



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th November 2022



Dear Parents,

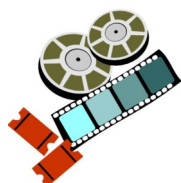
Thank you to Year 3 and 4 who led the weekend Mass last Saturday. They were a credit to the school with their wonderful reading and singing. Well done to both classes and thank you to Mrs Ryan, Mrs Honey, Mrs Connolly and Miss Cook for preparing the children.

This week the MAC have been in school to see the teaching and learning across the school and celebrate our wonderful work. It was good to share excellent practise with other schools and for them to see fabulous behaviour in our school.

I was so proud of our children on Thursday when Year 6 showed parents around school and shared all of our successes. Many new parents were in admiration of our children and their excellent manners.

We continue to wish Mr Carroll a speedy recovery and hope to see him back in school soon.

SJV PTA events



Movie night - Wednesday 24th November

We look forward to this being a big success and we thank the PTA for their hard work in making this event a success.

Christmas Jumper Donations

Next Friday 25th November we are asking children to donate their old Christmas jumpers to school so that they can sold on 1st December.



Christmas Thank You

On Thursday 1st December from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. we are holding a Christmas thank you from the PTA in the school hall:



Hot food for the kids
Mulled wine and mince pies for the adults
All sponsored and paid for by the PTA.

Plus opportunity to buy preloved Christmas jumpers for £1.00

Purple shop preloved uniform will also be available to buy, all items £1.00

Advent Wreath Activity

We welcome the return of our traditional Advent activity taking place at St John Vianney Church after 9.30am Mass on **Sunday 27th November (1st Sunday of Advent)**. We have a limited number of places, so if you would like to take part, please email Louise, as soon as possible, at: stjohnvianney.covty@rcaob.org.uk. The cost will be £8.00 per wreath.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about CALL OF DUTY: MODERN WARFARE II

AGE RATING
PEGI 18

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

Like most of its predecessors in the franchise, Modern Warfare II carries an 18 age rating from PEGI (the Pan-European Gaming Information system, which assesses games' content for suitability). This means players will encounter – according to PEGI's wording – depictions of "gross violence, apparently motiveless killing, or violence towards defenceless characters".

OFFENSIVE CHAT & MESSAGING

Most CoD players are likely to spend the majority of their time on Modern Warfare II in online multiplayer mode. This entails competing against – or cooperating with – strangers on the online battlefield. The fast-paced, cut-throat world of CoD means that communication through the game's voice chat and direct messages often turns heated and aggressive, which may upset younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Modern Warfare II follows the 'battle pass' model of games like Fortnite. For a fee – usually around £10 – each 'season' (every three months or so), players will be invited to complete extra challenges to earn new weapons and equipment. Different tiers of battle pass (costing more money) enable them to achieve this more quickly, while items can also be purchased from the in-game store.

POLITICAL SENSITIVITY

Previous CoD games have been accused of attempting to "rewrite history": failing to correctly attribute alleged war crimes to the US military, for example. The semi-fictional version of history presented on screen can cause players to misunderstand past conflicts and the real reasons they took place. This could lead to young people developing a distorted, inaccurate view of world politics.

AN ADDICTIVE EXPERIENCE

Multiplayer mode in Call of Duty titles revolves around levelling up your character to unlock new weapons, abilities and equipment. The process is designed so that it doesn't take too long to see an improvement, and the feeling of making meaningful progress can keep players hooked for hours. It's easy for gamers of any age to lose track of time, but younger ones are especially susceptible.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESPECT THE AGE RATING

Based on accurately recreating combat situations, Call of Duty games are unflinching in their portrayal of war. Limbs are shot off and explosions send gore flying, while the previous Modern Warfare featured a lengthy interrogation and torture sequence. With Modern Warfare II offering the same style of brutal realism, it's worth reiterating that the PEGI 18 age rating is there for a reason.

CLOSE OFF COMMUNICATION

Unless they're playing with their real-life friends, it may be worth closing communication channels if your child plays Modern Warfare II. There's less of a team focus than in many other online combat games and therefore no real need to interact with strangers. Call of Duty fans can be intensely competitive, so even a single action by your child could provoke a barrage of abuse from strangers.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

If your child is likely to be tempted by buying that 'must-have' weapon or item, consider removing your bank details from the console or computer to prevent indiscriminate spending – and an unwelcome bill. Pre-paid cards could be an option for in-game purchases, allowing you to control how much your child can spend in advance – and helping them learn the basics of budgeting.

TRY OTHER MODES

If it seems that your child only ever plays Modern Warfare II in multiplayer, you could try out the Spec Ops mode with them – formulating strategies while enjoying each other's company. You could also play multiplayer together, taking it in turns to ensure regular breaks. Another alternative is the game's campaign mode, featuring bespoke missions and scenarios which follow an overarching plot.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Dexerto and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar, among others.



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Sources: <https://pegi.info/what-do-the-labels-mean/> <https://www.eurogamer.net/call-of-duty-modern-warfare-accused-of-rewriting-history-to-beat-rusks-for-controversial-war-crimes>



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Stars of the Week

Nursery	Éala, Zoe
Reception	Eva, Orlan
Year 1	Alfie, Hector
Year 2	Fergus, Valentino
Year 3	Milo, Ruby
Year 4	Jingwen, Lily
Year 5	Bella, Cassandra & Eoghan,
Year 6	Jack, Oscar



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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

Payment and consent is required by: Friday 2nd December

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, 21st November

Choir - KS2 - lunchtime

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 22nd November

Running Club - Year 3/4 - 8.00 to 8.30 a.m. - **NO SESSION**

Boys Football Squad Training –Year 5/6 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - **NO SESSION**

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, 23rd November

Running Club - Year 5 & 6 - 8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. - **NO SESSION**

Mini-Tennis - Year 3 & 4 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m.

Flu Immunisation

Guitar Tuition

Girls Football Squad Training - Year 5/6 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - **NO SESSION**

Dance - Year 1 & 2 - 3.15 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.- **NO SESSION**

Movie Night - 3.15 to 5.00 p.m.

Thursday, 24th 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.

Creative Flair Dance - Year 1 & 2 - lunchtime

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

Netball match - away v Holy Family School

Netball Squad Training - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - **NO SESSION**

Friday, 25th November

Christmas Jumper donations



Future Dates

Tuesday 29th November

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

Thursday 1st December

- Emotion Coaching Training - 3.45 p.m.

Saturday 3rd December

- Reception Class Prayer Service - 9.00 a.m.

Mon 5th & Tues 6th Dec

- Year 1 and Year 2 to attend Mass - 6.00 p.m.

Wed 7th & Thur 8th Dec

- Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance - 10.00 a.m.

Friday 9th December

- Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performance - 9.15 a.m.

Monday 12th December

- Reception Class Inspire Workshop - 1.30 p.m.

Mon 12th & Tues 13th Dec

- Year 1 & 2 trip to Snowdome

- Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Performance - 6.00 p.m.

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.

