



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th January 2024



Dear Parents,

“The family is a community of love where each of us learns to relate to others and the world around us.” Pope Francis

In this weeks Gospel Jesus calls his disciples to follow him and form a community of love to share our gifts and talents with others.

Congratulations to Year 6 who spoke so confidently about the saints they were interested in following and choosing to guide them in their lives. It was an excellent turn out and the children could answer many questions posed by the parents. I think the parents were very proud of their knowledge and understanding, I know we were!



Apologies, I forgot to welcome Mr Gormley to our school last week. He is the new Year 5 teacher and SENCO. He has fitted into our school so quickly and loves his new class. Mrs Connelly is passing the SENCO baton on to Mr Gormley, but will be working very closely with him over the next few weeks/months. I thank Mrs Connelly for all her hard work and know that this position is a very demanding job. In her time as SENCO she has done an admirable job and is held in high esteem within the MAC. Mrs Connelly will be taking on the role of History and Geography co-ordinator.

This coming week we welcome Mr Chatland as our sports coach. He is a very keen sportsman and I am sure that he will continue to have high expectations of our PE. He has been given an excellent handover from Mr Carroll, so we hope to go from strength to strength.

We learnt about Martin Luther King Jr this week as it was a national holiday in America. We looked at how he made changes in the world particularly with his speech “I have a dream ...”

The children were made aware of how people were, and sometimes are, treated differently and how this is wrong. We talked about our one school rule and how important it is to:

Love one another as I have loved you

This week we had a lovely piano assembly by the children who are developing their musical skills. I was very impressed by their talents- I wished I could play as well as them.

On Saturday we look forward to seeing Year 5 and 6 at Mass they will be leading this weekend Mass and will receive a gift to remind them that they belong to the community of Christ Jesus. They have been called to share the Good News.



This is the Year of prayer and Pope Francis has asked us to say the Our Father daily.

This week I am adding this prayer for Year 6 to learn by heart:

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.**

Let us pray.

**O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



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**

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

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.



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CHECK IN WITH YOUR FRIENDS

If one of your friends doesn't seem OK, checking in on them can make a huge difference. One in every five children struggles with their mental health, so let's make sure we support each other through any difficult times.

BE A GOOD
LISTENER

ASK HOW
YOU CAN
HELP

SHOW
EMPATHY

SEND A
NICE
MESSAGE

BE KIND

★ BE ★
SUPPORTIVE ★

IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT A FRIEND
**TELL A
TRUSTED
ADULT**

I SAW THIS AND
THOUGHT OF YOU!

WANTED TO LET YOU
KNOW I'M THINKING
OF YOU!

I'M HERE WHEN YOU
NEED ME.

MISSING YOU AT
SCHOOL TODAY,
EVERYTHING OK?

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Stars of the Week

Nursery	Robyn B, Arlo
Reception	Jacob, Matilda
Year 1	Corneliusz, Lucja
Year 2	Leigha, Mikey
Year 3	Funmilayo, Amelia-Rose
Year 4	Robbie, Bobby
Year 5	Jessica, Noah
Year 6	Elizabeth, Chloe



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



Job Vacancy

We currently have a job vacancy for a Teaching Assistant. Please visit the website below for more information and to apply:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/147342/EDV-2024-SJVCPS-99817>



In order to raise money for children at Bishop Ullathorne to attend a trip to Lourdes, there will be a cake sale on Sunday 4th February at St John Vianney Church after Mass.



Building Fund Contributions to the school building fund are now due for the Spring Term (£10.00 per child or £15.00 per family) or for the whole school year (£30.00 per child or £45.00



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



Saturday 20th January

Year 5 & 6 to attend Mass - 6.00 p.m.

Monday, 22nd January

Choir - KS2 - Lunch

Dance - KS2 - 3.15 to 4.00 p.m.

Tuesday, 23rd January

Creative Flair Music - Reception Class - Lunch

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

Wednesday, 24th January

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, 25 January

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.

Netball Squad - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15 to 4.15 p.m.

Year 4 Inspire Workshop - 9.00 a.m.

Friday, 26th January

Future Dates

Thursday 1st February

Monday 5th February

Tuesday 6th February

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Friday 9th February

Monday 19th February

Tuesday 20th February

Friday 23rd February

Thursday 29th February

- Netball Match home v St Augustine
- Netball Match away v St Osburgs
- Nursery Inspire Workshop - Baptism
- Boys Football Match away v All Souls
- Children break up for half term holiday
- Teacher Training Day
- Children return to school
- Football Match away v Our Lady
- Boys Football Match home v Christ the King

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.

