



St. John Vianney School

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Weekly News

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Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I do hope you and your families are all keeping well?



Numbers in school this week have dropped after we have had staff and pupils self-isolating at home. We hope the learning packs we are sending each week have kept those at home busy. Although this form of learning will never replace the opportunities from pupils being in school, we hope it is supporting some engagement in continuing learning at home and providing some structure for the day, whilst in lockdown.

Those in school have continued to show us excellent involvement in lessons and their daily enthusiasm continues to impress. We look forward to those pupils and staff who have been absent returning to the school at the start of next week, bringing us closer to a full workforce and student body.

The half term has flown by and we only now have 2 weeks until the February half term break. The longer and brighter days that we see coming now will give us all renewed hope that we can, at some point in the near future, get the school back to its pre pandemic ways of working.

Can I remind you that school will close for the half term break on **Thursday 11th February at 3.15pm for pupils**. Friday 12th is a staff INSET day in school. School will reopen for the second half of the spring term on **Monday 22nd February at 9.00am**.

Very best wishes for the weekend.

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SJV VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING

St John Vianney School have made an amazing promotional video featuring some of our students. The link below will take you to our very own YouTube channel, where you will be able to view the 'Virtual Open Evening'.

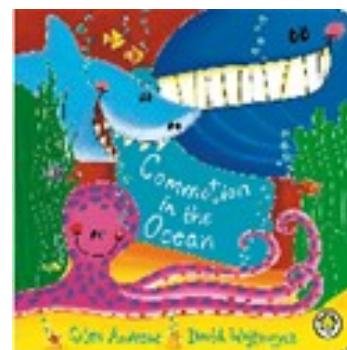
 https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4U6_IdEILwrYleEYjsLHG4DITeurUI6M

We hope you enjoy watching it as much as we did!

Literacy

Under the Sea is the half term topic for some of our students at school who are exploring books and literature with a sea theme! Miss Shaw, Miss Mollard and Miss Murphy have been sharing lots of stories with their classes! There's been a right 'Commotion in the Ocean!'

Having a theme running through the pupils' work is an excellent way for them to 'connect the dots' and link ideas together. It also means that literacy flows more easily through the whole curriculum giving a holistic approach to learning and increased development of understanding core vocabulary and context. The pupils in our nurture type classes really benefit from this way of learning. **Ms Nesbitt**



Our Catholic School

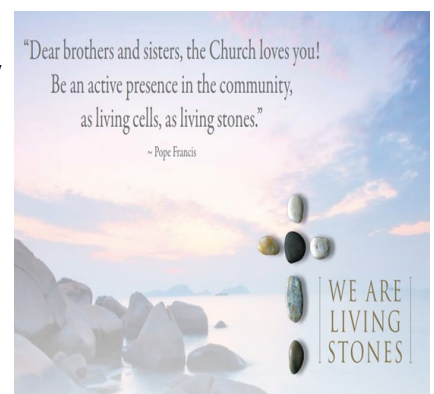
Within SJV this week we have been focussing on God's message from Pope Francis;

'Dear brothers and sisters, be an active presence in the community'.

We continue to strive to make SJV a safe and welcoming community, to go the extra mile for our learners. We try to be the good news for our learners so that they know they are unique and special in God's eyes.

Within our Catholic school this week the chaplaincy teams in orange, purple and blue hubs have continued to look forward to Lent. This week we are focussing on helping and supporting St Joseph's Penny. It is an annual appeal, raising money for families across the Diocese of Salford who need help. It helps offer support in lots of different ways – from food parcels, to counselling sessions, from Christmas presents to giving young mums and their babies somewhere safe to live; St Joseph's Penny means something different to everyone they help.

Within RE this week we are also looking forward to Lent to identify what ways we can be kind in our everyday life. We also identify how we can follow the example of Jesus and be that active presence in our community that Pope Francis spoke about. **Mrs Garfin**



Forest School with Class 2



Week Three of Forest School.

We had a great time, despite the freezing cold weather (nothing stops us having fun!). Huge thanks to CAFT for giving us this amazing opportunity to get out of the classroom!

Mr Wood.



Mindful Minute

Next week in school we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health week in partnership with Place 2 Be. This year's theme is 'Express Yourself'.

For this year's theme, Place2Be is encouraging children (and adults) to explore the different ways we can **express ourselves**, and the creative ways that we can share our feelings, our thoughts and our ideas. On Friday 5th February children will be able to wear clothing to school that allows them to express themselves. In the afternoon they will be engaged in emotional wellbeing activities.

Stay safe. *Miss Walsh*



Stars of the Week

Just a few of our
Stars of the Week.
Well done to everyone!



Rabbit



"N" hand, palm forwards, pointing up at either side of head, fingers flex forward and backward.

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 "Rabbit"

Introducing... Mr Foden

Role in School: Post 16 Teaching Assistant



What I've been doing this week: This week in Post 16 we have been making bird box's at Wythenshawe Park, volunteering at the 'Bread and Butter thing', planting Christmas trees at the Children's Adventure Farm and learning what it takes to be an entrepreneur!

What is best about being in SJV? The best thing about SJV is that we have so many opportunities for our pupils to use the skills they have learnt in the classroom and implement them outside of school, at all these amazing places we are able to visit.

It would be even better if... We were able to spend even more time at all the places we are able to visit for outdoor/offsite learning.

Hopes and dreams for the future: My dream is to be able to visit Iceland for a nice long holiday.

How life has changed since Lockdown started..... Since lockdown, I have started to get outdoors a lot more; going for walks and finding many amazing hidden views especially Tandle Hills looking over Manchester.

After the pandemic is over I would hope for.... Everyone to be able to return to school safely and try to get SJV back to the way it used to be!



Class 6

Class 6 have been learning about penguins in science. This week we did an experiment to demonstrate that penguin's feathers are waterproof. The pupils were really engaged. *Miss Shaw*





10 Ways You Can Get the Most out of OUR NEW APP



Lockdown has sent children's screen time soaring again. And making sure that young people stay safe online can be tough when there are new apps, games and sites every day. To help, we've launched an app of our own. Packed with hundreds of insightful guides, it'll keep you informed about the latest online crazes – and hazards. There's also a free online safety parents' course, compiled by experts and presented by online safety ambassador Myleene Klass. The National Online Safety app is available to download now from Google Play and the App Store. And here's our list of the top 10 ways you can get the most out of it.

1.

CONNECT THROUGH YOUR PHONE

Access online safety advice from any smartphone, granting you vital knowledge at the touch of a screen.

2.

GET ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE INSTANTLY

Our award-winning resources are available 24/7, giving you essential information whenever – and wherever – you need it.

3.

STAY UP TO DATE, ALL THE TIME

Notifications are sent straight to your device as soon as new content's available. So you'll always be up to date with the latest tips and guidance to ensure your children are safe online.

4.

FIND WHAT YOU NEED STRAIGHT AWAY

Concerns about CoD? Issues around Insta? Our user-friendly, 'Netflix-style' interface and powerful search function let you find the content you need – as soon as you need it.

5.

PERSONALISE YOUR CONTENT

Highlight and store the resources that are most relevant to you, so you can find them easily as soon as you need them. Stop trawling and start learning.

6.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Our innovative weekly vote feature tackles your specific concerns by letting you help to decide which subjects we cover in the future.

7.

PUT EXPERTISE IN YOUR HANDS

Our resources are developed by respected authorities in education, technology and online safety. The digital world won't stop evolving – but our app gives you expert help.

8.

KICK OFF THE CONVERSATION

Our app's content will give you loads of ideas and pointers on how to help your children to start thinking about online safety – and understanding the potential risks out there.

9.

FIND OUT ABOUT ONLINE RISKS

We've got hundreds of free guides addressing a range of topics and online risks. Know your TikTok from your Triller and your FIFA from your Fortnite.

10.

GO TO THE TOP OF THE CLASS

Watch our insightful FREE parents' courses on online safety. They span kids' age groups from 4 to 18, and they're presented by online safety ambassador Myleene Klass.



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