

# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School



## NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th May 2023



Dear Parents,

**“May we be united to one another, by the power of love which the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts.” Pope Francis**

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Pentecost at Church. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church – a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation and at Mass. The children will be learning about Pentecost after Half Term especially Year 6 who are preparing to receive that special sacrament in June.

Congratulations to the children in Year 3 who dressed in their Holy Communion attire and read so well at Mass on Saturday night. It was a lovely opportunity to share with the parish this sacrament and show everyone how amazing we looked.

This week, Key Stage 2 went to Dudley Zoo and Castle for their trip. We learnt so much from this trip and the group I was with had a fabulous time learning about the history of the castle through the opportunity of dressing up and escaping from the room. The behaviour of all our children was exceptional and was even commented upon by some adults who were visiting the zoo. The children were given a free ticket to visit the zoo again so I hope that you have an opportunity to visit again in the summer.

Key Stage 1 and Foundation stage visited All Things Wild. This was my first visit to this venue and was thoroughly enjoyable. The children had the opportunity to get up close to the animals and learn more about their science topic. All children had a fabulous time especially as the sun was shining.

I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers that helped on these trips to make them run so smoothly. Thank you everyone I hope you enjoyed it as much as the pupils.

Thank you to everyone that brought sweets into school for our Gala day. Don't forget to sell those raffle tickets to your family and friends, £300 is a great first prize and one we could all do with. If anyone is willing to help please contact the office and we will let you know more details.

Thank you to all the pupils who brought flowers to school for the crowning of Mary and our May procession on Friday. The flowers have not been wasted we were fortunate to be able to bring smiles to the people of St Jude's retirement home.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely holiday – the weather looks like it is going to be good and don't forget Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June is an INSET day.



**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](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.



### **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. Please apply at: [Free School Meals – Coventry City Council](#)**

### **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](#)**

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about INFLUENCERS

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and blurring trustworthiness. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, promote a healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising: this can lead to materialistic attitudes, unrealistic expectations and an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge brand empires around their large, impressionable following.

### THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about the motivations behind their posts, blurring the lines between genuine recommendations and paid-for promotions – and young people sometimes find it difficult to distinguish authentic content from advertising. Many major social platforms have taken steps to make sponsored content and ads easier to identify, but it remains an area of concern.

### PRIVACY CONCERNS

Inspired by their favourite influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online – which could reveal personal information or details about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberbullying or even predatory behaviour. This is exacerbated by live streaming, which gives young people no time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

### UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-esteem and even mental health issues.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### KEEP TALKING

Chat to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

### SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's social media use, including time limits and privacy settings (the two major operating systems on mobile devices, Android and iOS, have these controls baked in). Try to keep an eye on your child's online activity and discuss it regularly with them – including reminding them of the potential risks that can arise from following influencers.

### SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Reinforce your child's awareness that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media – and how some content (particularly that of influencers) is often curated, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, relatable material which acknowledges their imperfections and struggles as well.

### PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY

Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with online and to consider the possible reasons behind content creation. This can help young people develop the skills to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

### Meet Our Expert

A former director of digital learning and currently a deputy headmaster and DSL, Brendan O'Keefe's experience and expertise gives him a clear insight into how modern digital systems impact the experience of children, staff and parents – and which strategies help to ensure that the online world remains a useful educational tool rather than a minefield of risks.



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



### **Monday, 5th June**

#### **School Closed—Teacher Training Day**

Choir - KS2 - lunchtime - **NO SESSION**

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m. - **NO SESSION**

### **Tuesday, 6th June**

#### **Children Return to School**

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

### **Wednesday, 7th June**

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.

Non Uniform Day - Return raffle tickets

### **Thursday, 8th June**

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.

Year 6 Inspire Workshop

### **Friday, 9th June**

Creative Flair Music Club - Reception Class - Lunchtime

Gala Day

### **Future Dates**

Friday 16th June - Nursery Inspire Workshop  
Tuesday 20th June - Year 2 Class Assembly 2 p.m.

Thursday 22nd June - Reception Class Inspire Workshop

Saturday 24th June - Year 6 Confirmation 6 p.m.

Wednesday 28th June - Reception Class Assembly

Tuesday 4th July - Nursery Assembly

Monday 10th July - Key Stage 2 End of Year Performance (Evening)

Tuesday 11th July - Key Stage 2 End of Year Performance (Afternoon & Evening)

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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

