



# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th March 2023



Dear Parents,



Thank you to everyone who helped with our St Patrick's Day celebrations last Friday. It was a great success and lovely to see that community atmosphere again. We had many lovely comments about the morning and everyone seemed to enjoy the morning. Thank you to Maggie and all the dancers from Celtica as well as the dancers in school.

Thank you to everyone who attended their children's parent consultation meetings this week.

We hope that all Mothers had a lovely weekend last weekend and that you cherished your cards and gifts.

We are drawing every closer to Holy Week and the children are all preparing in school by learning about the Easter Story and learning new hymns.

Thank you to the children from Year 5 and Year 6 who were fabulous role models whilst at Alton Castle last week. We made lots of new friends with children from All Souls School and learnt a lot from the team Leaders. We were also fortunate to meet up with Father Chris who now leads at Alton Castle. The children would all recommend going to Alton Castle so get ready Year 4 for next year! Thank you to Mr Carroll and Mrs Littlewood for giving up your time to join us on this venture.

Congratulations to Mrs Cowley who has now become our new Parent Governor. We thank Mrs Cummings for all her hard work and dedication that she has shown the school in her time as governor and wish her all the best.

### **Quiz Night - Friday 21st April**

Information has been sent out to parents this week about our first Quiz night on 21st April. If you would like to attend please complete and return the reply slip on the letter no later than Friday 31st March.



## **Job Vacancy - Lunchtime Dining Room Assistant**

We have a vacancy for a Dining Room Assistant at St John Vianney School - 1 1/4 hours per day, 5 days per week. If you are interested please email [admin@sjv.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sjv.coventry.sch.uk) or phone the school office on 02476 464088 to arrange to come into school for an informal chat. Please see school website for more information - <https://www.sjv.hccmac.co.uk/>

## **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.



## **Easter Tennis Camp**

Please find attached a leaflet about the Easter holiday tennis camp.

## **Free School Meals**

Please see attached information about claiming for free school meals. If you think that you may qualify for free school meals, even if your child is in KS1 or does not want to receive school meals, please take the time to apply as the school will receive additional funding if you qualify.





# Ten top tips for STRONGER PASSWORDS

Passwords continue to be the most common way to prove our identity online. A combination of a username and a password known only to the user provides access to our online accounts and data – and hopefully keeps unauthorised individuals out. As a security measure, though, passwords are relatively weak. People are often predictable in how we choose our passwords, for example – making them less secure. With increasing volumes of usernames and passwords being leaked online, what can we do to keep our data more secure? Here are our top tips for stronger passwords.

## BE UNPREDICTABLE

We often choose passwords which are easy to remember, featuring the name of our favourite sports team or favourite film, for instance. These are predictable passwords. Cyber criminals will routinely try various combinations of passwords relating to sports teams, actors, musical artists and the like – and they often focus on these during major sporting events or around high-profile movie releases.

## AVOID GETTING PERSONAL

Many of us use passwords relating to our family, such as children's names or favoured holiday destinations. The problem here is that we also typically post about our holidays and our family on social media – making that information potentially visible to cyber criminals and supplying them with clues which could help them in narrowing down possible passwords we might have set.

## NEW PLATFORM, NEW PASSWORD

Where cyber criminals gain access to an online service through a data breach, they often use the data they've stolen to try and access the victim's other accounts. This is because the criminals know that, for convenience, people often use the same password across different services. When we reuse passwords, our security is only as strong as the weakest site where we've used it.

## LONGER IS STRONGER

Our passwords are often stored by online services in an encrypted format. In case the service suffers a data breach, the strength of this encryption, however, is dependent on the length of the password you've selected. If your password is only a short one, cyber criminals are significantly more likely to be able to break the encryption and identify your password.

## CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY

Staying up to date with friends and relatives on social media is part of everyday life now. We need to ensure, though, that we limit who can see our posts via each platform's privacy settings. It's also wise to consider what we're posting and if it's really safe to share online. If we restrict what cyber criminals can see, we reduce the chance of them using that information to identify our passwords.

## Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



Source: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>

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IN OPERATION

## 'DOUBLE LOCK' YOUR DATA

It's possible that cyber criminals may eventually discover your username and password. Enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts, however, reduces the chance of them obtaining access to your data, as they'd also require a code which is provided via an app, SMS message or email. MFA isn't infallible, but it does definitely provide extra protection and security.

## DELETE UNUSED ACCOUNTS

Data breaches occur when cyber criminals gain access to an online service and all the data contained within it – including usernames and passwords. Whenever you stop using a service, it's wise to make sure that you delete your entire account and not just the actual app. If the service no longer has your data, there's zero risk of it being leaked should they suffer a data breach in the future.

## TRY PASSWORD MANAGERS

Even though most of us have numerous online accounts to manage these days, it's advantageous to avoid password re-use. Specialist password management software (like Dashlane or OnePassword, among others) can help by storing a different password for every online service that you have an account with: the only one you or child will need to remember is the single master password.

## GET CREATIVE

The British government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommends the 'three random words' technique. This method helps you create a password which is unique, complex and long – yet which is memorable enough to stay in your mind ('FourBlueShoes', for example). The NCSC website, incidentally, also offers plenty of other useful information relating to personal cyber security.

## STAY VIGILANT

The best way to protect your accounts and your data is to be vigilant and careful. If you receive an email or text message that's unusual or unexpected, treat it as suspicious until you're able to verify whether it's genuine and safe. Starting from a position of vigilance and caution will reduce the likelihood of you or your child being tricked by a malicious email, text or phone call.

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## *Stars of the Week*

*Nursery*     *Fionn, Zuzanna*

*Reception*     *David, Ella*

*Year 1*     *Whole Class—Mousike Ensemble*

*Year 2*     *Amelia-Rose, Conor*

*Year 3*     *Harrison, Arina*

*Year 4*     *Ayo, Lyla*

*Year 5*     *Wiktoría, Harry*

*Year 6*     *Lennon, Chloë S*



### **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, 27th March**

Year 5 Mousike Ensemble (at SJV School) - a.m.  
Choir - KS2 - lunchtime  
Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.  
Netball Match - home v Holy Family School

### **Tuesday, 28th March**

Running Club - Year 3/4 - 8.00 to 8.30 a.m.  
Year 3 Swimming lessons - a.m. - **LAST SESSION**  
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, 29th March**

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

### **Thursday, 30th March**

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.  
Creative Flair Dance - Year 1 & 2 - lunchtime  
Hockey - Year 4 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.  
Netball Squad Training - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.  
Boys Football Match - away v St Mary & St Benedicts School

### **Friday, 31st March**

School closes for Easter holidays



### **Future Dates**

Monday 17th April	- Children return to school
Wednesday 19th April	- Catholic Schools Cross Country - Cardinal Wiseman -1.30 p.m.
Friday 21st April	- Quiz Night
Thursday 27th April	- Girls Cross Country - Bablake School - 4.15 p.m.
Saturday 13th May	- Year 3 First Holy Communion Mass - 11.00 a.m.

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.

