

Focus on Welcome Back!

Our children were delighted to be back at school on Monday, the classrooms were filled with excited chatter and many smiling faces! In Reception and Year 1 the children have taken part in a range of activities to help with mental health and well-being. We planted seeds with Miss Hughes and are going to water them and watch them grow. We painted pictures of things that makes us happy. We took part in some mindfulness breathing exercises and joined in with some Cosmic Kids yoga sessions. Year 4 enjoyed a morning of art, recreating 'The Kiss' by Gustav Klimt.



In the afternoon, we enjoyed a lovely outdoor session where we spent time recognising the positive qualities in each other. The cards we created for each other made us laugh and smile! Year 2 spent some time outside appreciating the world around them. They took time to be still and listen to the sounds of nature and talked about things they were particularly grateful for. Following last week's gospel, they also discussed feelings and the importance of talking to each other.



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*Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to
the full" John 10:10*

Gospel Contemplations by Mrs Holland

'For God so loved the world that He gave His only son.'



This is the message behind the Gospel this week. God sent His son not to condemn us but to save us by showing us a better way. The reading tells us that those who are good are drawn to the light of Christ to show their good deeds are done in God's name. We all have the freedom of choice; it is our choice whether we live by God's word or not, it is our choice whether we shine in the light of God. Belief in Jesus is light – a light which shines around us and shows the brightness of our faith. This light, the light of God's love, is present in all of us but it is our choice to accept it and use it for healing, forgiving, and touching the lives of those around us.

Behaviour Awards

This morning I gave out badges in assembly, well done everybody!

Good Conduct Award – Excellent attitude in all aspects of school life.

Courtesy Award – Good manners and polite behaviour.

Merit Award – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

Year Group	Good Conduct Award	Courtesy Award	Merit Award
Reception	Layla-Grace	Thomas	Matthew
Year 1	Annie	Alissa	William
Year 2	Erin	Ayla	Gianna
Year 3	Eoin	Isla T	Henry
Year 4	Jack	Ava S	Siobhan
Year 5	Livia	Kane	Isabella
Year 6	Aodhan	Thomas F	Isla

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone. The children have settled back almost as though they have never been away. School has been wonderful - full of activity! It is so great to have our St Vincents family all together. We recognise that tiredness will creep in quickly with the children but we know with patience and understanding, they will soon adjust. Please don't be alarmed if your child appears grumpier than usual or a little upset - this is quite natural. However, if you do have any concerns, please do let us know so we can address them quickly.

Have a lovely weekend with your family.

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent's

Red Nose Day – 19th March

We will be celebrating Red Nose day and selling red noses via ParentPay at £1.50 a nose until they have all gone. This year it's never felt more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living through incredibly tough times. We need the power of funny to turn laughs into lasting change. On Friday 19th March children can come to school in their own clothes, wearing something red! Please see link to our Red Nose Donation page below:-

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2601> There is an option for Gift Aid donation via this page.

Year 4 and 5 World book day characters



Forest School

Year 3 and Reception had a great time at Forest schools this week.



Father David visits Year 2

As part of RE for this Half Term Year 2, have been focusing on the Mass and what happens during this special time. We asked Father David if he would like to pop into school to help us learn more. We also got the opportunity to ask Father David some questions and found out lots of interesting facts about him!



Parking

Please park responsibly as we have had a number of complaints from residents that parents have parked their vehicles on their front gardens or blocked their driveways. Some of the roads around school are private property and we should respect this when parking at the start and the end of the school day.

Please also consider alternative ways to come to school for example walking or cycling.

Internet Safety

Now we are back at school it is a good time to reset boundaries on using the internet. Please think about moving computers into communal areas so they can be easily monitored. If your child has a personal device like iPad, tablet or phone check the apps they are using and check privacy settings.

Start/Finish Times

Please ensure that children are at school for the right time relevant to their class. Please do not come onto school site more than five minutes before your allotted time. All adults and children of secondary school need to wear a face covering and keep to the one way system.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Start time	8.50 (Reception gate)	8.55 (Reception gate)	8.50 (KS1 door)	8.55 (Y3/Y4 door)	8.50 (Y3/Y4 door)	8.55 (Y5/Y6 door)	8.50 (Y5/Y6 door)
Home time	3.10 (Reception gate)	3.15 (Reception gate)	3.10 (KS1 door)	3.15 (Y3/Y4 door)	3.10 (Y3/Y4 door)	3.15 (Y5/Y6 door)	3.10 (Main gate)

IMPORTANT: Please remember

Children, parents and staff must not attend school if they are feeling unwell or are displaying any of the symptoms that could be caused by coronavirus. The main symptoms are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

You are advised to stay at home and get tested. Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test.

Birthday Wishes!

Happy birthday to the following children:

Look who
is
7
Harry S

Look who
is
8
Erin

Look who
is
9
Theo

Look who
is
11
Lilliana

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 15th March		
Year 4 Forest Schools – come to school wearing clothes for outside learning.		PM
Tuesday 16th March		
Year 4 - Clarinet – remember to bring instruments into school		PM
Wednesday 17th March		
Thursday 18th March		
Friday 19th March		
Red Nose Day - children can come to school in their own clothes, wearing red!	ALL	
Year 1 Forest Schools – come to school wearing clothes for outside learning.		PM

Father David and St. Vincent's Church

You can now book for Holy Week and Easter Sunday via Church website. There is still restrictions on numbers so please book before attending Church. <https://www.picktime.com/stvincentdepaul>
 Church is open for masses: - Tuesday to Friday – 9:30 am, Saturday – 5:30 pm and Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

Our amazing Year 6 Prefects

Year 6 have returned to school in a very mature manner and continue to do an amazing job as prefects setting an excellent example to all.

