

# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd February 2023



Dear Parents,

This Sunday's Gospel shows how the message of Jesus can change everything in the world. Jesus reminds us that we are not here only for ourselves – we're here for others: to improve the lives of those around us with love, care and goodness. Whenever we perform an act of goodness, even the smallest good deed, it pleases God and sets an example for others to see and to follow.

So this Gospel reminds us of the importance of our role in life: to bring God's light to others and to be 'the salt of the earth'. Now let's go and bring that taste and that light of Jesus to everyone we meet.

This week our children have been shining their light through a range of events we have had beautiful candles created for Candlemas by Year 4 in their Inspire workshop. These candles have been blessed and presented at their Class Mass in Church. Well done to Year 4 for leading the Mass so well and a big thank you to Mrs Connelly and Miss Cook for your hard work.



Year 5 liturgical team led collective worship this week for the school on the theme of Candlemas. Well done to the team for being so proactive and informative. I can already see we have some leaders of the future.

I look forward to seeing Year 5 and 6 leading the weekend Mass in Church on Saturday night. Our Year 6 children have been successfully delivering their ministries over the last few weeks and have been complimented by the parishioners, well done to Year 6.

I hope that you will be able to support us at the Mass celebrated by the Archbishop Bernard Longley on 18<sup>th</sup> February.

We have welcomed Mrs Holmes back to Year 6 and we hope that Henry continues to make excellent progress. I am thankful for the support given by Mrs Enstone and Mrs Cook, as well as Mrs Littlewood, in Mrs Holmes' absence. The children have completed their most recent assessments and the standard of work and presentation has been maintained and improved upon. We look forward to sharing these results soon.



Thank you to everyone who supported the chocolate Bingo by bringing chocolate into school this week. Please remember to support our fundraising on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Sweets and treats and drinks available to purchase on the night



## Uniform

Please ensure that your child's school uniform is clearly marked with their name. We are finding increasing amounts of lost property in school which is not labelled so we are unable to return uniform to the owner.

## SJV Owls Club



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](mailto: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](mailto:owls@sjv.coventry.sch.uk) for more information and an application form.

## Tax-Free Childcare

SJV Owls Club is signed up to the Government Tax Free Childcare scheme so if your child attend Owls Club, and you have not already done so please check the website to see if you are eligible to help with your fees. If you are eligible for Tax-Free Childcare, you'll need to set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8.00 you pay into this account, the government will pay £2.00 to use to pay for your provider (SJV Owls).

You can use it to pay for Owls Club but it can't be used for school meals, trips, uniform etc.

For more information and to check if you eligible please go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

# Tips for Encouraging Open Discussions about DIGITAL LIVES

The online world is an entirely familiar and commonplace part of life for today's children and young people, far more so than for previous generations. There are many positives to children being able to access online materials, so it's important not to demonise the internet, games and apps, and limit the benefit of their positive aspects. At the same time, we do have a responsibility to educate children about the hazards they may encounter online (just as we would about real-world dangers) so it's essential that we don't shy away from talking to them about the complex – and often sensitive – subject of what they do and what they see when they're online.

Here are some suggestions for kicking off conversations with your child about their digital life ...

## MAKE YOUR INTEREST CLEAR

Showing enthusiasm when you broach the subject signals to your child that you're keen to learn about the positives of their online world. Most children enjoy educating adults and will happily chat about what they use the internet for, or what games and apps they're into and how these work. Asking to see their favourite games and apps in action could help you spot any aspects that may need your attention – such as chat functions which might require a settings adjustment to limit contact with strangers. Keep listening even if your child pauses for a long time: they could be considering how to phrase something specific, or they may be gauging your reaction.

## BE OPEN AND HONEST, APPROPRIATE TO THEIR AGE

At various stages, children and young people become curious about puberty and how their body changes; about relationships; about how babies are made; and about sexual health. If your child knows that they can discuss these sensitive subjects with you, they tend to be less likely to go looking online for answers – which can often provide them with misleading information and, in some cases, lead to them consuming harmful content. Don't worry if you don't immediately know the answers to their questions – just find out for yourself and go back to them once you have the facts.

## REMIND YOUR CHILD THEY CAN ALWAYS TALK TO YOU

In my role I work with many children and young people who admit being reluctant to tell a trusted adult about harmful content they've viewed online. In case it leads to having their devices confiscated. Emphasise to your child that you're always there to listen and help; reassure them that if they do view harmful content, then they are not to blame – but talking about it openly will help. Children shouldn't be expected to be resilient against abuse or feel that it's their job to prevent it.

## KEEP TALKING!

The most valuable advice we can give is to keep talking with your child about their digital lives. You could try using everyday situations to ask questions about their online experiences.

## DISCUSS THAT NOT EVERYTHING WE SEE ONLINE IS REAL

Here, you could give examples from your own digital life of the online world versus reality – for example, those Instagram posts which show the perfect house: spotlessly clean, never messy and immaculately decorated. Explain to your child that there are many other aspects of the online world which are also deliberately presented in an unrealistic way for effect – such as someone's relationship, their body, having perfect skin and so on.

## TRY TO REMAIN CALM

As much as possible, try to stay calm even if your child tells you about an online experience that makes you feel angry or fearful. Our immediate emotions frequently influence the way we talk, so it's possible that your initial reaction as a parent or carer could deter a child from speaking openly about what they've seen. Give yourself time to consider the right approach, and perhaps speak with other family members or school staff while you are considering your next steps.

## CREATE A 'FAMILY AGREEMENT'

Involving your whole household in coming up with a family agreement about device use can be immensely beneficial. You could discuss when (and for how long) it's OK to use phones, tablets, consoles and so on at home; what parental controls are for and why they're important; and why it's good to talk to each other about things we've seen or experienced online (both good and bad). Explaining your reasoning will help children to understand that, as trusted adults, we want to make sure they are well informed and kept safe. Allowing children to have their say when coming up with your family agreement also makes them far more likely to stick to it in the long term.

## Meet Our Expert

Rebecca Jennings of RAISE (Raising Awareness in Sex Education) has almost 20 years' experience delivering relationships and sex education and training to schools, colleges and other education providers. A published author on the subject, she also advises the Department of Education on the staff-training element of the RSE curriculum.



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## Stars of the Week

*Nursery Alexandria, Charlie*

*Reception Mia, Petra*

*Year 1 Frankie, Kayden*

*Year 2 Leo, Ruby W*

*Year 3 Charlotte, Niamh*

*Year 4 Whole class for Inspire Workshop & Class Mass*

*Year 5 Wiktoría, Zachary*

*Year 6 Harvey, Joshua*



### 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

**Saturday 4th February** - Year 5 & 6 to attend Mass - 6.00 p.m.

**Monday, 6th February**

Choir - KS2 - lunchtime

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

**Tuesday, 7th February**

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

Year 3 Swimming lessons - a.m.

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

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

Girls Football Match - home v Howes Primary School - letters to be sent

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

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

**Wednesday, 8th February**

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 4.00 p.m.

Netball Match - home v St Osburg's Primary School

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

**Thursday, 9th February**

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. 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.

**Chocolate Bingo - 5.00 to 7.00 p.m.**

**Friday, 10th February**

Swimming Gala - Pingles Leisure Centre - letters to be sent



### **Future Dates**

Monday 13th February

- Mrs Griffin's Funeral Mass - 11.00 a.m.

Tuesday 14th February

- Netball match away v Christ the King School

Wednesday 15th February

- Year 6 Class Mass

Thursday 16th February

- Boys Football Match - away St Thomas More

Friday 17th February

- School closes for half term

Saturday 18th February

- Parish Mass celebrated by Archbishop Longley

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.

