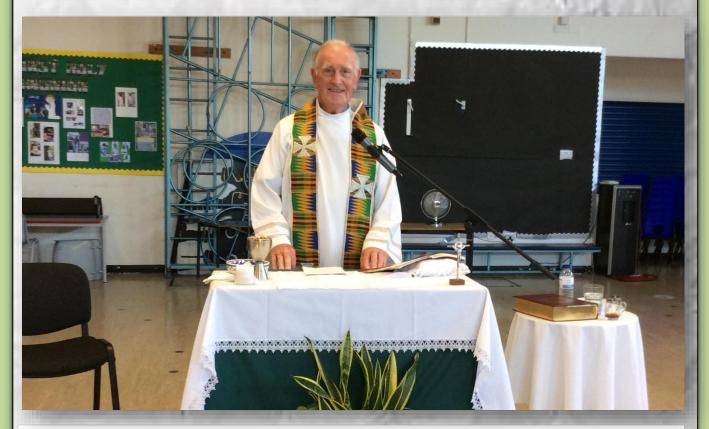
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# 50 Not Out!

Fr. Joe reaches a Golden Milestone!



#### SJV Legend Celebrates 50 Years s Priest!

1971 was a good year, as I shared in my summing up at today's end of year mass. So many good things happened – Mungo Jerry topped the charts with a song about it being really hot in Summer Time (very apt), Apollo 14 reclaimed the moon, Disney World opened its gates for the first time and...Spurs won a trophy! But...all of that pales into insignificance, as the event of the year was clearly that Fr. Joe was ordained a priest! This year he celebrates his Golden Jubilee.

This important moment has brought more happiness and positivity into the world, particularly here at the Parish and School of St. John Vianney, than any of those listed! Especially the Spurs thing, which goes without saying – I'm sure he'd agree!

Fr. Joe has been a sage, consistent and ever present force in our community and we are truly blessed to have such an amazing person on our team. Never more so than over the last two years; when we needed him most, there he was. If you'd told 'young Joe', 50 years ago on that day, that he'd be saying mass over a thing called the 'Internet', bouncing off satellites into people's homes, he'd have a quip ready I'm sure!

Generations of children and staff have valued his words, wisdom and wit and we look forward to many, many more years of happy partnership. Fr. Joe, congratulations and huge, heartfelt thanks from us all at SJV.



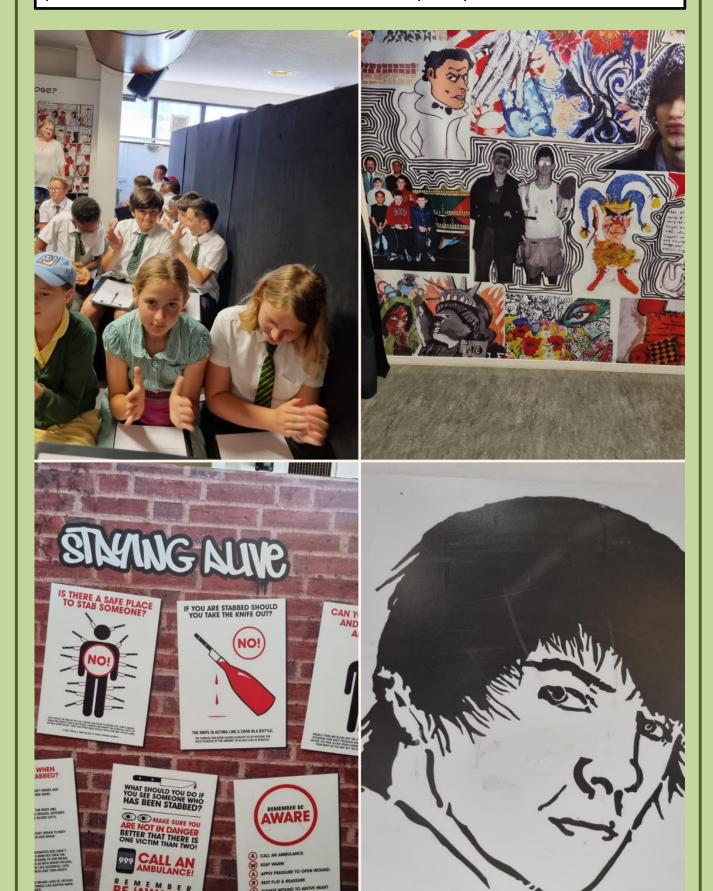




**The Graduate!** This week A graduated from Auditory Verbal and proudly showed off her Certificate, supported by Big Sis, as always! Congratulations A!



**Year 6** this week visited the Ben Kinsella Trust, which is a charity set up in Ben's name to help educate children and to empower them to make positive choices in life. Choices that will help keep them safe.





















## 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.

# **Nursery Places**

Nursery (Sept 2021)
application forms are now ready. Please email the admin@stjohnvianney.Haringey.sch.uk
to make an appointment to collect a form.





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### Mrs. Donellan!

She's been a star for 19 years at our school and today leaves to start a new chapter!
Our children are so lucky to have had such a dedicated, skilled and all round hero in Mrs.
Donellan. She has helped and supported countless children in her time, and quite a few teachers too!

We wish you all the very best – come see us soon!





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# **Nursery:**

The nursery children have made lots is progress during their journey this year. We are so proud of them all: their interest in learning, sense of humour, resilience, eagerness for an adventure and ability to make friends. They are amazing shining stars! We can't wait to see what they get up to next year!





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## **Reception:**

Reception class you have all worked so hard this year, it has been truly magical to see all the amazing learning that you have done you have grown up so much. This week you are all stars of the week! I know that you will all be amazing in year 1, your year 1 teachers are very lucky to have you! A big well done:)





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### Year 1:

This week I would like to give a star to every child in Class 1. It has been a real shame that we had to go back to home learning on our final week together but as always the children have adapted so well. It has been lovely speaking to them over our Zoom sessions and seeing the beautiful work that they have been completing at home with their families. You are all stars this week!











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### Class 2:

Words cannot describe how I feel about Class 2. They are kind, caring, enthusiastic, resilient... the list goes on. It would be impossible for me to choose just two children as my stars this week, and so I am going to have to choose the whole of Class 2!

You are a truly special group of children and I will miss you all so much. Please keep being the incredible people that you are and I wish you all the best in Class 3.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Donellan and choose her as a Star of the Year. Her hard work and dedication to the children has been unbelievable. Because of her, the children in Class 2 have been able to make great progress, especially with their reading. Thank you for everything Mrs Donellan, we love you and we wish you all the best in your next chapter.





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## Class 3:

Thank you Class 3 for a wonderful year, you have all played your part in making it special with so many precious moments to remember. I'd like **E** and **D** to receive the stars on behalf of everyone. They have embodied the spirit of the class by always shining the torches of kindness, resilience, curiosity and joy.

I would also like to give a star to our gorgeous **S** who has been a good friend to us all. She has offered us many ways to see the world with her open-minded and creative thoughts and ideas. We wish you well in your new school. How lucky they are to have you!





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### Class 4:

Where did this year go? It seems like only yesterday we were all sitting down together enjoying our Christmas lunch.

This year has been a memorable one. I have been very lucky to teach Class 4 who have shown positivity, resilience, dedication and perseverance every day. It goes without saying that **they are all superstars**! I was really proud of everyone (parents included) during home learning. Your efforts and level of engagement led to impressive work. In class, everyone displayed a love for learning and were keen to learn more. During the daily mile, we always tried our best whilst displaying great enthusiasm, some even asking to continue and do more running!

We have had many ups and downs this year but we have always stuck together. If a word was used to describe Class 4 it would be 'compassionate'. Class 4 would always support one another whether that's on the playground or in the classroom. You are a remarkable class who will grow even stronger next year! Continue to shine brightly! Although our time this year has finished, our smiles will never fade.





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# Class 5:

I would like to nominate the whole class again (including all of the many amazing staff members involved with Class 5 who have worked their absolute hardest and more this year). All of your efforts are so, so appreciated. Thank you! Each and every one of you has tried your best at every turn this year despite all of the obvious challenges. Not even remote learning in the last week of the academic year could stop them in their tracks! I have really enjoyed teaching Class 5 and watching their development first hand this year. I know they will go into next year as a reliable, mature and brilliant Class 6.

Wishing you all a very restful, relaxing and safe summer holidays.







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### Class 6:

It is with a very heavy heart that I say goodbye to year 6 today. I am truly proud and lucky to have been their teacher, it has been an absolute pleasure. At times they have made us smile, they have made us cry and they have definitely made us laugh on countless occasions. There isn't words to describe how much I will miss them. Thank you to each and every one of them, it has been a difficult year but they also made it wonderful:)

They are all my stars and I'm breaking the rules again this week and choosing all of them.



