



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th January 2023



Dear Parents,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus calling the fishermen to follow him. Today, Jesus calls people, like you and me, to help him – to build his community – a community built on love.

I am so fortunate to belong to our school community, that is a family, who work together to help and support each other and those in the wider community. Our one school rule "To love one another as I have loved you" is our mission that we live out every day. We do so much good for others by living out the Gospel values and following Jesus' example through good works, raising money for charities, supporting the local community through the food bank and giving our time to others by singing at the local care home.

"Whatever gifts and talents we are given by God are to be shared with the entire community." St Baldwin of Canterbury

Let us continue to work as a community and family and share our gifts and talents to help others.

Thank you for your continued prayers for Mrs Holmes' son who has had an operation this week and continues to make good progress.

Please pray for Mrs Jackson who recently lost her mother. Many of you may know Mrs Jackson's mother, Mrs Griffin, who was a member of staff at our school for many years and a prominent member of St John Vianney parish who clearly lived out her faith in our community. May she rest in peace. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Snow

Please keep an eye on our twitter feed, Seesaw or Tapestry should there be any news regarding snow days.



Chocolate Bingo

2nd February - Non uniform please bring chocolate

9th February - Chocolate bingo - doors open at 5:30 to start at 6pm prompt

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Sweets and treats and drinks available to purchase on the night



Save the date

Friday 21st April

Fish and Chip supper

Adults only

7pm -10pm in the school Hall

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.



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.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TWITTER

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Twitter is a social media network which allows users to post short messages ('tweets') of up to 280 characters. Tweets can consist of text, photos, videos, audio, links, polls and GIFs – often linked by hashtags if they share a common theme or message. Hashtags receiving high levels of interest are said to be 'trending'. Twitter users can engage with other people's posts by liking, retweeting (sharing) or tweeting back (commenting on). Since the entrepreneur Elon Musk acquired Twitter in October 2022 for \$44 billion, he has implemented several major changes to the platform.

AGE RESTRICTION
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INTERACTION WITH STRANGERS

Tweets are public by default, meaning that anyone can view and interact with posts, follow someone and send direct messages. The concern here is that young people may therefore connect and communicate with strangers. Some individuals may follow a young person's Twitter account simply because they have similar interests; however, others may turn out to have more sinister intentions.

FIXATION ON VIEW COUNT

Twitter has recently introduced a 'view count' feature – telling users how many people have seen their tweet (even if they haven't reacted to it). Previous research has found that unfavourable comparisons with other social media users can cause young people to experience feelings of insecurity, jealousy and low self-esteem – leading to an obsession with increasing their numbers.

TROLLS AND BULLYING

The anonymity offered by fake profiles encourages some users to send tweets designed to provoke a reaction; to disrupt conversations; to spark an argument; or to harass the recipient. Such trolling and bullying can impact the mental wellbeing of both the target and anyone who witnesses it. Encourage your child to come to you if they experience such behaviour on Twitter, or if they see it taking place.

PAID-FOR VERIFICATION

Previously, if a Twitter profile displayed a blue tick icon, it meant that the owner – usually a celebrity or a major organisation – had been verified as genuine. Now, however, anyone can pay for a Twitter Blue subscription to receive the tick, with the platform carrying out limited checks on the account's authenticity. This could easily lead to more fake accounts impersonating real people or companies.

CONTENT MODERATION CHANGES

In late 2022, Twitter stated that their 'policy enforcement will rely more heavily on de-amplification of violative content: freedom of speech, but not freedom of reach'. No policies have changed yet, but this wording suggests they may limit who can see posts rather than removing them. While supporting free speech, this could encourage an environment where some toxic content remains online.

HIJACKED HASHTAGS

The hashtag (#) is one of Twitter's most recognisable facets, allowing users to find specific trends or topics. But the sheer volume of tweets each hour can rapidly distort a hashtag's meaning; an initially innocent search term can quickly end up returning inappropriate results. This is common with 'trending' hashtags, as people know that using them will get their tweet seen by a larger audience.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET ACCOUNTS TO PRIVATE

To reduce some of the fear of your child's tweets being seen and shared by anyone, you can always make their account protected. This means that your child has to give approval for another user to view their posts. You can change Twitter's privacy settings so that your child can't be messaged directly by other people on the platform and their geographical location won't be shared.

FOSTER CRITICAL THINKING

It can be difficult for anyone to ascertain if something online is real or false, but particularly for young people. Encourage your child to check several reputable sources to determine if a story they've seen is true; remind them to watch out for scams and think about the message's possible motive. Emphasise that it's not a good idea to retweet something if they aren't sure it's correct.

ENGAGE SAFETY MODE

When Safety Mode is activated, Twitter checks for abusive or spammy behaviour such as hurtful language or repeated negative replies. The platform then flags these suspect accounts and blocks them from responding to your child's tweets. The autoblock function then prevents these accounts from interacting with your child's again for seven days.

EXPLORE THE NEW SETTINGS

Previously, any user could reply to anyone else's tweets. However, the new conversation settings let your child determine who can reply to their posts – either by selecting everyone (the default option), people they follow or only people they mention (using the @ symbol). This improvement has given users extra control, providing them with more protection from trolls and online abuse.

PAUSE BEFORE POSTING

It's important that young people think about what they're about to post and whether they might regret it later. Twitter has developed 'nudges': little prompts which appear if someone is about to tweet using harmful or offensive language. These nudges promote more positive online behaviour by giving users an opportunity to pause and consider their words before they post something.

BLOCK, REPORT OR MUTE

If someone is upsetting your child on Twitter, you can block and report them. Blocking stops them from messaging or following your child, while reporting an account alerts Twitter to investigate possible misuse. The 'mute' feature, meanwhile, keeps tweets from a specific account (or which include certain words) out of your child's timeline. The other user won't know that they've been muted.

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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BE CAREFUL WHO TO FOLLOW

As accounts are no longer being as rigorously verified under the 'blue tick' system, it's essential that young Twitter users understand what this means. In terms of people not necessarily being who they claim. Anyone who your child only knows online is still a stranger, regardless of how long they've been communicating for. Remind your child never to disclose personal information on social media.

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Stars of the Week

Nursery	Ezra, Jack
Reception	Isla, Maya
Year 1	Amy, Xin-Chi
Year 2	Anaís, Esme
Year 3	Alana, Katia
Year 4	Ayo, Nathaniel
Year 5	Eddie, Eirinn
Year 6	Lennon, Vienna



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, 23rd January

Choir - KS2 - lunchtime

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 24th January

Running Club - Year 3/4 - 8.00 to 8.30 a.m.

Year 3 Swimming lessons - a.m.

Icon Mass - 9.00 a.m.

Boys Football Squad Training –Year 5/6 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Recorder Club - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Art Club - Year 3 & 4 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.



Wednesday, 25th January

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

Hockey - Year 6 - 12.00 to 3.00 p.m. - letters to be sent

Girls Football Match - away v All Souls School

Girls Football Squad Training - Year 5/6 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m. - **NO SESSION**

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

Year 6 Confirmation Meeting (Speed Sainting) - 6.00 p.m.

Thursday, 26th January

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

Piano Tuition

Piano/Guitar Assembly

Creative Flair Dance - Year 3 & 4 - 12.00 to 12.30 p.m. and Year 1 & 2 - lunchtime

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

Netball Squad Training - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m. - **NO SESSION**

Netball match - away v All Souls School

Friday, 27th January

Year 4 Inspire Workshop - 9.00 a.m.

Future Dates

Thursday 2nd February

- Non-uniform day - Chocolate donations

- Boys Football Match - home v All Souls School

Friday 3rd February

- Year 4 Class Mass - 9.00 a.m.

Saturday 4th February

- Year 5 & 6 to attend Mass - 6.00 p.m.

Tuesday 7th February

- Year 6 visit to Allesley Park Church - a.m.

Wednesday 8th February

- Netball match - home v St Osburg's School

Thursday 9th February

- Chocolate Bingo

Friday 10th February

- Swimming Gala

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.

