



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd March 2023



Dear Parents,

Welcome back. It is lovely to see that the nights are getting brighter and the first signs of spring. It is now that we take time to notice the joy of God's creation when we see the buds on the trees and flowers. I hope that you managed to get out and about during the holiday and reconnect with family, friends and nature.

This week's Gospel reading is all about the transfiguration and the message is to help us grow in our faith.

"With God we can do great things. Jesus is always ready to encourage and support us." Pope Francis
When we listen to and follow Jesus, our lives are transformed. We grow in faith and love and we are filled with words of encouragement.

There are times when we all need encouraging: that is, to be inspired with courage and to have our hope renewed, especially when we are going through difficult times. If, like the disciples in this Sunday's Gospel, we too listen to Jesus, we will experience the encouragement that God offers freely to each one of us – today.



Year 6 Chaplaincy team, with the support of year 5, have led collective worship this week on the theme of LENT. The children have had an opportunity to write and ask for forgiveness in salt and write prayers on hearts. We think and reflect on the things we have done wrong and look to ways to improve.

We are currently working on the ECO Award and the children are really buzzing with ways to support and improve our environment. Hopefully we will have weekly strategies of things we can do to save our planet.



Please keep 21st April in your diaries as we have our first Quiz night which will be held in the school hall. There will be an option to buy a fish and chip supper or vegetarian option to go with the quiz and of course a bar! More details to follow.



Uniform

We are focusing on the children wearing the correct uniform on the right day. On PE days the children should come to school wearing their PE kit and trainers. This is a purple hoody as part of the school uniform and this is important as when we go on school trips we can be instantly recognisable. Some children are wearing other coloured hoodies and purple hoodies with no logo. Mrs Lillico sells preloved uniform on the PTA Facebook page for £1.00 or brand new uniform can be purchased via Arbor. Please also label your uniform - do not write on it in pen as it washes off and we cannot read the name.

On the days we don't have PE the children should be in school uniform wearing shoes.

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 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.

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>

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SPOTIFY

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Spotify is a digital music, podcast and video service which gives users access to millions of songs and other content from creators all over the world. Since launching in 2008, Spotify has revolutionised the way music is listened to: it now offers the ability to manage and share more than 100 million tracks and five million podcast series, plus personalised recommendations, new release updates and the option to create collaborative playlists. As of February 2023, it is the world's most popular audio streaming subscription service with 489 million users globally.

EXPLICIT LYRICS

As per Spotify's terms and conditions, people need to be at least 13 to use it. That said, the platform doesn't censor lyrics unless instructed to do so in the settings – so it's worth noting that young teenagers could still be exposed to age-inappropriate songs which contain explicit references to sexual behaviour, violence, discriminatory language and swearing.

GROOMING TACTICS

Although Spotify doesn't come with dedicated chat functionality, concerns were raised in January 2023 after reports of an 11-year-old girl being coerced into sharing explicit pictures of herself on the platform. The case highlighted predators' tactics of sharing empty playlists with other users: their messages were being exchanged undetected through edited song titles and descriptions, bypassing security measures.

OVERSHARING

Spotify provides a perfect way to play music, with the ability to connect to another device, such as a Bluetooth speaker or an in-car stereo. While this is a useful feature, it's also easy to forget your surroundings and inadvertently play content which isn't appropriate for all listeners (especially those under the age of 18), potentially causing alarm or distress.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE PODCASTS

Spotify's podcast community has grown exponentially and it's become a popular base for millions of users to listen to shows, stories, interviews and more – with content covering an array of topics. This includes some material which isn't suitable for minors, including audio which is obviously adult-themed, but can be just as easily accessed as everything else.

ACCESS TO SPOTIFY LIVE

If your child has a Spotify account, they'll also be able to access the platform's audio-only chat service: Spotify Live. While it's a separate stand-alone app, Spotify Live allows people to listen to live discussions on the main Spotify platform and, more notably, lets users enter virtual rooms to chat with other users, opening up direct conversations with strangers and individuals who might not necessarily be there for the right reasons.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SWAP TO SPOTIFY KIDS

If you're concerned about what your child might hear while streaming music, Spotify Kids is a separate, ad-free service specifically designed for children aged 13 and under. It allows younger users to enjoy human-curated, child-friendly content (such as music and audiobooks) and is available to users with a Spotify Premium Family subscription – meaning that parents can view and manage the content their child listens to.

CENSOR EXPLICIT CONTENT

Regardless of what type of account your child uses to access Spotify, there is an option to turn off explicit content in the settings – greying out all songs marked with an 'E' tag. If your child has their own individual account, it's easier for them to turn it back on – whereas with a family plan, you're in control and your child can't alter the setting without knowing the password.

TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

As with any platform, it's good practice to talk to your child about what they should be aware of when using Spotify. For instance, it's important they're aware never to share any personal information with strangers, and what they should do if they're exposed to inappropriate content. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear so that they feel comfortable raising any concerns with you.

KEEP AN EYE OUT

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Spotify or you've noticed they're being particularly secretive about how they're using it, encourage them to talk about what they're listening to. It's always prudent to show an interest in their online habits from the outset – so you're confident they're using apps and services in the right way, for the right reasons, and they're not being drawn into anything they shouldn't be.

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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Stars of the Week

Nursery Max, Isla

Reception Chelsea, Karter

Year 1 Jimi, Archie

Year 2 Oliver, Alice

Year 3 Joshua, Victory

Year 4 Emily, Grace

Year 5 Gabriel, Elizabeth

Year 6 Sebastian, Adetokunbo



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, 6th March

Choir - KS2 - lunchtime

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 7th March

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

Year 3 Swimming lessons - a.m.

SEND Review meetings

Year 6 rowing - 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.

Boys Football Squad Training –Year 5/6 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.



Wednesday, 8th March

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

Running Club - Year 5 & 6 - 8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.

Guitar Tuition

Boys Football match - home v All Souls School

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, 9th March

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

SEND review meetings

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 4.15 p.m.

Girls Football match - home v Howes Primary School

Friday, 10th March

Saturday 11th March - Year 3 & 4 attend Mass - 6.00 p.m.

Future Dates

Monday 13th March

Wednesday 15th March

Friday 17th March

21st & 23rd March

- Year 5 & 6 to Alton Castle

- Year 3 Class Mass

- Year 5 & 6 return from Alton Castle

- St Patrick's Day celebrations - further information to follow

- Parent Consultation evenings

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.

