

Spotlight on.... Father John

This Sunday is the feast day for St. Vincent de Paul and it also marks the final Mass said by Father John before he takes his well-deserved retirement. Father John has been such an important part of our community and will leave a huge gap in our lives. We all have fond memories of his sermons, his words of wisdom and his mischievous nature! In fact, when we asked our children what stands out for them when they think of Father John, there was an overwhelming response about his sense of humour! We are so privileged to have had such a wonderful Parish Priest who has given our children such happy memories. We would like to offer our heart-felt thanks to Father John for all his hard work and dedication to our school and wish him well as he embarks on a new chapter.



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

The Gospel

This week's Gospel reading is taken from Matthew 21:28 – 32. Here, we learn how doing the right thing is far more important than looking like we are doing the right thing. For children, doing the right thing can sometimes be really difficult as they do not always see another person's perspective of a situation. As parents, and for us as teachers, it is our job to steer our children in the right direction enabling them to make good choices. However, this can sometimes take more time than we realise! The Gospel reading goes on to point out that it can often be the most unlikely people who are living as Jesus intended us to live but are doing so humbly and quietly. I suppose this serves as a reminder that we should not judge others but treat everyone with kindness and respect. If we do this as adults, then our children will learn from us which, in turn, will help them to make good choices in the future.

Behaviour Awards

This morning I gave out badges in each classroom, 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	Robyn	Angus	Frank
Year 1	Max	Bobby	Grace
Year 2	Olivia	Alice	Daniel
Year 3	Harvey	Lexie-Mae	Leland
Year 4	Rosie	Neveah	Jess
Year 5	Hattie	Jacob	Rafa
Year 6	Evangeline	Penny	Nancy

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely week and are keeping safe. We've had another very busy week in school and it's good to see how enthusiastic and hard-working the children are. The weather seems to be returning to its usual autumnal dampness so can you please remember to send children in with a coat. We need children to play outside as much as possible and so a coat is imperative.

International Day of Languages

On Monday we will be celebrating the International Day of Languages in school and so children will be able to take part in a variety of activities involving different languages. If you speak a language other than English with your child at home, it would be lovely if you could talk to them about how special it is to speak more than one language as not everyone can do that...we may be asking for their help in class!



Year 6 Prefects



Wow! What an amazing group of Year 6 prefects we have. I received applications from all our Year 6 pupils for the jobs and responsibilities around school but due to COVID 19 jobs have had to be limited. Hopefully by Easter more roles will be available for them. The standard of these applications were amazing. With staff support, I had the challenging job of assigning each child to a role. I am sure you will join the staff in wishing them luck in their new prefect positions for the year ahead.

Bikeability

Year 6 will be taking part in Bikeability (Level 2) on either 1st October or 6th October. The course will run during the school day and the children will be split into groups. Please ensure that you send your child to school with their bike and helmet on the right day. The Year 6 children should wear their 'Outdoor PE Kit' – which consists of jogging bottoms/ leggings and school PE T-shirt. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with them too. Please note which day your child will attend below:

1st October

Nancy, Penny, Cameron, Millie, Lucy, Rosie, Cait, Thomas F, Luca, James, Evangeline, Adam, Tabitha, Alice, Alicia.

6th October

Harvey, Georgie, Lilliana, Aodhan, Charlotte, Juliette, Isla, Alex, Storm, Giorgio, Imogen, Jack, Thomas H

Face coverings As you are aware, it is mandatory to wear face coverings in shops and on public transport at the moment. Following the rise in cases as reported on the news and in the local community, I would like parents and carers **to wear a face covering when on the playground during drop-off and pick-up.** We are taking this extra precaution in order to keep staff, children and yourselves as safe as we possibly can. I am sure you can appreciate the importance of this especially as we head into winter months.

Latest guidance. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of children, staff, parents, carers and our community we all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with COVID-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested. Therefore, you should only book a test if your child/ you have any of these 3 coronavirus symptoms:

1. a high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
 2. a new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 3. a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- your child/ you do not need a test if they/ you have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of/ change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus
 - if you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly
 - only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the 3 symptoms listed above. **All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result**
 - if the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms
 - if a child in a class tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.
 - No one else in the same class as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.
 - Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Children/ parents should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful.

It is vital for childrens learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Birthday Wishes! "Happy Birthday" to the following children:-

Look who is

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William

Oliver

Look who is

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Poppy

Rohanna

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 28th September 2020		
French Day		
Year 2 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Tuesday 29th September 2020		
Year 3 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Wednesday 30th September 2020		
Year 4 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Thursday 1st October 2020		
Y6 Bikeability (please check email for details)		
Year 5 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Friday 2nd October 2020		
Y1 Balance Bikes	AM	
Year 6 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30

Sport by Coach Dave

The children have worked really hard in PE since their return to school and their attitude has been outstanding. We are covering different aspects in PE each week including tag rugby in Year 4, fitness in Year 3 and ball skills in Year 2.

