

St John Vianney Catholic Primary School



NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th May 2023



Dear Parents

I would like to congratulate the children who represented the school at Mrs Veasey's funeral, Fr Jonathan's mother. It was an honour to support Fr Jonathan and his family at the funeral. Many parishioners, priests and mourners spoke highly of the children who were exemplary.

This week a group of children in Year 5 have led an assembly in preparation for the King's coronation. It will be a moment in history for us to remember. We have decided to celebrate the coronation on the Friday 12th May with cake and squash and the wearing of crowns and tiaras. We hope that the children will be able to make and design a crown or tiara to wear on 12th.

Please remember to keep in your prayers Year 6 who will start their SATs on 9th May. We ask that St Joseph of Cupertino will keep the children in their prayers.

We will be saying these prayers over the next few days:

First Prayer

O Great St. Joseph of Cupertino who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favour in the examinations for which I am now preparing. In return I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked.

Through Christ our Lord.

St. Joseph of Cupertino, Pray for us.

Amen.

Second Prayer

O St. Joseph of Cupertino who by your prayer obtained from God to be asked at your examination, the only preposition you knew. Grant that I may like you succeed in the (here mention the name of Examination eg. History paper I) examination. In return I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked.

O St. Joseph of Cupertino pray for me

O Holy Ghost enlighten me

Our Lady of Good Studies pray for me

Sacred Head of Jesus, Seat of divine wisdom, enlighten me.



Any donations of toys and games in good condition would be greatly appreciated by SJV Owls Club. Thank you!



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.

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.



Half Term Activities at CV Life

For information about half term activities at CV Life centres, please visit the link below:

[Children's Activities - CVLife](#)

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

FREE School Meals for families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)



Are you living in Coventry and No Recourse to Public Funds?



Is your annual household income below £22,700 (for families if you have one child)?

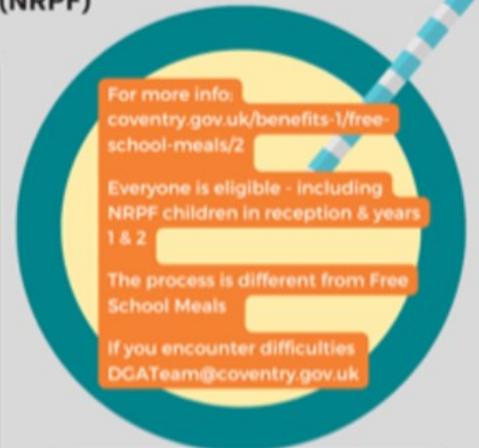


Are your total savings or capital under £16,000 or £26,300 (if you have two or more children)?



If you answered yes to these questions...

you are eligible for Free School Meals.



For more info: coventry.gov.uk/benefits-1/free-school-meals/2

Everyone is eligible - including NRPF children in reception & years 1 & 2

The process is different from Free School Meals

If you encounter difficulties DGATeam@coventry.gov.uk



What should you do ?



Fill out the self declaration on the back of this leaflet



Take it to your children's school to make the request

Online Safety: Parent information evening 23/05/23

Blue Coat have been offered expert help of the local West Midlands Police in partnership with Coventry City Council's Prevent Team to help make Online Safety easier to navigate.

The engaging workshop lasts for approximately **1h 15 mins** this will be an in person event at 6pm at Blue Coat to be held in the **Theatre** it starts at **6pm**. It is open to parents of students from all years. All attendees receive a resource pack with useful tips and links for further support following the session. We will share guidance and strategies on how to make the internet a safer experience for children.

The following topics will be explored:

- Apps and appropriate ages
- Safety settings
- Grooming, Sexting, Bullying, Radicalisation and Extremism
- Gaming
- Introducing house rules
- How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim

Identifying some of the issues and areas of concern and the strategies, methods and tools that parents can put in place to help keep their children safer when they go online.

You can turn up on the night, but it would be helpful if you are interested in attending please register your interest by emailing c.penn@bluecoatschool.com with how many people will be attending.



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10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *BBC Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and the *ITV News* at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



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Stars of the Week

Nursery Orla, Bobby

Reception Vinnie, Ollie

Year 1 Harry, Hector

Year 2 Valentino, Roisín

Year 3 Robbie, Leo W

Year 4 Jack, Lexi

Year 5 James, Chloe

Year 6 Neave, Zerah



KS1 and KS2 School Trips

Trip letters for each class were sent out last week.

Please can you return the reply slip no later than 17th May.

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).



Dates may be subject to change – please check your emails regularly

Monday, 8th May

School closed—Bank Holiday

Choir - KS2 - lunchtime - **NO SESSION**
Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m. - **NO SESSION**
PTA Meeting 5:30pm (Gala Day) - **NO SESSION**

Tuesday, 9th May

Athletics - Year 3/4 - 8.00 to 8.30 a.m.
Recorder Club - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.
Football Training - Year 3/4 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m - **NO SESSION**

Wednesday, 10th May

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

Thursday, 11th May

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.

Friday, 12th May

Creative Flair Music Club - Reception Class - lunchtime



Future Dates

9th to 12th May	- SATs testing week
Saturday 13th May	- Year 3 First Holy Communion Mass - 11.00 a.m.
Wednesday 17th May	- Nursery Class Prayer Service
Friday 19th May	- Non Uniform Day - Bring a bottle
Saturday 20th May	- Year 3 lead Parish Mass - 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 25th May	- Non Uniform Day - Bring chocolate/sweets
Friday 26th May	- Year 3 Class Assembly - 2:00 pm.

Don't forget to follow us @sjohnvianney and you can also see our twitter feed on our website.

Please follow us on our Twitter account:
SJV@sjohnvianney



For 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.

