



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th November 2022



Dear Parents,

It is wonderful to walk around school and hear the beautiful singing in preparation for the Christmas performances – you are in for a real treat!

Please note letters have been sent this week to all of the children who will have Christmas performances - Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4. Please ensure you complete and return your ticket order by 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 30th November.

On Wednesday 30th November we celebrate St Andrews' day and work together to support Mary's Meals, an organisation that aims to provide meals and education for pupils. Thank you for your £1.00 donation and wearing something blue.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for November and December: November - Children Who Suffer: *We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.*

Thank you to all the parents who came to look around on our open day. It was wonderful to see new and old faces - everyone was very welcome. Many new parents spoke very highly of the Year 6 pupils who showed them around school. Well done to Year 6 you are superstars.

Talking of superstars I have been wowed this week by the children in school who have been demonstrating some amazing work - keep it up everyone!

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.

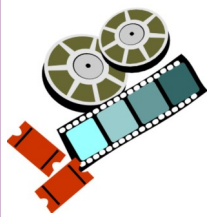


SJV Youth Group

Father Sebastian invites Year 6 children and parents to meet together in the Parish Room on Monday 28th November at 6.00 p.m. so that they can find out more about joining the Youth Group which meets every Monday during term time. He looks forward to seeing Year 6 children and parents.



SJV PTA



Movie night - Wednesday 24th November

Movie Night was a huge success. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, it was lovely to see so many children enjoying themselves. Thank you to everyone who supported our fund raiser which goes towards providing so many things for our children. A big thank you to the PTA who organised everything and made the evening run so smoothly.

Christmas Jumper Donations

Thank you to everyone who remembered to bring in their Christmas jumper. We will continue to accept jumpers up until the morning of Thursday next week, 1st December.



Christmas Thank You

Don't forget on Thursday 1st December from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. we are holding a Christmas event in the school hall:

A big thank you to our PTA who are providing a meal for our children at the end of the day. They are cooking hotdogs and burgers one per child in school. It will be a case of once they are gone they are gone. The PTA are also kindly providing mince pies and mulled wine for the adults, what a fabulous way to celebrate Christmas and show how much we care for our parish community.

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

The PTA have raised funds this year to buy so many books for school. The children in school are starting to read the new books.

Thank you everyone for your support in making reading exciting and interesting. This will continue to make reading at our school of an exceptionally high standard.



SJV Owls Club

We are pleased to advise that we have additional places available in our 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.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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CENSORED

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact with strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive: figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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#WakeUpWednesday

Stars of the Week

Nursery	Amelia, Hazel
Reception	Franek, Rachel
Year 1	Edie, Harry
Year 2	Ambroz, Elisha
Year 3	Bobby, Millie
Year 4	Jenson, Mia
Year 5	Chloe, James
Year 6	Emily, Oliver



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. 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, 28th November

Choir - KS2 - lunchtime
Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.
SJV Parish Youth Group - 6.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 29th 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. - **NO SESSION**
Netball Match - home v St Mary & St Benedict's School
Emotion Coaching training - 3.45 p.m. in the school hall



Wednesday, 30th 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.
St Andrew Day - Non-uniform day - wear blue (£1.00 donation) and promotional school meal day
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.

Thursday, 1st December

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m.
Reception Class Prayer Service - 9.00 a.m.
Piano Tuition
Creative Flair Dance - Year 3 & 4 - 12.00 to 12.30 p.m. & Year 1 & 2 - lunchtime
PTA Christmas Thank you event - 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.
Hockey - Year 4 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.
Netball Squad Training - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.

Friday, 2nd December

Saturday 3rd December - Year 1 and 2 to attend Mass - 6.00 p.m.

Future Dates

Mon 5th & Tues 6th Dec	- Nursery & Reception Christmas Performance - 9.00 a.m.
Wed 7th & Thur 8th Dec	- Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performance - 9.00 a.m.
Friday 9th December	- Reception Class Inspire Workshop - 1.30 p.m.
Monday 12th December	- Year 1 & 2 trip to Snowdome
Mon 12th & Tues 13th Dec	- Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Performance - 6.00 p.m.
Tuesday 13th December	- Nursery & Reception trip to Belgrade Theatre - a.m.
Friday 16th December	- School closes for Christmas holidays

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.

