

Focus on... Red Nose Day

What a lot of red there is in school today. Well done everyone! So far we have raised £309 selling red noses and £62 for wearing red today.

Red Nose Day, as part of Comic Relief, has been running since its launch in 1988 and is a day designated to raising as much money as possible for charity. Red Nose Day is a campaign to end child poverty, one nose at a time. Through the power of entertainment, Red Nose Day raises money and awareness to ensure children who need our help the most are safe, healthy and educated around the world.

Following a difficult year for everyone in 2020, this year it's all about raising money through humour. If you have not already done so please see link to our Red Nose Donation page below for wearing red on your own clothes:- <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2601> there is an option for Gift Aid donation via this page.



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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

With Holy Week fast approaching, this week's gospel gives us a glimmer of what is to come. Jesus is talking in the shadow of death but we must remind ourselves that without Good Friday, there would have been no Easter Sunday. The main message of Easter and Lent is that in every death there is life. A seed has to die in order to produce more fruit. In the same way, we may have to let go of some things in our lives so that other things can flourish. This is not always easy to comprehend as it is human nature to hang on to the familiar whether it is good for us or not. Therefore, we should try to embrace change for the possibilities it may bring rather than mourn it for what we lose as when we do this, we will enjoy the happiness that only Jesus can bring.



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	Jaxon	Zara	Huey
Year 1	Nathaniel	Martha	Ethan
Year 2	Alice	Allie	Ethan B
Year 3	Connie	Elise	Olivia
Year 4	Charlie	Annie	Louie
Year 5	Patrick	Melissa	Jack Da
Year 6	Nancy	Alicia	Millie

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe it's Friday already, the weeks really do seem to go by in a flash. We have been back altogether for two weeks. All our children work so incredibly hard each day, making every moment count. Our teachers and teaching assistants also give their very best, planning engaging and exciting lessons with a variety of topics every single day. Our office staff, kitchen staff, middays, caretakers, cleaners and Governors ensure that school runs like a well-oiled machine for the benefit of the whole St. Vincent's community. You as parents and carers support your children in all the activities we set, so they benefit from a very broad and balanced curriculum. We all have so much to be thankful for.

Have a lovely relaxing weekend with your family.

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent's

More Red Nose Day pictures



The Census

Have you completed your census online? The census is a survey about all the households in England and Wales. The census takes place this Sunday 21st March. Everyone must complete the census and provide accurate information as it helps decide how services are funded in our area.

Internet Safety

Please reset boundaries on using the internet with your child at home. Think about moving computers and any devices that can access the internet into communal areas so they can be easily monitored. If your child has a personal device like iPad, tablet or phone, please check the apps they are using, check privacy settings and check what posts they are making. It is your responsibility as parents to keep your child safe online at home and therefore needs to be monitored regularly.

Year 4 First Holy Communion

A letter has been emailed to all Year 4 parents about the new proposed dates for First Holy Communion in the summer from our wonderful catechists Hilary, Sharon and Louise. Any questions please email Mrs Watson.

Year 3 Sacramental programme

A letter has been emailed to all Year 3 parents about the new proposed dates for starting the sacramental programme in Year 3 from our dedicated catechists Hilary, Sharon and Louise. Any questions please email Mrs Watson.

Forest School

Year 4 and Year 1 had a great time at Forest school this week with our amazing Miss Hughes. Forest School aims to promote the holistic development of all involved, fostering resilient, confident, independent and creative learners as well as having fun! It offers learners the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and to themselves.



St Nicholas Catholic High School

An email has been sent to invite Years 4, 5 and 6 children at St Vincent's and their parents / carers to an online Presentation Evening about St Nicholas Catholic High School. The event will take place via Microsoft Teams Wednesday 24th March from 6.00pm - 6.30pm. The evening will provide an opportunity to hear a short presentation from Richard Woods, Headteacher of St Nicholas Catholic High School, and Mr Johnson. There will also be input from some current Year 7 students who previously attended St Vincent's Catholic Primary School.

Parents evening

Parents evening will be after Easter during the week commencing 26th April via Teams. Further details will be sent on Monday 19th April. Bookings for parents' evenings will go live on Tuesday 20th April.

Laptop/iPad Return

Please can anyone that borrowed a school laptop or iPad in Lockdown please return them to the school office ASAP.

Birthday Wishes! So "Happy Birthday" to the following child:-

Look who
is
5
Angus

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 22nd March		
Year 6 Forest Schools – come to school wearing clothes for outside learning.		PM
Tuesday 23rd March		
Year 4 - Clarinet – remember to bring instruments into school		PM
Wednesday 24th March		
St Nicholas Catholic High School - Virtual Presentation Evening – Year 4, 5 & 6 parents – see email about log in details.		6.00pm
Thursday 25th March		
Friday 26th March		
Year 2 Forest Schools – come to school wearing clothes for outside learning.		PM

Start/Finish Times

Please ensure that children are at school for the **correct 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 age 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 <small>(Reception gate)</small>	8.55 <small>(Reception gate)</small>	8.50 <small>(KS1 door)</small>	8.55 <small>(Y3/Y4 door)</small>	8.50 <small>(Y3/Y4 door)</small>	8.55 <small>(Y5/Y6 door)</small>	8.50 <small>(Y5/Y6 door)</small>
Home time	3.10 <small>(Reception gate)</small>	3.15 <small>(Reception gate)</small>	3.10 <small>(KS1 door)</small>	3.15 <small>(Y3/Y4 door)</small>	3.10 <small>(Y3/Y4 door)</small>	3.15 <small>(Y5/Y6 door)</small>	3.10 <small>(Main gate)</small>

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.

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) should get a test.

Father David and St. Vincent's Church

Bookings for Holy Week and Easter Sunday via Church website are available now. There is still restrictions on numbers so please book before attending Church.

<https://www.picktime.com/stvincentdepaul>