

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th April 2023



Dear parents,

Today we say farewell to Ms Lampett who has worked at our school for 5 years and has been known to us for many more years as a parent and previous to that she helped run the Kids Club. Ms Lampett will be sincerely missed by all the staff and pupils as she always had a resource to share – you name it, she had it. We wish Ms Lampett every success in her new adventures and hope she likes the gifts from the staff and pupils.

Some children from Year 6 have worked with the MAC to develop their maths skills and bring great ideas back to school that we can further develop and use with the whole class. They were great ambassadors for our school and demonstrated fabulous skills.

The MAC have also worked with a group of Year 4 children to enable them to bring back to school some new games to develop multiplication skills. The children thoroughly enjoyed the games and we even saw a bit of a competitive spirit.

Year 6 have shown great resilience and progress this year and are now on the last leg of their preparation for SATS. We look forward to sharing breakfast club (the highlight of their week).

Year 5 are developing their creative skills and will be learning how to sew and learn a range of stitches.

In Year 4 the children are learning all about the Vikings. They can recall many facts about the Vikings how they came from Scandinavia and built Longboats. We are hoping to make Viking shields and Helmets in the next few weeks.

In Year 3 the children are busy preparing for their First Holy Communion and will have their inspire workshop on 4th May. Please keep Year 3 in your prayers.

In Year 2 the children are learning about Pirates and we have drawn some great pirates. We are going to learn about some famous pirates called Blackbeard and Grace O Malley.

Year 1 are learning all about Dinosaurs (a favourite topic for many children). If you have some Dinosaur books I am sure Miss Twomey would love to read them.

Year R are busy developing their writing skills and I have been blown away this week by their independent writing- keep it up!

Nursery are now joining us for all our assemblies and hymn practise- it's so hard to identify the youngest children in the school as they have excellent behaviour.



Job Vacancy - Lunchtime Dining Room Assistant

We have a vacancy for a Dining Room Assistant at St John Vianney School - 1 1/4 hours per day, 5 days per week. If you are interested please email admin@sjv.coventry.sch.uk or phone the school office on 02476 464088 to arrange to come into school for an informal chat. Please see school website for more information - <https://www.sjv.hccmac.co.uk/>

SJV Owls Club

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.



Free School Meals

If you think that you may qualify for free school meals, even if your child is in KS1 or does not want to receive school meals, please take the time to apply as the school will receive additional funding if you qualify.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

FREE School Meals for families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)



Are you living in Coventry and No Recourse to Public Funds?



Is your annual household income below £22,700 (for families if you have one child)?

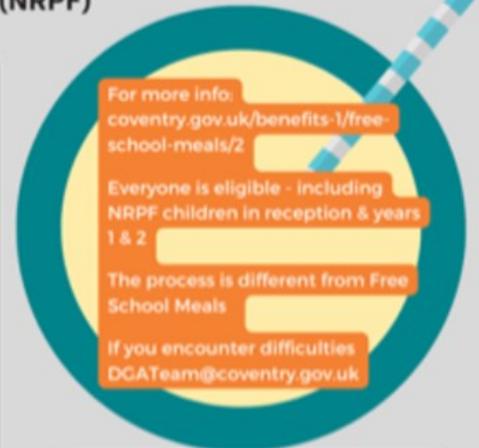


Are your total savings or capital under £16,000 or £26,300 (if you have two or more children)?



If you answered yes to these questions...

you are eligible for Free School Meals.



For more info:
coventry.gov.uk/benefits-1/free-school-meals/2

Everyone is eligible - including NRPF children in reception & years 1 & 2

The process is different from Free School Meals

If you encounter difficulties
DGATeam@coventry.gov.uk



What should you do ?



Fill out the self declaration on the back of this leaflet



Take it to your children's school to make the request

Online Safety: Parent information evening 23/05/23

Blue Coat have been offered expert help of the local West Midlands Police in partnership with Coventry City Council's Prevent Team to help make Online Safety easier to navigate.

The engaging workshop lasts for approximately **1h 15 mins** this will be an in person event at 6pm at Blue Coat to be held in the **Theatre** it starts at **6pm**. It is open to parents of students from all years. All attendees receive a resource pack with useful tips and links for further support following the session. We will share guidance and strategies on how to make the internet a safer experience for children.

The following topics will be explored:

- Apps and appropriate ages
- Safety settings
- Grooming, Sexting, Bullying, Radicalisation and Extremism
- Gaming
- Introducing house rules
- How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim

Identifying some of the issues and areas of concern and the strategies, methods and tools that parents can put in place to help keep their children safer when they go online.

You can turn up on the night, but it would be helpful if you are interested in attending please register your interest by emailing c.penn@bluecoatschool.com with how many people will be attending.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WIZZ

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

12+ App Store
Teen Google Playstore

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Wizz is a networking app which allows users to connect and chat with other people around the world. Its principle is similar to a dating platform: users have a profile with up to three photos, along with optional interests and hobbies tags. This allows other like-minded people to be recommended in searches. If a user likes what they see on someone's profile, they can initiate conversation through the instant message feature; otherwise they swipe on. The app does use age verification technology when an account is created and groups users by age.

OVER-SHARING

Immediately after setting up an account, users start receiving friend requests (mainly from the opposite gender). For many young people, this will be exciting and a boost to their confidence. As young people tend to be more trusting online and may believe what others tell them, however, this can lull them into dropping their guard and revealing personal information to strangers.

CATFISHING AND PREDATORS

Wizz uses Yoti, a digital ID system, to verify users' age. The AI only detects approximate age, though – so an older person who looks younger could be grouped with teens (or vice versa). Also, profile pics on Wizz don't have to match the face of the person who did the initial age verification: it would be fairly easy to create a fake account using another person's photos with a made-up name and age.

EXPLICIT CONTENT

During our research, conversations on Wizz very quickly turned sexual. Users frequently suggested 'taking it to Snap' (Snapchat's disappearing image feature can make it conducive to sharing explicit selfies), connecting on other social media, swapping nude or semi-nude pictures, or holding sexual chats. These users created an impression of the platform being sleazy and unsafe for young people.

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MEET STRANG

INTIMATE IMAGES

It's not unheard of for young people to be coaxed into sending suggestive images of themselves over apps of this kind. Given that Wizz connects users with strangers, who may not be honest about their real intentions, a teenager might conceivably be persuaded to share sexually suggestive selfies by someone who they believed they had a trusting relationship with.

NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

The app claims to provide a secure and inclusive environment, but our researcher couldn't find any parental controls or safety features in evidence. If you report another user for inappropriate behaviour, you are offered the option to block them – but there's no indication as to whether the block has actually been successful, and there was no follow-up contact from the developers.

SECRETS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Wizz sent our researcher occasional 'mystery' friend requests from a blurred-out profile. To discover the sender's identity, users can either watch a video (usually an ad for a game or app) or take out a monthly subscription. Critics might suggest this could be a way to exploit young people's curiosity into making them pay for the app, and that the 'secret admirers' are bots rather than real people.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT OUT

If your child has downloaded Wizz, talk to them about why they like it and who've chatted with. Have they shared any personal details with this person or connected with them on other social media platforms? Refresh your child's memory of the various risks that can arise from engaging with strangers online and get them to consider using a similar app with more robust safety features.



BE SUPPORTIVE

When connecting with strangers on apps like Wizz, seemingly innocent chats can quickly progress to become sexually explicit and lead to nudes being sent. Make sure your child knows to come to you if they're uncomfortable about anything they've been sent or been asked to send, if they've already shared something that they now regret, reassure them that you'll support them no matter what.

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Young people are far more inclined to see the good in others; they often overlook the fact that scammers set up fake accounts on apps like this with the intention of getting money or personal data. Remind them that not everyone online is who they claim to be, how easy it is for someone to create a bogus profile, and why it's vital to think twice about sharing anything on networking apps.



KEEP THINGS TRANSPARENT

It might feel awkward, but regular chats about your child's online life can be beneficial. If they seem suddenly anxious or secretive around their phone or tablet, they may have something they need to get off their chest. You could also consider not allowing digital devices in their bedroom, especially overnight – that's when a lot of the riskier conversations on apps like Wizz tend to take place.



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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Stars of the Week

Nursery Jack, Tommy G

Reception Penny, Ray

Year 1 Evie, Kayden

Year 2 Ambroz, Ella-Rose

Year 3 Bobby, Millie

Year 4 Bethany, Noah

Year 5 Oliver, Trinity

Year 6 Lincoln, Eva



Reading Books



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



Reminder

The school gates are open every morning between 8.30 and 8.40 a.m.
Please ensure your child arrives in school between these times.

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.

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, 1st May

Choir - KS2 - lunchtime
Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.
PTA Meeting 5:30pm (Gala Day)

Tuesday, 2nd May

**Strike Action—Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 Do Not Attend.
Year 3 Morning Attendance Only (12pm finish).**

Athletics - Year 3/4 - 8.00 to 8.30 a.m. – **NO SESSION**
Recorder Club - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m. - **NO SESSION**
Football Training - Year 3/4 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.— **NO SESSION**

Wednesday, 3rd May

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

Thursday, 4th May

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.
Creative Flair Dance - Year 1 & 2 - lunchtime
Hockey - Year 4 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.
Inspire Workshop—Year 3

Friday, 5th May

Creative Flair Music Club - Reception Class - lunchtime



Future Dates

9th to 12th May	- SATs testing week
Saturday 13th May	- Year 3 First Holy Communion Mass - 11.00 a.m.
Wednesday 17th May	- Nursery Class Prayer Service
Friday 19th May	- Non Uniform Day - Bring a bottle
Saturday 20th May	- Year 3 lead Parish Mass - 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 25th May	- Non Uniform Day - Bring chocolate/sweets
Friday 26th May	- Year 3 Class Assembly - 2:00 pm.

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SJV@sjohnvianney



For 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.

