



St. John Vianney School

Steps to Independence & Education for Life

Weekly News

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Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you and your families are keeping well?



The very wet January weather this week and Storm Christoph has wreaked havoc across the north-west, but it certainly hasn't dampened our spirits here at school. The children who have attended have continued to show great cooperation, enthusiasm and diligence in their school work and are enjoying the opportunities to remain in school during the current national lockdown.

Where we can we have continued to use a range of outside learning opportunities to develop pupil learning in the wider context. Lots of classes are taking opportunities to get to Longford Park and to Cronkshaw Hall Farm and we have now established a six week learning programme with the children's adventure farm trust (CAFT) in Altrincham, which Mr Woods' class in the Rainbow are accessing each Thursday. The children are benefiting from the opportunities to take part in a Forest School programme focused around exploring outdoor learning and play to help support their wider development. It is really pleasing to report that the group are making excellent progress and showing high rates of engagement each week. Well done to all involved.

The numbers of pupils and staff in school this week has fluctuated slightly, as we have had to ask some children and staff to self-isolate following two positive test cases from a lateral flow test earlier this week. It is pleasing that staff and pupils are not displaying serious illness from symptoms of coronavirus and we send our best wishes to those who will be working at home next week. I hope the learning packs that we send them will provide opportunities for them to continue with their learning, albeit from home. We obviously look forward to welcome those children and staff back to school late next week.

If you do require any advice or guidance during the lockdown period please do contact the Admin team at school, and if we can help in anyway, we will do our best to support you. Very best wishes for a safe and healthy weekend.

Best wishes

Mr A Moloney

Stars of the Week



Just some of
our Stars of
the Week
from last
week. Well
done every-



Our Catholic School

In SJV this week we have been focussing on God's message from Pope Francis;

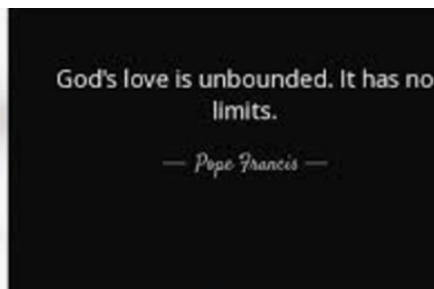
'Let us allow God's constant help to make us new people'

As we start the New Year let us ask for the Lord's help in making new starts! God invites each of us to make a new start with him, each and every day. We need to take a step back from all that is happening in the world at the moment and look at what we have to be thankful and grateful for. Cherish each new day, cherish each new start, and make the most of the opportunities God gives us and to be thankful for this.

Our chaplaincy teams have been meeting to look forward to Lent again this week in their meetings; it's only a few short weeks away. Where does the time go? This week we focus on the campaign to bring in some spiritual reflection into our lives through si-LENT. This is from 'Million Minutes' who are a Catholic youth charity who try and encourage us to take some time out, to make some quite time and reflect with God.

Our different staff bubbles have continued to lead staff reflection on a Friday to keep the spiritual life and well-being of staff members a central part of life at SJV.

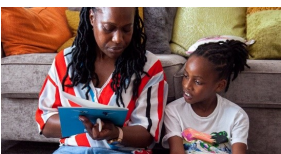
With Religious Education, following Jesus' Baptism we have been looking at our own birth stories and baptisms. We have researched our names to see if they have meaning and asked our parents and carers how and why we were given our names. We have looked at the importance of the sacrament and what it means to belong.



Literacy

This week Oak Academy, the online school, have linked with the Book Trust to set up a digital library. Each week an author will share some of their books and give recommendations. The books are available digitally and this is a great way to access reading opportunities at this time. See <https://library.thenational.academy/> for more details. This week's author is Jacqueline Wilson, author of Tracy Beaker and some other fantastic books. What an exciting opportunity!

Also, did you know that Manchester libraries have lots of e-books and audio books that can be borrowed if you are a member? Check out their website <https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/200062/libraries> for further information on how to access these. It's really easy to join and there are an ever-increasing number of books on offer! It would be lovely to hear about any books your children have enjoyed at home. Remember we have a Twitter hashtag of #SJVReads why not share with us over the coming week? Have a lovely weekend, **Ms Nesbitt**.



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Mindful Minute

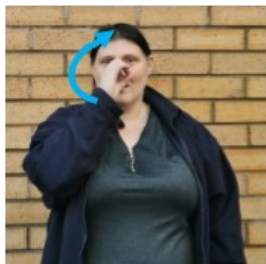
This week's Mindful Minute has a focus on relationships and resilience.

These skills and activities link nicely with things we do in school, particularly around our Zones of Regulation work. Perhaps, whilst we are still in a lockdown, you could make some extra time this weekend to try them out with your children.

Stay safe. **Miss Walsh**



Pig



Working fist moves in small circles in front of nose.

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 “Pig”

Oh Snow!

We always make the best of things here at SJV, so when we had snow this week of course we had fun and made a snowman!!



Post 16 were joined this week by Class 12 at the Children's Adventure Farm. In some chilly conditions the group worked extremely hard together as a team. **Mr Kanakides**



Post 16





Class 3 at The Farm



Class 3 had a great day at Cronkshaw Farm on Tuesday, feeding the animals and helping out with lots of jobs. **Mr Healey**



Did you know?

ChildLine have games online that can help your child take their mind off difficult things and have some fun!

You can access the games by clicking on the link below

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/games/>

