



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th March 2023



Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who bought books to school so that we could swap and buy a new book for World Book day this was a big success but we probably could have benefitted from a few more KS2 books. Hopefully, next year we will be more prepared. This was an excellent way of focusing on the books and raising money for charity rather than spending money on dressing up.



This week the whole school have been completing work on a book called The Lost Words which focuses on nature and poetry. I have seen some amazing art work and beautiful writing from across the school. We have submitted some work to the Nuneaton Festival of Arts for writing and art - let's keep our fingers crossed that the children achieve an award.

Thank you to Cardinal Newman for setting up and leading our Charity Day. The children had lots of fun playing games and completing a variety of activities. All money raised over Lent will support the three Holy MAC charities: Myton, Mind UK and Marys Meals

Good luck to Year 5 and 6 as they head to Alton Castle on Monday. We wish them all the best and hope they have lots of fun as well as learning so much more about their faith. We look forward to seeing photos posted on twitter.

It has been my pleasure to be able to teach in Year 2 and Year 4 lately and what I think is amazing their thirst to learn more about the topics we are covering. When I am on the gate the children often tell me new facts or recall the new learning. Please ask your child about the topic they are learning about. I know there are some budding historians and geographers out there. We also are trying to put as much information on our website about the new learning that is taking place, please feel free to look and if you think of other information we could add I am at the gate or on the playground so please let me know. We will endeavour to do our best.

Don't forget to save the date on Friday 17th March - this will be our first St Patrick's day celebrations since COVID. We are hoping to do it in style and we are very thankful of all the promises of scones and Irish soda bread that has been promised. The money from this event is being shared between our charities and school as we hope to purchase some more I pads.



Thank you as always for your continued support.



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.



Strike Days - Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

Information has been emailed this week about strike days which take place next week. Please check to ensure you have received this information.

Election of Parent Governor

Information has been emailed this week about strike days which take place next week. Please check to ensure you have received this information.

Attendance

Please see the attached leaflet about attendance and time keeping. You are able to check your child's attendance on Arbor. If you have any queries or concerns please contact school.

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.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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CONSIDERED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

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

<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Ruby, Zuzanna</i>
<i>Reception</i>	<i>Lucja, Tommy</i>
<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Joshua, Xksavier</i>
<i>Year 2</i>	<i>Eva, Sienna</i>
<i>Year 3</i>	<i>Ania. Kenza</i>
<i>Year 4</i>	<i>Lexi, Lyla</i>
<i>Year 5</i>	<i>Isla, Kai</i>
<i>Year 6</i>	<i>Lucas, Luka</i>



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, 13th March

Choir - KS2 - lunchtime
Year 5 & 6 trip to Alton Castle
Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 14th March

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

Wednesday, 15th March

Strike Day - Year 3 should not attend

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. - **NO SESSION**
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.
Year 5 & 6 return from Alton Castle

Thursday, 16th March

Strike Day - Year 4 & 5 should not attend. Year 3 & 6 attend a.m. only

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m. - **NO SESSION**
Piano Tuition
Creative Flair Dance - Year 3 & 4 - 12.00 to 12.30 p.m. - **NO SESSION**
Creative Flair Dance - Year 1 & 2 - lunchtime
Hockey - Year 4 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - **NO SESSION**
Netball Squad Training - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - **NO SESSION**

Friday, 17th March

St Patricks Day celebrations - a.m. - exact times to follow



Future Dates

Tuesday 21st March	- Parent Consultation evening
Thursday 23rd March	- Parent Consultation evening
Friday 24th March	- Year 3 Class Mass - 9.00 a.m.
Thursday 30th March	- Year 3 Class Assembly - 9.00 a.m.
Friday 31st March	- School closes for Easter 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.

