



# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd September 2023



Dear Parents,

**“Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous – to give and not to count the cost.”**

**St Francis Xavier**

Out of his generosity God has created us to live in complete harmony and happiness with him and each other – forever! Through being generous, we help each other to feel God’s love and something of the joy that God has in store for us.

### **Library Visits**

This week Year 4 and 5 have made a visit to Allesley Library. They have had the opportunity to look and see all the lovely books that are available to borrow for free and have a story read to them by the librarian. Please consider using the library to supplement the children’s reading and write the book in their reading diary.



Each Friday the staff are starting to read their favourite poem to the school to develop and encourage a love of poetry. Once the staff have read their poem we will be asking the children to find and read their favourite poem too.

### **Year 5 Inspire workshop**

Congratulations to Year 5 on creating such wonderful clay figures related to God’s creation. We apologise for such short notice, however we have managed to film some of the children in their creative action. We will be having other workshops throughout the year so do not worry there will be plenty of opportunities to share in your child’s learning.

### **Website**

Please keep an eye on our website as we have uploaded the curriculum overviews for Topics being covered. There are expectations for each year group with information about each subject area. We have also uploaded the PowerPoints from this years meetings (for those parents who were not able to join us).

### **Toys and Games**

If you start to have a sort and clear out ready for Christmas of unwanted toys and games, Owls Club would be very grateful of any good quality toys and games.

### **Homework**

Homework is mainly TTRockstars, Spelling Shed and reading for those parents that want other tasks there are take home tasks on our website linked to our topics these can be done together with parents at home and brought to school on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Homework is there to compliment the learning that is happening in the classroom you do not have to do it as we know some children have busy lives but we do encourage you to do 5 mins each night.



### **Online Safety**

The children continue to learn about online safety throughout the school as we recognise the importance of this. Year 6 pupils led an assembly on Monday about this and I know many children did talk about this at home.



**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](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 £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](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**



## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION  
**16+**

In UK and Europe:  
rest of the world 13+

...MSG ME...

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

### EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

### FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a 'Forwarded many times' label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original... and might not be entirely factual, either.

### ONLINE

### 'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

### CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

### VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

...TYPING...

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

### ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

### THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

### CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



...HEY OSCAR...



National  
Online  
Safety®

#WakeUpWednesday



## Stars of the Week

*Nursery Eyram, Callie*

*Reception Fionn, Michelle*

*Year 1 Corney, Finn*

*Year 2 Gioele, Edith*

*Year 3 Lucy, Franco*

*Year 4 Matilda, Victory*

*Year 5 Noah, Nathaniel*

*Year 6 Eoghan, Elizabeth*



### 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 everyday**



### 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.

### 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](http://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.

### 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.

**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, 25th September**

Choir - KS2 - Lunch

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

### **Tuesday, 26th 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.

Year 1 Library Visit

### **Wednesday, 27th 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, 28th 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 2 Library Visit

### **Friday, 29th September**

**TEACHER TRAINING DAY - children do not attend**

### **Future Dates**

Tuesday 3rd October

Thursday 5th October

Thursday 5th October

Friday 6th October

Friday 6th October

Monday 9th October

- Year 6 Library Visit

- Year 1 Inspire Workshop

- Boys Football match home v St Thomas More

- Reception Class Welcome Assembly

- Year 1 Trip to Herbert Art Gallery

- PTA Meeting

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.



PTA meeting

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October

3:30 in the school Hall

Tea and Cakes available



## **Autumn Fun**

Mosaic Family Hub – Tile Hill

These free sessions are for parents/carers with children aged between 0 and 5.

We will:

- Use stories and songs to bring learning to life
- Share resources with you and your child to enjoy during and after the sessions
- Share ideas which will help you to support your child's development
- Address any questions or concerns you may have regarding your child's learning and development

**When:-**

**Wednesday 1.00 – 3.00**

**4<sup>th</sup> October – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**How to enrol:-**

**Enquire at the Family Hub or visit the Adult Education website below**

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/adulted>

To find out more contact:

kate.steventon@coventry.gov.uk or 024 7697 8730

steve.withers@coventry.gov.uk or 024 7697 1301



Family Learning – programmes that promote strong positive relationships within families; enabling parents and carers to support their children's learning and development.