

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st October 2022



Dear Parents,



It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Ball on the birth of their baby boy Oliver Arthur John Ball born on 17th October weighing 9lbs 12oz. We have prayed for them and wish them every happiness for the future and we can't wait to meet Baby Ball.

Year 1

Led an Inspire workshop that developed their understanding about their class saint - St Francis. They made beautiful bird feeders which I hope have been hung in your gardens. They learnt all about St Francis and how he is the saint most closely linked to saving our environment.

Year 5

Led an Inspire workshop on creation last week inviting parents into school to learn all about our unit on Creation. Beautiful clay figures have been created of animals that God created. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and support the children's learning

Year 4

Year 4 celebrated October as the month of the rosary in their assembly. They were so reverent and prayerful that I actually thought I was in Church. They read with feeling and expression teaching us all about the rosary. Well done to Year 4, you were fantastic. Thank you to Mrs Connolly and Miss Cook for your hard work behind the scenes.

Year 1

Year 1 have led a Prayer service about Mary. The children read extremely well and their singing was beautiful. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend. We have now launched the prayer bags for Year 1 and hope that you all enjoy developing your faith at home. Thank you to Miss Twomey and Miss Carr for such a lovely service.

Year 6 visit to Dol-Y-Moch

Well done to Year 6 who were a credit to our school. It was a pleasure to take our children to Wales. They stretched themselves to achieve so many personal bests. It was lovely to hear the children encourage each other to complete the task and challenge set. They showed care and support for each and were always polite and thanked the staff at Dol-y-moch for their support and hard work. On behalf of the children and parents I would like to thank the staff who went for their hard work behind the scenes making this trip such a success-thank you to Mrs Holmes, Mrs Cook, Mr Carroll and myself.



Parents evening this week was a big success. It was lovely to see so many parents in school who talked favourably about our wonderful school and how well we have dealt with COVID and work to close the gaps caused by the pandemic. I thank you for your kind words and support.



Black History Month

This month we have been celebrating the work of many black people who have influenced our lives. We have had assemblies and each class have researched a black scientist who has had a profound affect upon the world



Yr R - Charles Henry Turner

Charles was the first person to discover that insects can hear.

His work also helped prove that honey bees can see colours and that ants move in a certain way when going back to their nest. This is called Turner's Circling.

Yr 1 - Marie Maynard Daly

Marie Maynard Daly was an American scientist. She is known for her research on how the human body works.

Yr 2 - Dr Shirley Ann Jackson

Dr Shirley Ann Jackson is an American scientist and teacher. She has helped create new technology to help people communicate better with each other.

Yr 3 - Elizabeth Anionwu

In the 1970s, Elizabeth saw patients with **sickle cell disease**. Many doctors in Britain didn't know much about it at the time. Elizabeth took part in training to find out more about the illness. In 1979, she helped set up the first centre to help people with **sickle cell disease**.

Yr 4 - Madame C J Walker

Madam C.J. Walker was an American inventor and businesswoman. She was the first American woman to become a millionaire through starting her own business.

Yr 5 - Benjamin Banneker

Benjamin Banneker was an American scientist, inventor and mathematician.

Yr 6 - Dr Jane Cooke Wright

Dr Jane Cooke Wright was an American scientist. She helped find new ways to treat a group of diseases called cancer.

We are currently researching Black Saints one for each class. I know that Year 5 have chosen St Martin de Porres.

We are continuing to learn about other faiths religions and cultures throughout the year.

Wolf Run - Thank you to everyone who has partaken in our wolf run. I am writing this before we have done the event as I will be outside all day probably in the rain and cold. Thank you for supporting the event. Thank you to our PTA members who help make the event run smoothly. **Please send in sponsor money by 4th November.**

Trips - As you are aware we had to cancel our end of year trips this year to the extreme heat. We had promised to rearrange the trips so that they would take place during the Autumn term, however, due to the current financial situation we have decided to save the money paid and transfer it over to trips which will take place early in the Summer term next year. This will save us asking parents for more money next year, the only classes that will have to pay next year will be Reception and Nursery.



KS1 Trips - letters have been sent out this week about trips for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Please complete and return the consent forms as soon as possible and make payment via Arbor. Please do not send in cash payments.

Social Media - Please do not use social media to vent about school. We have an open door policy. I am on the gate or playground usually daily and I will endeavour to investigate any problems. We encourage the children to be good role models and follow our one school rule 'Love one another as I have loved you'. There are always two sides of every story. Try to walk in someone else's shoes and see both sides of every story.

Tax Free Childcare Vouchers - please note these can only be used for Owls Club and Nursery extra hours and cannot be used for school meals, trips etc.

Half term

Wishing everyone a very happy and restful Half Term

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SENDIT

Sendit is an add-on to Snapchat, not a standalone app: it requires users to have an active Snapchat account, which they then connect to Sendit. It's important that trusted adults realise, therefore, that any risks associated with Snapchat also affect children using Sendit. Within the app, people play question games like 'Truth or Dare' and 'Never Have I Ever': users select a question to share on their Snapchat story for their friends to reply to. All responses are anonymous, although – for paying subscribers – Sendit reveals hints about who sent which messages.

Age rating:
12+ App Store
Teen Google Play
However, Sendit's own terms and conditions state that it was developed for the 17+ age group

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ANONYMOUS RESPONSES

Anonymity online encourages people to say things and act in ways that they normally wouldn't. They're less accountable, and it's harder to track who sent a message. Research has highlighted that children perceive anonymous messages as being more severe than if the same message had come from a friend. Any app that lets children communicate anonymously should be treated with caution.

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Categories of questions such as "Ask me anything" or "Rate me" – coupled with the app's anonymity – mean there is a likelihood of some friends or strangers (if the account is set to 'public') responding in a negative manner. These critical comments (especially if there are several) could ruin a young person's self-esteem – heightening their insecurities and affecting their mental health.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Currently costing £8.49 per week, Sendit's Diamond Membership offers clues about who sent a particular message, such as their approximate location, the type of phone used and any mutual friends. Membership also provides exclusive games and an ad-free experience. Young people may well be curious to find out who certain messages are from and therefore sign up for membership.

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

Open-ended questions which relate personally to the sender are an opportunity for malicious people to make offensive remarks, which can lead to full-blown bullying and harassment. Additionally, bullies and trolls can hide behind the anonymity that Sendit offers, feeling more powerful and able to intimidate their target – who, by contrast, feels hurt, victimised and helpless.

POSSIBLE GROOMING

If your child doesn't have their Snapchat account set to private, or they have previously added strangers as friends, there is a possibility of predators responding to their Sendit questions. They do this in an attempt to gather information about your child – or to initiate a conversation with them, seeking ultimately to form an online 'friendship' and gain the young person's trust.

REPEATED ENGAGEMENT

On Sendit, users receive trophies for reaching a particular number of responses, for answering friends' questions and for posting their own. This sense of achievement could incentivise a young person to be active on Sendit more frequently – spending more time on their phone or tablet as they may naturally want to collect all of the trophies or might be competing with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

If your child has already downloaded Sendit, it might be wise to have a discussion with them about the impact that saying something anonymously online could have on others. Encourage them to think about how they would feel if they were on the receiving end of a particular comment. Reminding them to stop and re-read messages before sending could reduce the number of regrettable situations.

BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

Even if you do allow your child to use Sendit, you might want to consider talking to them in advance about whether they really need a membership subscription. Either way, it's probably safest to make sure that in-app purchases are blocked in the settings, or that you have configured your child's device to ask for your approval before making a purchase online.

TALK IT OVER

Before allowing a young person onto a social networking app, it's a good idea to chat with them about the possibility of receiving hurtful comments. Explain that not everyone online is nice; that people often say things they don't mean; and that posts get misinterpreted. Teach your child not to reply to any offensive users on Sendit and simply block instead them (via the three dots in the top right of the screen).

ONLY PLAY WITH FRIENDS

Stress the importance of your child playing Sendit games only with their close friends and not having strangers on their contacts list. This should help to keep the nature of the questions light-hearted – and if the games are being played among a small group, it will be easier for the members to figure out who gave certain answers if someone's been left feeling hurt or uncomfortable by any responses.

Meet Our Expert

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



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Safe Parking around school

A reminder to park a little bit away from school and walk two minutes to the gate. The cones have been put out to encourage drivers not to park near or on the bend for the safety of the children. Please do not block anyone's drive and take time to park sensibly in the Church car park.

Thank you for your support in this matter



Tempest Photography - Our school photograph day will take place on Monday 31st October - all children in school will have an individual and family photo taken on the day.

Future Dates - Please note that we have now arranged the following sacraments:

Reconciliation - Year 3 - Friday 11th November - after 9.00 a.m. Mass - new date

First Holy Communion - Year 3 - Saturday 13th May 2023 - a.m.

Confirmation - Year 6 - Saturday 24th June 2023 - 6.00 p.m.



Reading Books



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



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.

Nursery 2023 applications - information and application forms will be available after half term.

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

Monday, 31st October

Children return to school

School Photo Day

Choir - KS2 - lunchtime

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 1st November

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

Whole school to attend Mass

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, 2nd November

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, 3rd November

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.

Boys Football Match - away v Holy Family School

Friday, 4th November

Please return Wolf Run Sponsor money



Future Dates

Wednesday 9th November

Thursday 10th November

Friday 11th November

Saturday 12th November

Thursday 17th November

Wednesday 23rd November

- Netball Match - home v O.L.A. School

- Year 6 Class Assembly - 9.00 a.m.

- Boys Football Match - away v Christ the King School

- Year 5 Class Mass - 9.00 a.m. in Church

- Year 3 Reconciliation - after Mass - in Church

- Year 3 Mass of Commitment & Year 4 to attend Mass - 6.00 p.m.

- Reception 2023 Open Morning - 9.15 to 10.15 a.m.

- Nursery 2023 Open Afternoon - 3.45 to 4.15 p.m.

- Flu Immunisation - Reception to Year 6

- Movie Night

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.

