



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th January 2023



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your prayers and kindness shown to Mrs Holmes and her son. He is making progress - please continue to pray for Henry.

"May you be witnesses to justice and peace." *Pope Francis*
Within the Catholic Church, this Sunday (15th January 2023)
is known as Peace Sunday. This special day reminds us of
the need to be witnesses to peace around our world.

This week in the Gospel we are asked to be witnesses to our faith - through our words and actions we can be God's witnesses through living our lives the way Jesus shows us. The children know our one school rule "To Love one another as I have loved you" and daily live out this in school and home.

Last Friday was the feast of the Epiphany and it was wonderful to hear the children sing so well in Church and read with meaning and clarity. Good luck to year 6 who start their ministries this weekend in preparation for confirmation in the Summer.

Snow

Please keep an eye on our twitter feed, Seesaw or Tapestry should there be any news regarding snow days.



Deadline for Nursery and Reception Applications for September 2023

If you have not already submitted your application for Nursery or Reception for September 2023 please note the deadline is this **Sunday 15th January**. Please ensure you have provided school with a copy of your Baptism certificate to support your application.



Reminder - School Uniform

Dress & Appearance

No jewellery to be worn with the exception of a watch and one pair of suitable stud earrings. Children are asked not to wear earrings on P.E. and Games days or to remove them independently before a lesson. Staff are not permitted to remove earrings. If for any reason a child is unable to remove their earrings (i.e. newly pierced) please provide plasters or tape to cover their earrings during the lesson.

Hair - Should be kept neat and tidy and suitable for school. Children should not have their hair shaved or dyed and no tram lines or hair extensions. Long hair, below shoulder length, should be tied back so that it is neat and tidy to avoid the spread of nits and should always be tied up for P.E. and Games lessons.

Lost Property - If uniform is clearly labelled we are able to return lost items to the child, unfortunately, we still find a lot of uniform unlabelled. To ensure your child does not lose any items of uniform, please, please ensure everything is clearly labelled and check regularly to ensure name has not faded etc.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL YOUR CHILD'S PROPERTY IS CLEARLY NAMED WITH A PEN THAT DOES NOT WASH OFF!

SJV Owls Club

We are pleased to advise that we have additional places available in our SJV Owls Club which provides before and after school care for the children of St John Vianney School. The charges for Owls Club are as follows:

Morning session - 7.30 to 8.30 a.m. - £4.75 (includes a light breakfast)

Afternoon session - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - £4.75 (includes a snack)

Late afternoon session - 3.15 to 5.30 p.m. - £7.50 (includes a snack)

If you are interested in your child attending Owls Club and would like more information please email owls@sjv.coventry.sch.uk or phone the school office.



SJV Owls Activity Club

Owls Club are now also offering after school sessions as follows:

Maximum number in the group 30. Activities are open to all children in school from Nursery to Year 6

Monday 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. - **Lego Club** – play with Lego and use Lego interactive with the school computers



Tuesday 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. - **Computer Club** - Bee-bots, computers and tablets

Wednesday 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. – **Art Club**

Thursday 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. - **Games night** - Bingo, cards, dominoes, board games

Friday 3.15 - 4:15 p.m. - **Homework club**- reading and support with homework



Sessions will be charged at £4.75 per session payable via Arbor.

Pupils can sign up for a monthly block of sessions but also choose to do the other activities in Owls club if they prefer. If your child would like to sign up for any of these sessions please email owls@sjv.coventry.sch.uk for more information and an application form.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OF WORLD WARCRAFT

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation... but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

ALWAYS ONLINE

World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is absolutely vast, and it can only be played online on PC or Mac – so there's a high probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family computer.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release regular expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). So although there's still plenty of content for young players to experience right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to continue buying future expansion packs, which tend to cost around £50.

IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just like its genre contemporary Final Fantasy XIV, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently £9.99 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

VOICE AND TEXT CHAT

Because World of Warcraft is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they aren't comfortable using voice chat. If you'll forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because – although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being trolled or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

SIMULATED VIOLENCE

The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles look slightly cartoonish compared with the level of authenticity in many more modern games. The exception tends to be Warcraft's in-game cutscenes: animated sections which move the plot onto the next stage. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players (especially young ones) as they rush to secure the next dopamine hit from levelling their character up or earning a new item or weapon. It's also a game that doesn't have a definite end – because as soon as a player finishes levelling up one character, they can start afresh with another one.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MANAGE PLAYTIME

World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, socialising or anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

MAKE IT A REWARD

If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks (you could even call them "quests") like tidying their room or doing their homework. This will demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work earns rewards.

SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL

Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively "pays" for the regular new content, but there's also a sizeable free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up until Level 20 for free, which is easily several hours' worth of gameplay. If your child does take this option, we'd suggest minimising in-game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

REMEMBER THE AGE RATING

Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

ADVENTURE TOGETHER

Warcraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Dextero and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar, among others.



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Stars of the Week

Nursery	Aubree, Thea
Reception	Finn, Rowan
Year 1	Laura, Rowan
Year 2	Franco, Grace
Year 3	Holly & Taylor
Year 4	James, Nicole
Year 5	Aniruth, Isabella
Year 6	Whole class



Reading Books



Reading books to be brought into school on Tuesdays and Fridays.



Starting Primary School in September 2023

Children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 can start school in September 2023. For more information about school admissions and to apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions. Telephone 02476 831622/1613. Closing date for applications is **15th January 2023**.

Please note: If you wish to apply to a Catholic school and your child is baptised Catholic evidence of your child's baptism must be provided at the time of application to the school office or to the Admissions Team. It is your responsibility to obtain and present this evidence.

Starting Nursery School in September 2023

Application forms and information are available from the school office for parents wishing to apply for their child to start in Nursery in September 2023. Children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 can start Nursery in September 2023.

Closing date for applications is **15th January 2023**.

Please note: If you wish to apply to a Catholic school and your child is baptised Catholic evidence of your child's baptism must be provided at the time of application to the school office. It is your responsibility to obtain and present this evidence.

Building Fund Contributions to the school building fund are now due for the Autumn Term (£10.00 per child or £15.00 per family) or for the whole school year (£30.00 per child or £45.00 per family).

Please make your donations via Arbor.



Dates may be subject to change – please check your emails regularly

Sunday 15th January - closing date for Nursery & Reception 2023 applications

Monday, 16th January

Choir - KS2 - lunchtime

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

PTA Meeting - online - 5.00 to 6.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 17th January

Running Club - Year 3/4 - 8.00 to 8.30 a.m.

Year 3 Swimming lessons - a.m.

Boys Football Squad Training –Year 5/6 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Recorder Club - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Art Club - Year 5 & 6 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - **LAST SESSION**

Wednesday, 18th January

Running Club - Year 5 & 6 - 8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. - **NO SESSION**

Mini-Tennis - Year 3 & 4 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m.

Sportshall Athletics - Year 5 & 6 - 9.30 to 12.00 - letters to be sent

Guitar Tuition

Girls Football Squad Training - Year 5/6 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Dance - Year 1 & 2 - 3.15 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Thursday, 19th January

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m.

Year 2 Prayer Service - 9.00 a.m.

Piano Tuition

Creative Flair Dance - Year 3 & 4 - 12.00 to 12.30 p.m. and Year 1 & 2 - lunchtime

Hockey - Year 4 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.

Netball Squad Training - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Friday, 20th January

Future Dates

Wednesday 25th January - Year 6 Speed Saining meeting - 6.00 p.m.

Thursday 26th January - Piano/Guitar Assembly

- Netball Match - away v All Souls School

Friday 27th January - Year 4 Inspire Workshop - 9.00 a.m.

Thursday 2nd February - Non-uniform day - Chocolate donations

- Boys Football Match - home v All Souls School

Friday 3rd February - Year 4 Class Mass - 9.00 a.m.

Saturday 4th February - Year 5 & 6 to attend Mass - 6.00 p.m.

Thursday 9th February - Chocolate Bingo

Don't forget to follow us @sjohnvianney and you can also see our twitter feed on our website.

Please follow us on our main Twitter account: SJV@sjohnvianney

And then also follow your child's phase as seen below:

Year 5 and 6	SJVupper
Year 3 and 4	SJVmiddle
Year 1 and 2	SJVlower
Reception Class (EYFS)	SJVEYFS
Owls Club follow -	@OwlsClubSJV



Facebook - SJV PTA have a Facebook page. If you would like to have access and be added to the page, simply search 'Sjv pta' and submit your request, one of the current members will see your request and add you accordingly.

