



St. John Vianney School
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Weekly News

**The Salford Diocese School for
Children & Young People with SEND**



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Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers,



It has been a very strange and challenging week in school as many of our children and staff have followed Government guidelines in self-isolating, in response to the escalating Coronavirus issues. Obviously as a result the number of pupils and staff has declined steadily through the week.

The Government has requested all Special Schools to remain open, where possible and we intend to do so through to the Easter holidays, unless we are asked to close or should we need to take that step if we could not safely open up for the school community. We are doing all we can to keep you informed of developments as we hear of them from our colleagues in the Department for Education. I do hope my regular letters this week have provided you some form of clarity as things escalated this week.

Our children have proven themselves very resilient and those who have been in school have benefitted well from the opportunities we have been able to provide them this week. Their matter of fact approaches, enthusiasm and positivity during this week has given the staff a real boost and renewed optimism that we will get through this, especially if we pull together as we have done so far.

I do hope you and your families stay well at this difficult time and manage to enjoy the weekend as best we can.

Best wishes

Mr A Moloney

Important Dates

- Friday 3rd April-Last day of term-Easter break.
- Monday 20th April-First day of term @ 9 am.
- Thursday 26th March-Parents evening- **NOW CANCELLED.**



Stars of the Week

Our Stars of The Week
last week!
Well done!



Literacy

Business as usual in Literacy this week! Class 7 have been practicing their Yorkshire accents whilst reading the play version of 'The Secret Garden'. Class 9 have been thinking about how they would spend £1 million!!

For those of our pupils who are at home; I will be sending out details of different literacy onsite activities that are available, including authors reading stories, online activities and links to e-libraries. This will be sent out at the beginning of each week moving forward.

Best wishes to everyone and remember, #SJVREADS. **Miss Nesbitt**

Dear Parents and Carers, in light of current events I will be cancelling on site review meetings from Monday 23rd March until further notice. I plan to carry out the review via telephone, where possible. I will be contacting your child's local authorities today to ascertain their level of input and expectations at this time.

I will be in contact with you in the next week to arrange a suitable time for a telephone review to take place for all of those reviews that have been planned up to April 3rd. Thank you for your continued support. **Miss Nesbitt, SENCO.**

Our Catholic School

Our daily worship and reflection within SJV is looking at this significant piece of scripture from John Chapter 4 **'Whoever drinks the water I give them will never be thirsty again'. God's love is our living water and all God wants from us is to accept his love.** At the moment the world is definitely in need of love and we need to accept God's love in our lives. We need to think of others and give love to the vulnerable, the elderly and the sick. With so much going on at the moment we need to think about what God wants for us and what can we do for others.

Within our Catholic school we are continuing in our Lenten mission. We are doing our 40 Acts of Kindness; it's lovely to read through all the Acts of Kindness and see what an amazing community we have at SJV. What has been so lovely is to see how many staff get Acts of Kindness written about them as well. I send a weekly email to those special staff and I know it's brightened their day. We have been continuing to spend time in Si-Lent, having time to be quiet and be still and have real time for God, we have time each week in our celebration assembly in silence. Despite the worry at the moment people have been very generous in our appeal to help Cornerstone's. Father Desmond and I took our donations over there this week and they were very much appreciated.



In RE lessons this week we have been looking at Saint Patrick and celebrating his feast day, acting out his amazing life and finding out how Christians celebrate his day throughout the world. We have also been looking at the significance of Mothers in Lent and all the different traditions behind Mother's day.

We are going through uncertain times at the moment and I know it can feel very disheartening, but please try not to worry. Put faith in each other and pray; it can make significant difference.

Take care,

Mrs Garfin

Million Minutes

All my classes today enjoyed making a prayer focus bracelet for our Si-LENT Challenge for 'Million Minutes'. We have found it lovely to focus on calm and quiet this week. Mrs Garfin



A Day in the life of... Harley

What I've been doing this week: This week I have been making a garden in the Rainbow building playground. I want to start growing plants there. I have also been learning about time in Maths and I've been having lots of good times with my friends.

What is the best thing about being in SJV? The best thing about SJV is that it's sweet, peaceful and it's a really good place. I like all the teachers because they are really nice and I like having lots of friends. I always have fun.

It would be even better if... If everyone had their own computers and logins so we could have a place to work on our own and also have fun together. Also if I had a whole garden space to plant my flowers.

Hopes and dreams for the future: In the future I want to be a geologist so I can study ancient artefacts and discover new things. I also want to stay at SJV as long as I can.



Introducing... Mr Suarez

Role in School: Teaching Assistant

What I've been doing this week: I have been helping the pupils in my class to do all sorts of different things. Everyday is different at SJV.

What is best about being in SJV? I like that everyone is so different from each other and we promote kindness. It's a lovely place to be and I feel comfortable working here.

It would be even better if... I had more time to train further. I would love to develop my skills to help the children even more.

Hopes and dreams for the future: to continue to help the children improve their social skills, help them to integrate to society and hopefully, be happier people too!



The children in the Rainbow Building have coped extremely well with changes that have had to happen this week and have adapted brilliantly.

We have had time to play some group games and we tried fruit and vegetables with Nurse Podmore as part of a healthy eating session. **Miss Hunter**



British Values

Class 11 did some brilliant art inspired by the topic British Values. We looked at famous buildings and what it means to be British. **Mrs Whiting**



Mindful Minute



The World Health Organisation has published a document dealing with how to protect your mental health during the outbreak of COVID-19.

Some of their recommendations include:

- Avoid watching, reading or listening to news which could cause you to feel anxious or distress.
- Seek information to take practical steps to prepare your plans to protect yourself and your loved ones.
- Seek information updates only at specific times to avoid worrying about the subject a day long.

More information can be found on their website at www.who.int

Miss Walsh

Holy



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Class 6 get Crafty!

Class 6 have enjoyed making Mother's day cards this afternoon. We wish all the special women in our children's lives a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday! **Miss Shaw.**



CITC and SJV

Thank you to CITC for another very generous way that they have helped our school community. Every child in our school have taken a hand wash home with them, encouraging hand washing more often now than ever. What a lovely gesture!

Miss Mollard

