



St. John Vianney School

Steps to Independence & Education for Life

Weekly News

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Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/ Carers,



I do hope that you had a pleasant half term break with your families. I know the staff certainly valued the week away from school to recharge the batteries and to be ready for the challenges of the second half of the academic year.

It has been lovely to see the children return to school this week and we have welcomed more children back this week, than any other week in the spring term. They have certainly settled well back into our school routines. The start of spring has brought us all renewed hope for getting back to our pre-pandemic ways and we have all welcomed the news shared by the Prime Minister on Monday this week, when he explained his 'roadmap' for lifting current lockdown restrictions. The opening of wider society and the onset of increased vaccinations for all adults is certainly something to look forward to, especially now as the days get longer and the weather a bit brighter.

You will be aware that there is an expectation now that all children need to return full time to school on March 8th, unless they are medically shielding themselves. Any child shielding at this point will have received a letter from their physician and this will need to be presented to the school. The school has worked hard to ensure we have rigorous practices in all we do to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus. We are certainly very confident in our Covid protocols and look forward to having back in school, those children who have been at home since the start of January.

Could I ask please, that any parent who has any worries or concerns about their child attending from March 8th to phone school to discuss their concern with myself next week. Schools generally are deemed to be very safe places and it is critical for the wider development of all our children that they return fully to school from this critical point.

We hope next week to have news of when you will receive the next interim report for your child and we will also share with you our plans for a 'virtual' parents evening appointment at the end of March.

We hope you have a great weekend.

Best wishes

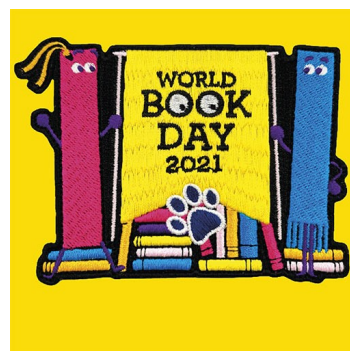
Mr A Moloney



Literacy



Next week on 4th March is World Book Day (WBD); a day that we always enjoy celebrating at SJV! This year we will be having an online 'Masked Reader' event where children will be guessing who is reading the story and for extra points what the story is! Children will, as usual, be receiving their WBD £1 token, where they can swap this for the WBD books that are available (many supermarkets have these in stock). Lots of activities will take place throughout the day in classes and Mrs Fitzgibbon's daughter has kindly donated some bespoke wooden bookmarks as prizes. I look forward to sharing more information about how the day went (and who were behind the masks!) in next week's newsletter. **Ms Nesbitt**



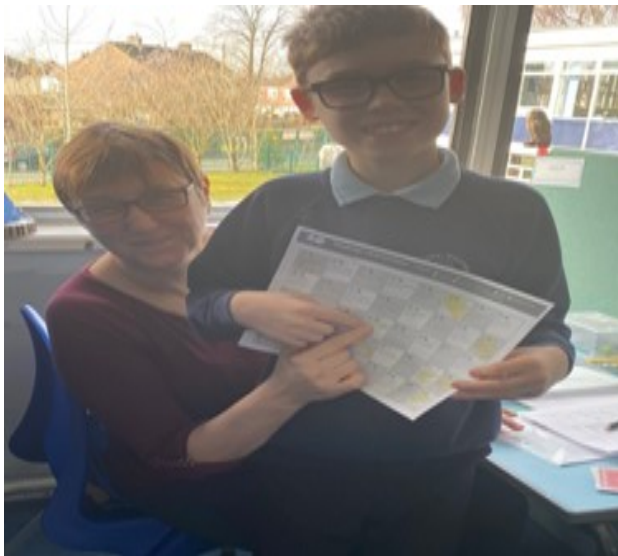
Our Catholic School

It is lovely to back at SJV after or half term break, ready for the next exciting chapter at SJV. I hope everyone had a lovely time and enjoyed making some pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, ahead of Lent. We are focusing during this season on God's message that reminds us from Pope Francis on making the most of Lent '**Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through fasting, prayer and charitable giving.**' What have you prepared to do? Are you doing the traditional Lent of giving something up or are you looking at fasting like Pope Francis said from unkind words and gossip? Whatever way you approach it, Lent is a time to listen to God and turn back to God.

Within our Catholic school we have been very busy getting straight into Lent, looking at our prayer life, fasting and charity. The whole school has, been focusing in on what Lent is, why we celebrate it and how we at SJV can make a difference.

Our Chaplaincy teams have given the whole school a focus this week for our '40 acts of kindness' by making sure we keep our classroom tidy. They are seeking out further challenges for us in the weeks to come and looking how we can make a difference to our school and our wider community during Lent. We are catching our school community being good, by writing up our 'Acts of Kindness' and giving thanks to God for them by placing them in the chapel.

Within RE this week we have been looking at the temptations of Jesus and looking at our challenges and temptations. How we can face our own temptations and turn to God for help and support. We have also been looking at our 'Acts of Kindness' and making our own personal challenges. **Mrs Garfin**



40 acts Challenge one for week 1 @SJV



Leave the classroom as tidy and
clean as you can.



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Stars of the Week



**Just some of our
Stars of the Week last
week. Well done to
everyone.**



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



Class 4

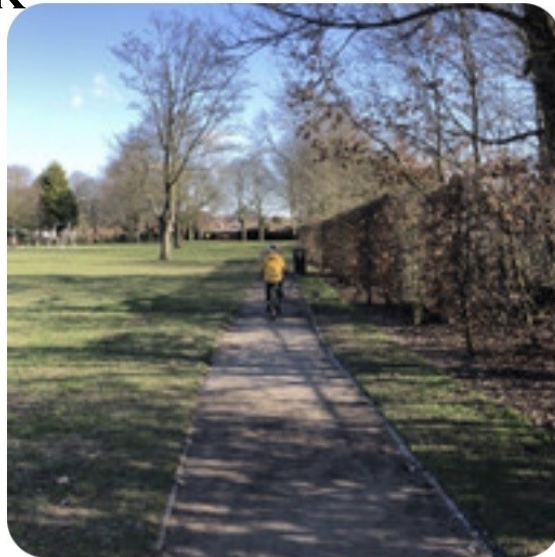


Class 4 went litter picking around the school grounds this week. An amazing effort by everyone, well done! **Miss Watson**

PARENT FEEDBACK

1:12 pm

This message we received from a parent just before mid term break made us all smile here at SJV. We hope he made great use of his new bike over the break!



Rhys is delighted he can now ride a bike. Managed to get an old bike off a friend so this is how we will be spending half term. Rhys asked me to send you the pictures and to say thank you for learning him to ride it.



Post 16

Post 16 had a beautiful spring walk this week to Kentworth Park. It was an amazing start to the first week back.

Mr Kanakides



Class 7



Nurse Podmore came to class 7 to discuss dental hygiene with us this week. We had a practical demonstration on how we should be cleaning our teeth. Thank you! **Mrs**

