

# Weekly News

28/05/2021



#### Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/ Carers,



Another half term has now been completed at School. I do hope you and your families have a pleasant Whit week break and that we are blessed with some improved summer weather, than we received in May.

The half term will certainly provide staff and pupils time to recharge batteries for the final half term of the school year, which starts on June 7<sup>th</sup> and finishes on July 16<sup>th</sup>. We have a number of enrichment activities planned for the next half term, which will allow the children and young people of SJV to engage in a range of creative activities. On June 18<sup>th</sup> we are

currently planning for 'Crafternoon'; an opportunity for pupils and staff to work in their teams and develop some art or other presentation activities to reflect on their personal or group identity within school. Mrs Wood is leading the staff on this venture and we are looking forward to seeing how the children tackle the theme of 'identity' in their work.

We will also welcome Mrs R Gittens from the National Autistic Society back into school on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Gittens provides the school with support in securing ASC national accreditation and she will be undertaking lesson observations and meetings to help us continue our improvements in relation to our autistic provision for learners.

Staff are also busy ensuring assessment of learning is uploaded onto our assessment platform and this information will then be used to help generate the final school report of the year. Staff are currently compiling these reports, which will be sent out in early July.

We have certainly all welcomed the movement out of lockdown national restrictions and are hopeful that in the next few months that school routines can finally return to the normality of pre March 2020.

Best wishes for the Whit break.

#### Mr A Moloney



# Stars of the Week



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





# **Our Catholic School**

This week at SJV we are asked to reflect on the Pentecost and the giving of the Holy Spirit and inner peace. From God we gain inner peace (when we are free of anxiety, worry and envy), it is important that we spend time with God to achieve this. God is close to us and wants us to be filled with peace. Modern life can be stressful and having time out for peaceful reflection is an important part of life in SJV.

Within our Catholic school this week we had our last virtual mass with Father Des. We are so excited that after half term we can worship together on a Wednesday. This spiritual recharge and this time as a community will be a huge boost for staff and our inner peace.

Our orange chaplaincy team have challenged the purple and blue team to do the Jerusalem dance challenge. We are all busy practicing so watch this space and twitter for some videos of the results. We have also been spreading the message of the importance of praying the rosary and spending time in reflection.

Within RE this week we have looked at the gospel passages on Pentecost, trying to do a 'zone of regulation' map of how the Disciples felt; from blue feeling tired, upset and hurt from Jesus' leaving, maybe even a bit in the red zone – a bit angry? The yellow zone as they got excited when receiving the Holy Spirit to eventually green and calm knowing what they had to do.

I want to wish everyone a happy and relaxing half term. Mrs Garfin





## Class 9

Class 9 went on a trip into Manchester City Centre this week as part of our 'where we live' topic. We were very independent! We had to find our stops, lots of different landmarks and we even managed to use our money skills to buy some amazing cupcakes. It was a lovely day had by all! *Miss Briscoe*.



#### Parents & Carers Questionnaire 2021



Did you receive our recent email asking you to complete a parent/carer questionnaire?

If you have a spare five minutes we would really appreciate it if you could complete the questionnaire and email back to us!

We value your feedback.

Thank you

# Class 8

This half term Class 8's Food Tech topic has been 'picnics and BBQs'. We have really enjoyed it! We finished this unit off with a picnic in the sunshine. *Mrs Donbayand* 



Class 6 had a lovely time making bird feeders and hanging them in the trees at Cronkshaw Fold Care Farm. *Miss Shaw* 



## Class 6









# Class 7

For their independence lesson class 7 chose learning skills on public transport. They had to find and plan a route and buy their own tickets or use their pass. We had a great time and they were all very proud of their independence skills. *Mrs Garfin* 





# Local Offer

The Children and Families Act requires all local authorities to publish and maintain a 'Local Offer'. A Local Offer is a wide range of information about all the support and facilities which families can expect to find in their area, for children and young people who have special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities. The information should cover education, health and social care support and services for children and young people aged between 0 and 25.

You can access your Local Offer via your Local authorities' Website: type into the search box Local Offer.

www.trafford.gov.uk

www.manchester.gov.uk

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk

www.salford.gov.uk

www.sthelens.gov.uk

www.stockport.gov.uk

www.tameside.gov.uk

I hope you find this information useful! If you need any further help or information please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Griffin

# Class 12



Class 12 planted some seeds from fruit and vegetables a few weeks ago and have been watching them grow. We now have little seedlings! **Mrs Shawcross** 

# CLASS 10

This week in RE our class were learning about Islam and discovered some interesting facts about Muslim beliefs. Some enjoyed trying on the kind of traditional clothes worn by Muslim men. The boys found the lesson most thought-provoking and many fantastic questions were asked by all. Aren't we lucky to live in such a diverse society! *Miss Wood* 



# Class 11



Class 11 enjoyed looking at CSI (crime scene investigation) in Science. They practiced taking their fingerprints. Well done everyone **Mrs Rouse**  Post 16 continued their hard work at the Bread and Butter Thing charity this week. They helped pack over 50 bags and then also cleared away loads of recycling. Well done everyone. *Mr Kanakides* 



# Class 12

Class 12 have been creating incredibly entertaining sketches using props and costumes this week. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the lesson and performed well. As you can see, we had the pleasure of meeting an enslaved alien, a crazy version of Aladdin, a displaced king and a builder constructing in the 3rd Dimension and many more! *Miss Whiting* 



# Class 3

Class 3 enjoyed investigating conductors during science this week. They tried different materials in the classroom to try and complete the circuits they had made. *Mr Healey* 









Home testing kits are still available from the School office. If you would like your child to bring one home please let the office know.



# Class 4

Class 4 have been doing some great co-operative learning in maths! Well done to all the pupils.





# Class 1

This week we've been role-playing doctors and nurses as part of our 'People Who Help Us' topic.











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 "Roll"

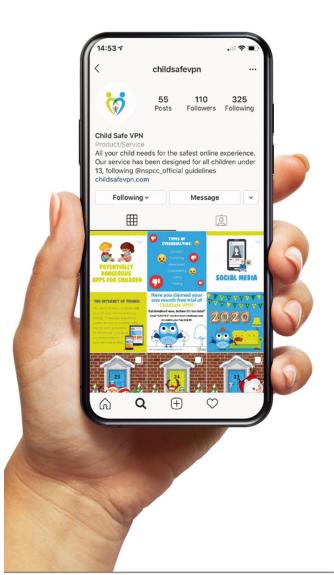
#### Rollover

Index hands (palms back, pointing in) circle forwards around each other.





# INSTAGRAM GUIDE



Instagram is a photo and video sharing social networking service.

You must be aged 13 or over to use Instagram.

#### 01

#### Photo & Video Sharing

Users can share photos and short videos with their followers, coupled with a caption and up to 30 hashtags (#). Profiles can either be private or public. Users can report and block inappropriate content.

#### 02

#### Comments & Likes

Users can comment on posts, or 'like' posts by clicking the heart icon. Users can report comments which are unpleasant or make them feel uncomfortable.

#### 03

#### Direct messages (DMs)

You can send direct (private) messages to one or more people - including people you don't follow and who don't follow you. Messages from strangers are sent as requests which you can chose to read or block

#### 04

#### Disappearing messages

This is a feature within DMs that lets you send timed photo or video messages that recipients can only view once before they disappear, similar to Snapchat.

#### 05

#### Storie

These are 15-second photos & videos which are separate from your main content, and last for 24 hours. Using the Story Controls, you can limit who sees it, restrict message replies, and allow sharing.

#### 06

#### Instagram TV (IGTV)

IGTV is a platform within Instagram for longer videos. Instagram allows videos of up to 60 seconds, whereas IGTV allows videos of up to an hour.

#### 07

#### Mental Health Awareness

Instagram allows users to create an 'image' of how they wish to be seen by others. This means that what you see on Instagram isn't always the truth.

#### 08

#### Concern

Focus on perfection, skewed body image ('perfect' selfies, filters), taking risks for likes, effect of 'influencers'.

#### **Getting Help:**

If social media has left you feeling depressed and anxious, or you have experienced any form of cyberbullying, you can talk to someone at ChildLine, a free confidential 24/7 helpline for children and young people. You can call 0800 1111 or chat online at www.childline.org.uk (ChildLine is run by the NSPCC.)





