



St. John Vianney School

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Weekly News

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Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/ Carers,



This is the last newsletter of the spring term. The term has gone by very quickly and it is pleasing to have our attendance at school back to where we expect it to be. The children are certainly better engaged now, as they have become more accustomed to our routines and expectations, since the return to full schooling in early March.

Today we have helped prepare the school community for the celebrations of Easter. We had three 'hub' services in the School Chapel, led so well by the Chaplaincy teams, to get everyone to reflect on Jesus' journey through the Last Supper, the crucifixion and the ultimate triumph in His resurrection on Easter morning. The Lenten period has at School shown a real collective approach to fundraising, prayer, fasting and displaying kindness to others and we are really proud of the achievements made our children and young people in this time. Thank you to the staff for arranging some excellent form activities over this period, to ensure our children are showing their gratitude for all they have and in encouraging them to think of how they can help others at this time.

You should have, this week, received your child's interim report and class teachers will be contacting you to identify an appointment slot at our '*virtual parents evening*' on Wednesday 21st April. Please do take up the opportunity to speak with the class team, at this point, about the progress made by your child since last September.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you please that should your child develop coronavirus symptoms and have a positive PCR test result during the first week of the Easter holiday (up to Thursday 8th April), that we request you to contact the school (admin@stjohnvianneyschool.co.uk) so we are able to undertake 'close contact' tracing during the break. The Admin team will be accessing emails daily and will be able to come back to you to offer any support needed.

We are all certainly looking forward to the two week break over Easter, a chance to recharge the batteries in preparation for the lengthier summer term, which begins for everybody on Monday, April 19th at 9am.

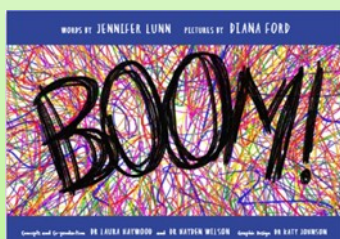
We hope that you and your families have a restful and peaceful Easter and enjoy the opportunity to spend some quality time together.

Best wishes

Mr A Moloney

To help with children's emotions and mental wellbeing at this time, a not-for-profit collaboration has created '[Boom! The Book](#)', a free illustrated story of a family whose emotions get them all tied up in knots and how they manage to work through it together.

Click on the link to read/share the book with your child '[Boom! The Book](#)'



Our Catholic School

As a school we are looking at the events and reflecting on the importance of Holy Week. Pope Francis reminds us on the importance of the celebration of Easter- **'Let us prepare to celebrate Easter in the joy of God! Christ is risen! Christ is alive!'** Let us remember the real reason why Easter is the most important event in the Catholic calendar. It provides us with an understanding of the 'words of Hope' given in John 3;16 **'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life'**

Within our Catholic school this week it was lovely to be in the chapel and celebrate Easter Services with each bubble. The Chaplaincy teams helped and supported the services, doing the reading and the prayers. It was lovely to see everyone celebrate and reflect on the Easter journey.



Within RE this week we have been of course looking at the events of Holy Week and looking at how Jesus would have felt during that time. We even looked at which zones of regulation Jesus would have been in during different points of the week. Yellow or Green during Palm Sunday; Red or Blue during the arrest of Jesus and his crucifixion; scared and exhausted. It was really interesting to reflect on Jesus' emotions and remember his humanity.

I want to wish everyone a happy and holy Easter break. Rest and recharge and we will see everyone for the break for the final term of the year!

Mrs Garfin



Stars of the Week



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



Class 11

Class 11 enjoyed their class party to mark the end of term. We are all looking forward to our Easter break! Class 11 also achieved their target to 'Walk a 100 miles for Lent'. Well done everyone! **Mrs Rouse**



Easter egg donation

St John Vianney School received a donation of an Easter egg for each and every student. We would like to thank the 'SEWA-North West Charity' for their very generous donation.



Simply Cycling Sessions - NEW!



Simply Cycling are returning to Boggart Hole Clough! During the Easter Holidays, SEND families who live in the Manchester City Council area can **cycle for free on Tuesday 6th, Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th April, at the earlier time of 10am till 2pm.** Sessions start on the hour and are for 45 minutes. Booking essential – see the [website](http://www.simply-cycling.org).

Sessions at Wythenshawe Park over the Easter holidays are also free to SEND families in the city! They're **Tuesday 6th April 9am-3pm, Wednesday 7th April 9am-12 noon, Friday 9th April 9am-3pm, Tuesday 13th April 9am-3pm, Wednesday 14th April 9am-12 noon and Friday 16th April 9am-3pm.** Advance booking essential - more information on the [website](http://www.simply-cycling.org)

Autistic Support Walks

Walks to support autistic children and young people and their families over the Easter holidays. Free drink and gift!

Wythenshawe Park	Tuesday 6th April, 2:30pm	Friday 9th April, 2:30pm	Monday 12th April, 2:30pm	Thursday 15th April, 1:00pm
Alexandra Park	Wednesday 7th April, 2:30pm			
Fletcher Moss Park	Thursday 8th April, 10am	Tuesday 13th April, 10am	Friday 16th April, 10am	

Please text/call Dave on 07921291093 for more info or to book your place. You can also email walks@thrivemanchester.org.uk



Thrive Manchester is a charity registered in England and Wales number 1183084.



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 **"Friend"**

FRIEND



Working hand (palm back, pointing in/down)



**Some of the Classes have
enjoyed making Easter
bonnets and going on an
egg hunt today!**

