



# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th February 2024



Dear parents

**“The compassion of God, his suffering-with-us, gives meaning to our struggles and our sufferings.” Pope Francis**

This Sunday's Gospel is all about Jesus healing the leper. What was Jesus filled with when the leper knelt down in front of him? Jesus has compassion for all those who are left out: he came to take away fear, loneliness and bullying – to help people feel loved and accepted. We can experience Jesus' compassion through other people and through spending time in prayer.

To be compassionate is to share someone's suffering - to feel sorrow for their situation and to do something about it. Compassion is an attractive quality. Our own example in daily life can help our children become more compassionate.



This week the children have been busy leading assemblies on Internet Safety. We have talked at length about using the internet safely. We talked about the age restrictions on some of the Apps such as WhatsApp and snapchat.

We talked about being kind to each other and if you can't say anything nice don't say anything at all.

Online bullies may:

- send nasty text messages or emails
- say unkind things about people on social networking sites
- try to get others to say unkind and nasty things too
- send unkind photographs to lots of people

Writing unkind things on the internet can be classed as cyber-bullying and it will be there forever. We need to learn to talk to each other, show compassion and walk in each other's shoes.

We are obliged to report misuse of the internet to the MASH team (social services) to keep your child safe. Please monitor your child's use of the internet carefully.





The children have spent time this week completing mental health and wellbeing activities. They recognise that we are all different and unique and that their voice matters.

Congratulations to Year 5 who led a lovely assembly on the theme of Love. Well Done Year 5 for speaking so clearly and making us think about our one school rule to Love one another as I have loved you.

Congratulations to Year 6 who led a beautiful Mass on the theme of love.

It was great to celebrate Mass in school and to see the children lead on so many elements.

Congratulations to Nursery who had a lovely inspire workshop on Baptism. Well Done for great team work.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Chocolate Bingo night. It was a great success. Thank you to Mr Gormley for being our bingo caller and to all the staff and PTA members for their help- it made the night go so well.

**We will be holding our first Pop Up Bookshop on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February. This is being organised by Independent Bookseller Kenilworth Books. They will bring into school a specially curated selection of quality children's books for our pupils and families to purchase. Our school will get back 10% on every sale enabling us to buy new books for the library. You will be able to pay for purchases either by cash, card or ApplePay.**



# 20 is plenty!

Children who read for  
20 minutes a day...



Will have a world of  
imagination & creativity  
opened to them



Will be exposed to 1.8  
million words a year



Will have better  
general knowledge



Will improve critical  
thinking skills



Will improve their  
communication skills



Will have a broad  
vocabulary



Will learn how to  
develop empathy



Will have reduced  
stress levels



Will improve their test  
results



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

**To keep your child safe when collecting, please make sure you stand at the school gate so the staff can clearly see you.**

**Please do not wait in cars.**

### **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.



### **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**



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONKEY

AGE RESTRICTION  
**17+**

(although the lack of age verification means that someone younger could easily log in with a fake date of birth)

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The app claims to use AI to detect sexual content or activity that violates its policies, along with having a 24/7 moderation team. However, reports in the media continue to indicate that explicit content remains commonplace on Monkey (including sexually graphic or violent material) and is therefore accessible to anybody who uses the app – including those aged under 18.

UNDER 18

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

The obvious risk in accepting random video chat partners is that users cannot know what or who they will see on their next connection. Talking to strangers is, of course, potentially dangerous – especially for children who might be persuaded to meet up with these people offline. The app lets users find each other by location, increasing the chances of a child being matched with a stranger from their local area.



### IN-APP SPENDING

While Monkey is free to download, it nevertheless offers in-app purchases promising to unlock access to premium features. For example, users who wish to make use of 'Knock Knock chat' (Monkey's text-based messaging option), rather than the app's Chatroulette-style random video calling feature, will need to pay to be able to do so.



### INTRUSIONS ON PRIVACY

According to Monkey's privacy policy, personal information (such as name, profile picture and date of birth), user-contributed content (any photos, texts, videos and screenshots shared) and each user's browser and IP address are collected. That is a considerable amount of data for Monkey to gather on its users – and all of this information is shared with third parties.



## Advice for Parents & Carers

### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Even if you're comfortable with your child using Monkey, it's still important to talk about the potential dangers. It's crucial, for instance, that young people recognise the risks that stem from video chatting with strangers; that they understand not to share identifying information (like their street or school name); and that they know what to do if they are exposed to inappropriate content.



### RESTRICT IN-APP PURCHASING

If your child is accessing Monkey via an Android device, you can prevent them from making in-app purchases through the device's settings. If you do allow your child to use the site, we'd recommend that you enable this feature: young people have been known to spend significant amounts of money in their desire to unlock more features in apps such as this.



### REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Monkey states in the safety section of its site that "people are given the power" and that, to a large extent, Monkey is "self-governing." If a user is exposed to sexually explicit or inappropriate content on the platform, they can select the 'police' emoji in the top right corner of their screen to submit a report for Monkey's moderation team to review.



### SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Monkey – or that they may have been exposed to inappropriate or distressing content – it's important to watch for potential indications that they've been affected emotionally. They could be unusually irritable or unable to concentrate, for example, or failing to complete their homework or even to eat regular meals.



## 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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#WakeUpWednesday



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



**Monday, 19th February**

**Teacher Training Day - children do not attend**

**Tuesday, 20th February**

Creative Flair Music - Reception Class - Lunch

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

Boys Football Squad training - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15-4.15 p.m

**Children return to school**

Year 3 First Holy Communion Meeting in Church - 6.00-7.15 p.m - Parents only

**Wednesday, 21st February**

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.

Girls Football Squad Training - Years 5 & 6 - 3.15-4.15 p.m.

Swimming Gala

**Thursday, 22nd February**

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.

**Friday, 23rd February**

Boys Football Match - away v Our Lady

**Future Dates**

Monday 26th February

Wednesday 28th February

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Thursday 29th February

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Monday 4th March

Tuesday 5th March

Wednesday 6th March

Thursday 7th March

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Friday 8th March

- Reading Workshop 6.00 p.m.
- Year 6 Confirmation Parents Meeting 6.00 p.m.
- Theatre Visit in School - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2
- Boys Football Match home v Christ the King
- Book Fair in School
- Parents Evening (Not Nursery)
- Parent Evening including Nursery
- Netball Match away v Corpus Christi
- Year 2 Assembly - World Book Day
- Boys Football Match away v St Mary & St Benedict
- Year 4 Assembly - Mothers' Day

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.

