



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th September 2023



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our Reception and Nursery children who have started school this week. We are very proud of the start they have made in school.

Thank you to all the parents who managed to join us for our meetings over the last two weeks. We talked at length about standards in school and working together. We explained the expectations in class and around school and know that you will join us in getting the best out of your child so that they become excellent citizens of the future.

Uniform

Please remember to wear the correct uniform for PE and school. This is all on our website, and may I remind you it is a purple hoodie for PE and please make sure that they are all labelled clearly with your child's name.

Protective Behaviours

We have spent this week focusing upon safeguarding strategies and teaching the children about Protective behaviours.

'We all have the right to feel safe all the time.'

With that right comes a responsibility not to do anything that would leave other people feeling unsafe and we can identify if we are feeling unsafe by tuning into our **early warning signs**, those things that happen in our body like butterflies in the stomach, wobbly knees etc. that let us know we don't feel OK in this particular situation. And if we get those 'Early Warning Signs', PBs encourages us to **think** clearly about what our options are and work out what **action** we might need to take. That action might be to contact somebody on a **support network**, which is where Theme 2 of PBs comes in :-

'We can talk with someone about anything, even if it feels awful or small.'

Protective Behaviours encourages the development of a clear 'support network' which we can call upon having identified that we are feeling unsafe. On the support network we would ideally have 5 people who might be able to help us do some **problem solving**. The children have been encouraged to think of a person that they can talk to for each finger on their hand.





Internet Safety

We are teaching the children about internet safety and the importance of being safe when using the internet. We have talked about the age restrictions on WhatsApp and TikTok. We will continue to put internet safety information on our newsletters weekly.

Holy Cross Feast Day

Congratulations to Year 3 and Year 6 who were excellent role models and a shining example to all at Coventry Cathedral this week. Those children in school had the opportunity to celebrate through a whole MAC service and they too were outstanding.

Website

Please check our website for lots of information. Project homework tasks have been uploaded and linked to our topic. 24th November is the hand in date.

SeeSaw

Please check your class seesaw log in regularly
Logins for TTrackstars; SeeSaw; Spelling Shed and Numbots in most classes have been stuck into your child's reading diary.

Communication

First port of call is your class teacher- you can speak to them usually at the end of the day. If you have an urgent message you can use see saw, speak to someone on the gate or make a phone call. All staff are happy to try and answer your questions. I am usually on the gate or playground if you want to chat.



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. - £5.00 (includes a light breakfast)

Afternoon session - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. - £5.00 (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 £5.00 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.

Please apply at: Free School Meals – Coventry City Council

Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, UKIE, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much playing for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

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FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undoubtedly, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

David Spencer is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and VR. He has also written 10 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Roblox, Fortnite and Minecraft. His work has been published by the likes of PC Gamer, IGN, Pocket Gamer and VG247. He has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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Secondary School Applications for Year 6 Pupils

Please remember the closing date for applications is **MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2023**. Please ensure you have completed and returned your application by this date.

Starting Primary School in September 2024

Children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 can start school in September 2024. For more information about school admissions and to apply online at www.coventry.gov.uk/admissions. Telephone 02476 831622/1613. Closing date for applications is **15th January 2024**.

Please note: If you wish to apply to a Catholic school and your child is baptised Catholic evidence of your child's baptism must be provided at the time of application to the school office or to the Admissions Team. It is your responsibility to obtain and present this evidence.



Reminder: We are a nut free school, please do not pack any nuts in your child's lunchbox.

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 2024

Application forms and information are available from the school office for parents wishing to apply for their child to start in Nursery in September 2024. Children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 can start Nursery in September 2024.

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, 18th September

Choir - KS2 - Lunch

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 19th September

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

Recorder Club - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

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

Wednesday, 20th September

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

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

Guitar Tuition

Dance - Year 1/2 - 3.15 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Girls Football Squad - Year 5/6 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.

Thursday, 21st September

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 - 12.30 to 1.00 p.m.

Hockey - Year 5 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.

Netball Squad Training - Year 5/6 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.

Year 5 Inspire Workshop

Year 5 Library Visit - a.m.

Friday, 22nd September

Year 4 Library Visit - a.m.

Future Dates

Friday 29th September

- Teacher Training Day, children do not attend school

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.





INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

V1.0

FREE ONLINE workshop for parents and carers to help keep their **children safe online**. Hosted by West Midlands Police in partnership with Coventry City Council's Prevent Team.

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

To view dates and times and to book a place, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code above



West Midlands
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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 21st September 6.00pm - 8.00pm



Bishop Ullathorne Catholic School



"Students have respect for themselves. As a result, behaviour is outstanding and all students follow the 'Ullathorne Way'."

Section 48 Inspection, June 2022

<https://www.bishopullathorne.co.uk/new-starters>



DOES YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS?

Get in touch with us if you would like to join our next SENDIASS Coffee Morning. Meet other parents in a similar situation. Share with others in a friendly, non-judgemental environment, together with a member of staff from SENDIASS.

COFFEE MORNING
TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2023
(10AM -12PM)

Venue: Metropolis Restaurant
Upstairs Community Room,
Earl Street, Coventry, CV1 5RU

To book your place contact:
SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)
Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: iass@coventry.gov.uk

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AT7 Centre,
COVENTRY, CV6 7GP:
12:00 – 14:00pm

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NUNEATON, CV10 7EZ:
10:00 – 12:00pm

WOMEN**talk** is delivered in: **Coventry | Nuneaton**
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