



St. John Vianney School

Steps to Independence & Education for Life

Weekly News

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Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers,



Happy new year to you and your families. I hope you were able to enjoy the Christmas break together.

This week in school has provided us with significant new challenges, as we come to terms with the latest national lockdown and the impact this will have on keeping St John Vianney School open. Guidance we have been provided with has been inconsistent and this has not helped anyone provide the clarity that is required in this situation. Please be assured we are doing all we can to address the changing guidance and make the best decisions to keep everybody safe in the St John Vianney School community, whilst keeping the school open.

For this week we have been able to stay open for every child who wishes to attend school and we intend to do so next week also. The staff here have been fantastic in facilitating this opportunity for your child. We cannot however, guarantee that we can maintain this position for the foreseeable future. It maybe that we have to, at some point, return to the position of openings that we had in April and May 2020, when only the most vulnerable children and those children whose parents are critical workers are able to attend. We fully understand the importance of all children being able to access schooling for the wider well-being and we are watching carefully as the guidance and national lockdown develops. As always, we will do our very best to keep you informed of any developments as quickly as we can.

Approximately 50% of the school have been attending this week, with some parents taking the option to keep the children home at this point, a stance that we fully understand. The Government have announced for those children, in the current circumstances, the absence from school will be authorised. For these pupils we will send home weekly activity learning packs for pupils to engage with at home.

Those pupils that have been with us in school have been very supportive and worked cooperatively with staff to maintain safe practice at this difficult time. Thank you to all parents for their understanding of the situation and their patience and consideration, whilst we work through the various options.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact the Admin team, who will direct you to the right person, who will return your call.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with you and your families.

Best wishes

Mr A Moloney

School Improvements

This week we have had a new outside classroom/ shelter built in the school playground and we are looking forward to the pupils starting to use it with their friends next week. It's a bit cold at present for outside learning, but we are sure it will be widely used by classes for outside lessons come the spring and summer!



Our Catholic School

Happy New Year! Enjoy every day of the New Year and seek blessings from God. MY wish for you all is that may God live in your heart always. I

know for lots of people 'New Year' means a fresh start, giving something up or wanting to improve something. However, 2020 was not like any other year and I, for one, are going to start each day by counting my blessings and giving thanks for the many joys in my life. New Year can also remind us of the new birth. In a sense, each day with Jesus is a chance to turn the page on an old way of life and embrace a new one. We are, after all, new creation people, and we serve a King who renews us daily by the Holy Spirit.

It is wonderful to be back at SJV and be part of our family and community once again, we are focusing on God's message from Pope Francis '**Christ comes among us at Christmas: it is the perfect time for a personal encounter with the Lord. With Christ our life becomes full - everything makes sense.**' How well do we live out the expectations and standards that Jesus expects of us? Perhaps a New Year opportunity to walk more fully in his footsteps!

Within our Catholic school this week, we had whole school training on Catholicity, looking at our school's mission statement and how we can make our learners more independent with their prayer life and spirituality. It is important that we let our young people guide us and let them lead us, and to also look forward to 'Lent', as it's less than 6 weeks away!

Our Chaplaincy team meet in their bubbles to lead the school about the feast of the Epiphany and looking at developing the Chaplaincy team prayer. We started to look at what we are doing for Lent in terms of our spirituality, our kind acts, St Joseph's penny and national campaigns like 'Si- LENT. It's always a busy time for us at SJV.

In RE this week we have of course been looking at the Epiphany and the importance of the three wise men and the meaning behind the gifts. We have looked at how New Year used to start in March on the feast of the Annunciation. We have looked at our hopes and dreams for 2021 and said prayers for the world. We have made up



our 'follow the stars' boxes and put in them how we want to be the force for positive care in SJV our families and the wider world. **Mrs Garfin**



Stars of the Week

Just some of our
Stars of the Week.
Well done everyone!!



Class 6 @ Simply Cycling

Class 6 really enjoyed their session at Simply Cycling on Monday morning.



It is a key word sign– supported communication system based on British Sign Language. All staff use Signalong and this week we are learning how to sign “Cat”

Cat



“V” hands, palm back pointing at each side of face.

Class 5



This week Class 5 went to Longford Park and enjoyed the beautiful weather. We went on a squirrel hunt and learnt how to play hide and seek!

Miss Mollard



Mindful Minute

As we enter a New Year, it is important to reflect on what has come before us and what is to come in the future. We have now entered another national lockdown and this can be tricky for a number of us; it is important to think back to the tools we used to cope last time and tweak these to help us to carry on this time.

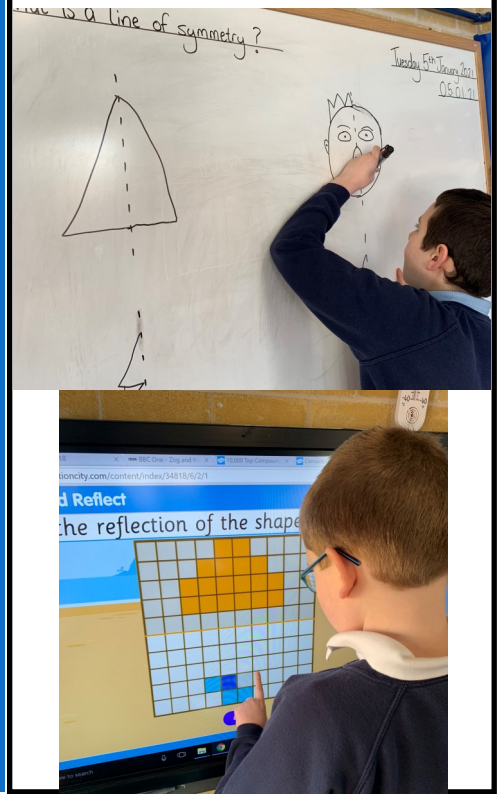
It is vital that we look after ourselves, our loved ones, our communities at these trying times and we hope that you stay happy, stay safe and stay healthy!

Happy New Year!

New beginning. ✨
New mindset. ✨
New focus. ✨

Class 2-Math

Great work today in Maths looking at lines of symmetry. Some fantastic cooperative learning on show, well done boys! **Mr Wood**



Literacy

Read all about it!



This year we have subscribed to 'The Week Junior' a newspaper subscription service specifically aimed at children and young people from 8 years of age. This is an opportunity for our pupils to access newspapers in a safe and secure way with age-appropriate content. The newspaper gives lots of information and also helps to develop pupils questioning and comprehension skills about the world around them. Along with developing literacy skills, it is also a fantastic tool to develop knowledge and understanding around those issues we discuss in PSHCE lessons.

You can find out more information about the paper on their website www.theweekjunior.co.uk.

Miss Nesbitt

[The Week Junior Magazine | Welcome](http://www.theweekjunior.co.uk)

The Week Junior is an award-winning current affairs magazine for children aged between 8 and 14. It is delivered weekly, and is filled with fascinating stories and information, written to engage curious minds. Subscribe today and get your first 6 issues free.

www.theweekjunior.co.uk

COVID-19 Emergency Helplines

Please find the details of the Greater Manchester Emergency Helplines below.

These helplines have been created to ensure that vulnerable households can cope with the impacts of the coronavirus outbreak.

They can help with things like delivering food, delivering medication, combating loneliness and helping with fuel payments.

You should contact the helpline for your local area.

Please note: these helplines are not to be used because you are unable to find a particular item (e.g. pasta) in your local shops.

Bury Community Hubs

Phone: 0161 253 5353 (open 7 days per week, 9am to 5pm)

[Click here to access their Online Form](#)

Bolton Emergency Support

Phone: 01204 337221

Email: Shielded.Covid19@bolton.gov.uk

[Click here to access their Online Form](#)

Manchester Community Response Helpline

Phone: 0800 234 6123 (open 8.30am to 5.30pm, Monday to Saturday)

Oldham Emergency Need Helpline

Phone: 0161 770 7007 (Weekdays 9am – 5pm, Weekends 11am – 2pm)

Rochdale Community Response Hubs

Phone: 01706 923685 (Weekdays 9am – 5pm)

Out of hours urgent helpline: 0300 3038875

[Click here to view their information leaflet](#)

Spirit of Salford Helpline

Phone: 0800 952 1000 (weekdays 8.30am – 6pm)

[Click here to access their Online Form](#)

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Stockport Helpline for Vulnerable People

Phone: 0161 217 6046 (weekdays 9am – 5pm, Saturdays 10am – 4pm)

Tameside Council Help

Phone: 0161 342 8355 (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am – 5.00pm, Thursday 8.30am – 4.30pm and Friday 8.30am – 4.00pm)

Trafford Community Response

Phone: 0300 330 9073 (weekdays 8.30am to 5:0pm)

Wigan Self Isolation Welfare Support

Phone: 01942 489018

[Click here to access their Online Form](#)

National Helpline

Phone: 0800 0288327

[Click here to access their Online Form](#)

TikTok Updates its Parental Controls

Following continued coverage of the risks the platform can pose to children and young people, TikTok has announced changes to its parental control settings this article details the changes to the parental control settings and provides an overview of existing settings you can use to protect the children in your care.

What has changed?

The following new features mean that parents can now:

1. Restrict who can view your child/young person profile and comment on their posts
2. View what videos your child/young person has liked
3. Control what your child/young person searches for including hashtags, videos, user profiles and sounds

Existing TikTok features already allow parents to:

- Set a time limit on your child's screen time
- Limit content that isn't suitable for your child
- Manage your child/young person privacy and safety settings

- Choose whether child/young person's account is private or public

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