

Focus on – New Reception

We welcome our wonderful reception children as they come together as a full class today for the first time.

Don't they look smart in their uniforms!

We are so pleased that they have settled so well and are enjoying the beginning of their school journey.

They have had an amazing day and every time I have been in Reception Miss Quinn has a big smile on her face.



Front Row:

Oliver, Tommy, Roisin, Henry, Jenson, Zara, Robyn, Marissa, Huey

Middle Row:

Araoluwa, Beatrice, Jaxon, Sebby, Thomas, Amelia, Matthew, Alfie

Back Row:

Noah, Layla-Grace, Carys, Stanley, Loughlin, Frank, William

And also we would like to welcome Audrey to Reception class!

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

The Gospel

Sundays' gospel continues the theme of forgiveness with a gospel reading from St. Matthew. We are all working hard to do the very best that we can in uncertain times but we don't always see the struggles of others. It is important that we exercise patience, compassion and forgiveness to those around us just as Jesus would want us to do. However, it is just as important to ask God for forgiveness when we realise we may have acted unjustly too.

In the words of Pope Francis:

*The Lord never tires
of forgiving, it is we
who tire of asking for
forgiveness.*

Pope Francis



Behaviour Awards

This morning I gave out our first set of badges in each classroom, well done everybody!

*Reception will be included next week once they are all in and settled.

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	No awards this week. Well done for all coming into school so well		
Year 1	Maya	Ivan	Grace F
Year 2	Heidi	Harry S	Freddie
Year 3	Jacob	Georgie	Isla T
Year 4	Aadhya	Isaac	Alice A
Year 5	Charlie	Vincent	Max
Year 6	Lilliana	Millie	Alex

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As our first full week back at school comes to an end, I can honestly say it is so lovely to have the heart of the school beating once again in its entirety. Routines are being established as children settle back to learning in our school environment after months in lockdown.

Thank you to all parents who are adhering to our one-way system and staggered start times. We have been monitoring the movement of children at the start and end of the day to ensure we are as safe as we can be and have found certain tweaks can be made to improve our system and reduce the amount of parents waiting on the playground.

Therefore, from Monday, there will be some changes to some classes. Please check the table below in case this affects you.

Changes are:

Year 2 – home time 3.10,

Year 4 - coming in and going home via Junior door

Year 5 - start time 8.50

Year 6 - arriving and home via Year 5 & 6 door

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Start time	8.45 (Reception door)	8.55 (Infant door)	8.45 (Infant door)	8.55 (Hall door)	8.45 (Junior door)	8.50 (Junior door)	8.45 (Year 5/6 door)
Home time	3.05 (Reception door)	3.15 (Reception door)	3.10 (Infant door)	3.15 (Hall door)	3.05 (Junior door)	3.15 (Junior door)	3.05 (Year 5/6 door)

Please continue to social distance when on the playground as this is still very important. I would also like to remind parents that children should not play on the fitness zone at the end of the day as it will have been sanitised again for the following day. Please continue to keep your children with you at all times, particularly when waiting for siblings, and move away from the playground as soon as you can in order to reduce numbers gathering.

Although it is statutory for children to be in school, **please do not send your child to school if they are displaying any symptoms such as a high temperature, a persistent cough or a loss of sense of taste or smell.** Please let the office know if your child is absent for any reason.

God Bless,

Miss Groarke and the staff of St. Vincent's

School Councillors

During this week children from Year 2 to Year 6 have been standing for school Council. Well done to all the children who put themselves forward. The votes have been counted and our School councillors for 2020 – 2021 are:-

Year 2	Olivia C	Harrison J
Year 3	Olivia E	Casper
Year 4	Annie B	Jack S
Year 5	Max W	Joe V
Year 6	Mille C	Alice H

Fluenz

This year the fluenz spray will be offered to every child in the school. Letters went home yesterday and today. Please ensure the consent forms are completed and returned to school before Friday 18th September.

St Vincent de Paul Church

Is still open to welcome you to Mass. Please note: Each slot can accommodate one household (one person, a couple, a family). Social distancing means that they can only accommodate 25 households at mass. Please choose another mass time if the one you originally chose is full. In the 'Household Number' field type in how many people in your household are coming to mass (please use a number e.g. '2' NOT text e.g. 'two'). Face masks must be worn in church (unless you are exempt). They will need your contact details to support track and trace. Please do try to attend.

Bookings should be made at: <https://www.picktime.com/stvincentdepaul>

Data Collection Sheets

It is important that we keep comprehensive and up to date records on our students and their contact, medical and consent information. This is particularly essential in times of an emergency or where a school wide message requires your attention. This went out via email on Monday 7th September. Please ensure all completed forms are returned to school by **Friday 18th September**. Thank you.

GDPR

If you have not already done so, please sign the GDPR permission slips as without these we are not able to put pictures of your child on our weekly newsletter or email the newsletter to you.

Curriculum Overviews

Details of the curriculum being covered in each class are being emailed home today. Homework timetables are also included but please be aware there are occasional variations so check homework diaries and emails for the tasks actually set. Email and phone communication is where parents can communicate with teachers and vice-versa. Please do spend a little time chatting with your child about homework.

House Captains

Well done to the thirteen children in Year 6 who gave their speeches via zoom to children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 for the position of House Captains. They all were very professional, I'm glad I didn't have to vote! The winners were:

St. Andrew	St. David	St. George	St. Patrick
Georgie M	Nancy A	Rosie E	Juliette N

Vice captains will be voted in next week!

Healthy Snacks

Please remember to send in only fruit or vegetables as a healthy morning snack for Junior children. Infants will get fruit free fruit from the National free fruit scheme. At the moment we are not selling snack at break time.

Birthday Wishes!

A suggestion was made by Alice (a pupil in Year 6) that it may be nice to include birthdays in the newsletters! So "Happy Birthday" to the following children:-

Look who is 5 Sebby Carys Henry	Look who is 6 Harriet	Look who is 8 Connie	Look who is 9 Ava	Look who is 11 Thomas H Charlotte
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The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 14^h September 2020		
Year 2 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Tuesday 15th September 2020		
Year 3 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Wednesday 16th September 2020		
Year 4 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Thursday 17th September 2020		
Year 5 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Friday 18th September 2020		
Y1 Balance Bikes	AM	
Year 6 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30

Sport by Coach Dave

Here are a couple of photos from this week's Year 5 and Year 6 P.E lessons. All of the children at school are now enjoying our brand new P.E. scheme of work from 'Get Set 4 PE'. Years 5 and 6 are enjoying the fitness topic which is focusing on sprinting techniques and involves various activities where the children are encouraged to "beat their own record". The attitude and effort has been outstanding. As you can see, the children are socially distanced and minimal equipment is being used.

