



# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

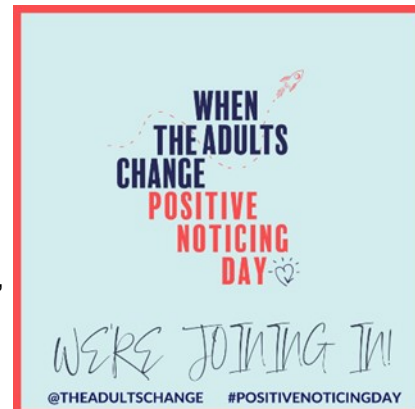
## NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th November 2022

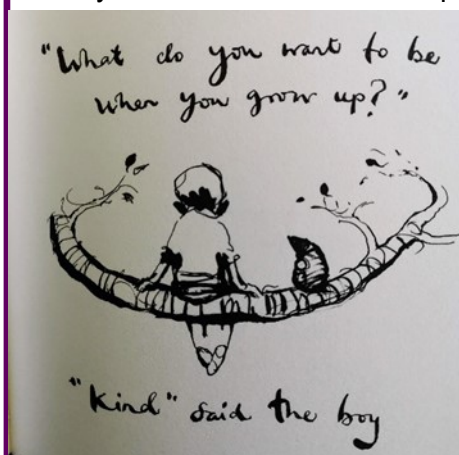


Dear Parents,

Welcome back. I hope that you have all had a lovely half term. This week in school we have been encouraging our children to look for the positives in life. We are quick to moan and complain when something is wrong but we find it hard to be thankful and full of gratitude when things are good. Therefore, we have been encouraging pupils to be positive. On 16<sup>th</sup> November we will be celebrating positive noticing day, let's hope that we as adults can be fabulous role models by being positive too.



The Gospel message this week clearly links with our mission statement "To Love one another as I have loved you". God made us all unique individuals in his likeness and image. Together we are one family that welcomes everyone regardless of race, gender, or ethnicity.



"We are all of the same stock and members of the one human family; we have the same Father in heaven and we are all his children." *Pope Francis*

We are pleased to advise that from today we will be reintroducing our Stars of the Week Assembly. The children who achieve this will be given a certificate during assembly and we will notify parents each week via our Weekly Newsletter.

Congratulations to the Year 5 pupils that took part in a Dodgeball competition and came third overall. Well done on your admirable sportsmanship, you were a credit to the school.

Thank you for all the money that has been raised from the Wolf Run, if you have not returned your sponsor money please send it into school as soon as possible next week. We will share the total soon.





**KS1 Trips** - thank you to everyone who has returned their consent for the trips and made payment via Arbor. If you have not already done so please send in consent and make payment as soon as possible.

### **Reception 2023**

Our Reception Class 2023 Open Morning takes place on 17<sup>th</sup> November 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - this is an opportunity for new parents to have a look around our school. All parents are invited to see our classes in action and have a guided tour.

### **Nursery 2023**

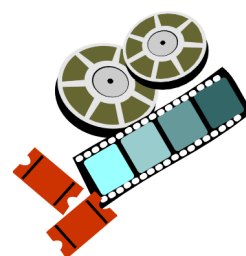
We will also have an Open Afternoon for Nursery 2023 on 17th November from 3.45 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. - this will be the opportunity for parents to view our new Nursery. Information about applying for Nursery 2023 will also be available on the day.

### **Movie Night**

Save the date for Movie Night on Wednesday 23rd November - information will be sent out next week.

### **PTA Meeting**

Our next PTA meeting will take place online on Monday 14th November



### **Flu Vaccinations**

Information has been sent out this week about the flu vaccinations for children from Reception to Year 6 which will take place on 23rd November - please follow the link on the letter sent to advise whether or not you give consent to your child receiving their vaccination. **The deadline is 13th November**

### **Nursery and Reception Christmas Performances**

Please note the performances will take place at **10.00 a.m.** on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th December

### **Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performances**

Please note the performances will take place at **9.15 a.m.** on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December

### **P.E. Hoodies**

We are pleased to advise that the orders of P.E. hoodies have now been delivered. Yesterday we sent home outstanding orders that were placed during the summer and autumn term except for aged 9-11 hoodies which will be sent home next week. If you have any queries regarding your orders please email [adminstaff@sjv.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:adminstaff@sjv.coventry.sch.uk)

### **Poppy Appeal**



Our Year 6 children will be selling Poppies in school during next week for the Poppy Appeal, if your child would like to purchase a poppy please send in money with your child next week.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# AMIGO

Amigo is a social platform which purports to connect strangers from around the world – and, with built-in translation software, it reduces the expected language barriers. Focusing heavily on one-to-one chat, video calls and live streams, Amigo encourages its users to build up online relationships and unlock exclusive features such as private video and audio calls: essentially, the more that people chat, the more functions become available to them. This is an app designed with mature users very much in mind and is therefore definitely not recommended for children.

AGE RATING  
**18**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### ONE-TO-ONE COMMUNICATION

While online chats and livestreaming are a great way to communicate with people that children can trust (such as friends and family), Amigo encourages users to connect with complete strangers and develop a friendship through private chats, calls and videos. This will be a clear red flag for most parents, due to the possibility of a child encountering inappropriate content or an online predator.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTACT

Within minutes of signing up for our trial of Amigo (and without using a profile photo), users of the opposite sex were messaging with suggestive statements such as "You're just my type" and "Let's have fun". While the app's stated intent is to help people build friendships, some users obviously seek to take those relationships in a more mature and amorous direction.

### MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Like many apps that are free to download, Amigo's business model is centred on in-app purchases. Users are encouraged to pay for VIP membership – enabling them to send more messages each day and boosting their profile's visibility. People can also buy coins (again, for real money) which allow them to send virtual gifts and further increase the number of messages they can send daily.

### LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Amigo makes no secret of the fact that it's for people aged 18 or above. There's no age verification, however, so a young person could simply sign up under a false date of birth. The app's algorithm claims to match users of similar ages (making them more compatible), but either the algorithm isn't very reliable, or most users have entered a fake age which doesn't correspond with their profile pic.

### REWARDS FOR REPEATED USE

Amigo gifts virtual coins to users if they reply to messages within 10 seconds, while there are also daily rewards for posting comments, sharing a video, getting likes or simply opening the app. It also encourages increasing 'Intimacy Levels' with other users to unlock extra features: once someone's online 'friendship' reaches Intimacy Level 3, they can hold one-to-one video calls with each other.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### MONITOR DOWNLOADS

As well as frequent catch-ups with your child about what they've enjoyed doing online, you could consider taking the additional step of physically checking their phone every so often to see which apps they've installed. The safest option could be to enable 'ask to buy' (Apple) or 'purchase approvals' (Android) on their device, meaning your authorisation is needed to download any apps.

### RESPECT AGE RESTRICTIONS

Apps have age restrictions for a reason, and Amigo is very definitely a mature content platform. Given that many of Amigo's users apparently use a bogus date of birth, you might want to remind your child about the implications of setting up a fake profile – such as being exposed to messages and videos that make them feel uncomfortable or feeling pressured into chatting with strangers.

### BLOCK, REPORT, DISCUSS

Many children already know that connecting with strangers online is dangerous, but it never hurts to refresh their memory. Whatever communication apps your child uses, make sure they're fully aware that if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or upset, then they can block the user responsible, report the content, take a screenshot as evidence and come to tell you straight away.

### ACTIVE LISTENING

If your child does approach you with a concern, make time to stop what you're doing and actively listen. Let them talk without interrupting or showing any judgement, then discuss their options and the possible solutions: this empowers them and reassures them that you're there to be supportive. If the issue is one that has put your child at risk, however, you may wish to contact the police.

## 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	Noah, Elbie
Reception	Chidera, Erinn-Elisabeth
Year 1	Edith, Gioele
Year 2	Jack, Devon
Year 3	Harrison, Chloe
Year 4	Mark, Cian
Year 5	Eoghan, Lacey
Year 6	Daisy, Jude

**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.**



## 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](http://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.



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

### **Monday, 7th November**

Choir - KS2 - lunchtime

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

### **Tuesday, 8th November**

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, 9th 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.

Netball Match - home v Our Lady of the Assumption School - 3.30 p.m.

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

### **Thursday, 10th November**

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

Year 6 Class Assembly - 9.00 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, 11th November**

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

Year 3 Reconciliation (after Mass)

Creative Flair Dance - Year 1 & 2 - lunchtime

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



### **Future Dates**

Monday 14th November

Thursday 17th November

Wednesday 23rd November

Thursday 24th November

- PTA Meeting - 6.00 p.m. (online)

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

- Netball match - away v Christ the King School

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

- Flu Immunisation - Reception to Year 6

- Movie Night

- Boys football match - home v St Mary & St Benedict's School

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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



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