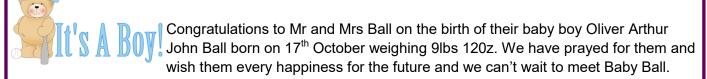


# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st October 2022



Dear Parents.



#### 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 or 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.

#### <u>Year 1</u>

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.



<u>Parents evening</u> 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 - Bejamin 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.













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.

Social Media - Please do not use social media to vent about school. We have an open door

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

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.



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

# ANONYMOUS RESPONSES

#### MEMBERSHIP COSTS

#### BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

#### POSSIBLE GROOMING

### REPEATED ENGAGEMENT

# 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

## 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

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#### Meet Our Expert

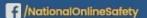


National Safety #WakeUpWednesday



www.nationalonlinesafety.com







### 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

<u>Tempest Photography -</u> 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 <a href="https://www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions">www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions</a>. Telephone 02476 831622/1613. Closing date for applications is <a href="https://www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions">15th January 2023</a>.

Please note: If you wish to apply to a Catholic school and your child is baptised Catholic <u>evidence of your child's baptism must be provided at the time of application</u> 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.

<u>Building Fund</u> 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 - Netball Match - home v O.L.A. School

Thursday 10th November - 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 Friday 11th November

- Year 3 Reconciliation - after Mass - in Church

Saturday 12th November - Year 3 Mass of Commitment & Year 4 to attend Mass - 6.00 p.m.

Thursday 17th November

- 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

Wednesday 23rd November

- 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

