



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd December 2023



Dear parents,



Thank you to all the children who showed how amazing they have been through the nativities performed this week. I was so amazed by the singing of Silent Night in Spanish by Year 3 and Year 4 fantastic work. A massive thank you to all the staff who have supported and worked so hard behind the scenes.

Today we say goodbye to 3 members of staff: Mrs Valente who will be teaching closer to home in Leicestershire. We are very grateful for the time she has spent with us and we will miss her terribly. We wish her every success and happiness in her new role and hope that she will come back to visit us in the future. Mr Gormley will be joining us in January as the class teacher for Year 5 and he has been given an excellent handover by Mrs Valente.

Miss Carr is also leaving us as she will start a new role in America at my favourite place Disneyland Florida so if you are going on holiday there make sure you head over to Epcot England to find Miss Carr. We wish her every happiness and hope that she will keep in contact. Maybe we might get a message from Mickey Mouse himself.



Mr Carroll will be a great loss to our school. He has always made sure that the children have prioritised good sportsmanship above anything else. He is our Barbecue King and has so many roles in school. We wish him good health and happiness as he retires and he is always welcome to visit at SJV. Maybe he will visit us for Gala day especially as it is our 60th Anniversary. Mr Chatland will be joining us in the new Year to try and fill Mr Carroll's boots we wish him every happiness in our school.

Mass times on Christmas Eve

4:30 at Our Lady's

6:30 at St John Vianney

Christmas Day

9:30 at St John Vianney

11:00am at Our Lady of the Assumption

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year



When dropping off or collecting from Owls Club, please phone the school telephone - 02476 464088 - and press option 3

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.

Late Collection

If you are more than 10 minutes late collecting your child at the end of the school day, they will be put into Owls Club and you will be invoiced for the session.

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 UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins is a technology journalist and editor with more than 20 years' experience of working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a tech 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 on the subject of internet safety.



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

Monday, 8th January

Choir - KS2 - Lunch

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Reception - Vision Screening

Tuesday, 9th January

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

Creative Flair Music Club - Reception Class - lunchtime

Wednesday, 10th January

Mini-Tennis - Year 3/4 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m. - **NO SESSION**

Guitar Tuition

Dance - Year 1/2 - 3.15 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. - **NO SESSION**

Thursday, 21st December

Mini-Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 7.45 to 8.30 a.m. - **NO SESSION**

Piano Tuition

Creative Flair Dance - Year 1 & 2 - 12.30 to 1.00 p.m.

Hockey - Year 5 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. – **NO SESSION**

Netball Squad - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m. - **NO SESSION**

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Future Dates

Monday 8th January

Thursday 11th January

Thursday 25th January

Monday 19th February

- Children return to school
- Netball Match away v St Thomas Moore
- Year 4 Inspire Workshop
- Additional Teacher Training Day - school closed to pupils

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For Owls Club follow - @OwlsClubSJV



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