



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 29th September 2022



Dear Parents,

Little Way Week is a week of service which is inspired by the life of St Thérèse of Lisieux who remained faithful to God throughout her short life. St Thérèse is a great model of faith for all people. Helping our children to grow in faith, to know and to love God, is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Faith in God transforms how we see the world and helps us to keep growing in our love for each other too.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us about the power (and also the duty) that comes from having faith in God. Faith can 'move mountains'; it can free us from anxiety and give us confidence and inner strength. A family full of faith is a family full of joy. Enjoy exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is FAITH.



"The family is the place where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith." Pope Francis

Next weekend we look forward to welcoming Reception Class into our Church family and hearing Year 6 make their commitment to sacramental preparation for Confirmation. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us on Saturday 8th October at 6.00 pm in Church.

Attendance

Polite reminder please send written requests for exceptional leave before you book and please give plenty of notice for your request.

Days off for family outings are usually unauthorised as these can take place during half term holidays and at weekends. Regular school attendance is important for your child's education. Please note that teachers will not be able to set homework if you take your child out of school for a holiday or a day out.



PTA had their AGM this week and have already started to organise fun events

Wolf Run - 21st October – we do this in all weathers and Year 6 and Year 5 prepare to get wet and muddy. Sponsor forms to follow next week.

Movie Night - 23rd November – more information to come soon.



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.



10 tips for parents and carers

HOW TO BE GREEN WITH YOUR TECH

Right now, humans aren't living sustainably: we're taking too many resources and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. Old tech products are a clear example: if we throw them away, the poisonous lead and mercury inside can get into the food chain through the soil. Recycling tech, though, has its own issues: it's often exported to countries where the law doesn't protect people from hazards, while villages (including children) sort through discarded devices to remove useful parts and substances like gold, silver and copper – often putting their health at risk. Finding ways to re-use tech is the greenest option.

So what can we do with those cupboards and drawers full of old phones and unwanted computers?
Reuse, recycle, donate or sell them!

1 DONATE THEM TO CHARITY

There are lots of charities that need tech to support their causes, either in the UK or in developing countries. If your old products are still working, this is a great option – as it means that new products don't have to be made. Search online for your nearest place that does this.

2 REMEMBER THE BATTERIES

Most all batteries can be recycled – even the little "button" ones from old gadgets. You could choose a box of home or school kit to keep your batteries in, and then take them to a designated place that collects them, be very careful though – button cells can be deadly if eaten by small children or pets.

3 USE YOUR ONLINE SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

If you're recycling, selling or repurposing any of your devices, make sure that all your personal data, photos and so on have been deleted before the tech leaves your hands or is connected online.

4 REUSE THEM

Old smartphones can be used as webcams, security cameras, baby monitors or just spares. There are apps that will translate them into a clock. You can also turn an outdated phone into a remote control, an alarm clock that makes you tap with your finger to wake, or a music centre you can take to places where you wouldn't risk your new phone.

5 TURN IT INTO SOMETHING NEW

Smart phones are more powerful than most older computers. If you have an unwanted android phone, it's quite easy to create a new computer – you could use an old TV as a monitor, replacing you just need a mouse and keyboard. There are also small devices you can buy which let you do the same with iPhones.

6 RETURN THEM

Return devices to the manufacturer or retailer you bought them from. Some manufacturers take responsibility for their products and arrange them back, or refurbish and redistribute. If they don't, you could return them and ask why: the more consumer pressure there is on shops and manufacturers, the more likely they are to act in a greener way.

7 SUPPORT SCIENCE

Let your old devices help modern research. Scientists currently investigate topics like low-altitude systems, cancer treatment and earthquake risk using enormous computing power. If your unwanted device is still able to, for example, you can connect it to a network so that it can boost scientists' research.

8 SELL THEM

This is a bit of a green option as it means that fewer devices have to be produced. On top of that, you could also donate some of the money you make to an environmental charity.

9 RESEARCH DISPOSAL METHODS

If your device is beyond repair and no one wants it, get rid of it safely through a specialist tech disposal company. Check that your device won't be shipped off to another country for processing.

10 KEEP THINKING

There's no such thing as "too many" ways to help our planet! If you come up with a better idea than ours, contact National Online Safety and tell us.

Meet Our Expert

We have a team of experts who help you through our website, our helpline, our social media, and our newsletters. We're here to help you make the most of your tech and keep you safe online. If you have any questions, please contact us. We're here to help you make the most of your tech and keep you safe online. If you have any questions, please contact us.



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Items in this guide are an illustration of what we think is the best way to do things. We can't be held responsible for any damage or loss caused by following the advice in this guide.

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

Monday, 3rd October

Choir - KS2 - lunchtime

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 4th October

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

Year 1 Inspire Workshop - 9.00 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, 5th October

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

Netball Match - away v St Augustine's School

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, 6th October

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

Reception Class Welcome Prayer Service - 9.00 a.m.

Year 6 SEND Review Day

Piano Tuition

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

Football match - home v St Mary & St Benedict's School

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

Netball Squad Training - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.

Friday, 7th October

Harvest Festival Mass & Cake Sale

Saturday 8th October - Year 6 Mass of Commitment & Reception Class Welcome Mass - 6.00 p.m.



Future Dates

10th to 14th October	- Year 6 visit to Dol-y-moch
Thursday 13th October	- Year 5 Inspire Workshop - 9.00 a.m.
	- SEND Review Day

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.

