



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th September 2022



Dear Parents,

It was very poignant to watch Queen Elizabeth's funeral on the television on Monday and to see the queues of people who filed past the coffin to pay their respects. In school we have created our own book of condolence and have written prayers for the Queen and our new King.

We have come together to remember and pray for Queen Elizabeth II. She was a truly courageous inspirational queen whose faith in Christ was an example to us all. We also think especially about King Charles III and the Royal family at this time and we ask God to hold them in His Love.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.



In this Sunday's Gospel we read about poor Lazarus, suffering at the rich man's gate – and the rich man does nothing to help him. It's easy for us to become so caught up in the busyness of life that we don't even notice the needs of others or, worse still, ignore them. But Jesus repeatedly teaches us about fairness, sharing and kindness to others, particularly to the poor.

Pope Francis reminds us that "A simple lifestyle is good for us, helping us to better share with those in need." The question of a successful life is "How did I use what God had given me to help others?" So, let's not put off until tomorrow the good that we can do today. Enjoy your week and help share God's love.

God wants each one of us to share with people who are in need – people around us and people all over the world and, just like Lazarus, to share in God's everlasting happiness now and forever.

Congratulations to the Nursery children who started this week they have been absolute superstars and have already been in school and sat with the big children to have their dinner. Reception children have also made a great start and showed their enthusiasm to learn.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for our year group meetings over the last couple of weeks. These were well attended and we appreciate you giving up your time. Thank you to the staff for presenting such formative information. We will put all information on our website.



REMINDERS

Please remember that we have new electronic gates at the front of school. Please use the side pedestrian gate to walk through to get to the main office NOT the vehicle access gates.

Gates open in the morning at 8:30 and close at 8:40 if you are late please come to the front entrance and use the small side gate.

PE Days - children should wear their kit into school on P.E./Games Days

Monday Year 5 and 6

Tuesday Year 3 and 4

Wednesday Year 1 and 2

Thursday Reception ,Year 3,4,5 and 6

Friday

Reading Books



Reading books to be brought into school on Tuesdays



Secondary School Applications for Year 6 Pupils

Please remember the closing date for applications is **MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2022.** Please ensure you have completed and returned your application by this date.

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.

Please note that due to Covid19 restrictions we are currently unable to invite parents to visit the school. A virtual tour of the school is available to view on the website.

Reception 2023 Open Morning

We will be holding an Open Morning on Thursday 17th November 2022 between 9.15 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.

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.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

REDDIT

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AGE RATING

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Reddit describes itself as a social news website where users connect and share stories, opinions and support; debate issues; ask questions; and chat to people with similar interests. Discussion topics are organised into communities (known as subreddits) that are created, run and populated by users, who remain anonymous throughout. Free speech is encouraged, and users – or 'redditors' – can vote posts 'up' or 'down' so they get more (or less) attention. Reddit is free to join, although signing up to Reddit Premium unlocks an advert-free version of the platform.

MINIMAL MODERATION

As sharing opinions on Reddit is easy (and anonymous), offensive or age-inappropriate content is frequently posted. Moderation by admins and bots does occur, but can't cover every community – so Reddit relies on users voluntarily moderating these spaces. Subreddits marked NSFW ('not safe for work') can contain anything from profanity to pornography, so are not suitable for under 18s.

HARASSMENT AND TROLLING

If someone on Reddit doesn't agree with your child's opinion, they may feel compelled to say so – in no uncertain terms. This could lead to a public bombardment of hurtful messages. Likewise, Reddit users are highly likely to encounter trolling (where someone posts a deliberately inflammatory comment to provoke a reaction) on the platform, which can be distressing.

FAKE NEWS

Absolutely anyone can post a story on Reddit, so sub-reddits are occasionally prone to bias, misinformation and opinions being repeated as if they were facts. Fake news articles often grab users' attention with catchy or controversial headlines, and Reddit is no exception. It's important that young people are able to identify fake news – and disregard it rather than sharing it.

GIFTING AND SPENDING

Users can gift awards to the authors of posts that they like (thereby encouraging their favourite redditors to keep contributing) by spending Reddit Coins. This virtual currency can be bought on demand (with real money) or received as part of the paid-for premium package. Users sending a gift can also leave an anonymous private message, a feature which has been abused by groomers.

'SUPPORTIVE' STRANGERS

By definition, Reddit users interact with strangers in public through their community – but also have the option to do so privately. Groomers could repeatedly up-vote a child's comments or respond encouragingly to their posts to win their trust. Once they've built a rapport, the predator then begins messaging the child in private to obtain personal details or try to lure them into meeting in person.

NEVER-ENDING NOTIFICATIONS

Reddit's default is for all notifications to be on. There are a total of 26 types of notification on the platform, ranging from chat messages and comments to updates and mentions of username. This would lead to a child's device being pinged almost constantly with alerts, frequently causing them to be distracted by incoming notifications rather than being present in the moment.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SORT THE SETTINGS

Reddit's user settings can help ensure that minors don't view adult material. Under the 'Feed Settings' tab, switch the Adult Content toggle to 'off', and enable Safe Browsing Mode (this blurs out any explicit images). Also in settings, you can turn off all unnecessary notifications, to prevent your child being distracted by every post or comment on Reddit, allowing them some tech-free time.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

It can often be difficult to tell if something online is real or fake – particularly for young people. It's important to encourage your child to double-check with reputable sources if what they've read is genuine. Remind them to consider what motives might be in the message – and to watch out for scams. Chatting about this regularly helps to develop critical thinking skills and good online habits.

RISE ABOVE IT

If a person says something critical or offensive to your child on Reddit, it's natural that they'll want to respond. Explain to them, however, that is exactly the reaction that trolls look for. Don't give them the satisfaction: instead, report the comment to Reddit Support for investigation. Blocking a user stops them from messaging or following your child on the platform.

AVOID PRIVATE MESSAGING

Through their Reddit profile, young people can control who's able to message them privately – with options including 'no-one' and 'accounts older than 30 days'. These controls help ensure potential groomers can't talk to your child in private, and that Reddit's admins and other users will be able to moderate and report anything they spot which causes them concern.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware. She has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Sources: <https://www.redditinc.com/policies/content-policy#september-12-2021> | <https://www.redditinc.com/policies/content-policy>



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

Monday, 26th September

Choir - KS2 - lunchtime

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

P.T.A AGM - 5.00 p.m. - online - please see Facebook page to attend meeting

Tuesday, 27th September

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

Boys Football Squad Training –Year 5/6 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.

Multi-skills - Year 1 & 2 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.

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

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

Wednesday, 28th September

Running Club - Year 5 & 6 - 8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.

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

Guitar Tuition

Girls Football Squad Training - Year 5/6 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.

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

Thursday, 29th September

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

Piano Tuition

Creative Flair Dance - Year 3 & 4 - 12.00 to 12.30 p.m.

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

Netball Squad Training - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.

Friday, 30th September

Teacher Training Day - School Closed to children



Future Dates

Tuesday 4th October	- Year 1 Inspire Workshop - 9.00 a.m.
Wednesday 5th October	- Netball Match - away v St Augustine's School
Thursday 6th October	- Reception Class Welcome Service - 9.00 a.m.
	- Year 6 SEND Review Day
	- Football match - home v St Mary & St Benedict's School
Friday 7th October	- Harvest Festival Mass & Cake Sale
Saturday 8th October	- Year 6 Mass of Commitment & Reception Class Welcome Mass - 6.00 p.m.

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



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.

