

NEWSLETTER



**St John Vianney Primary
School**

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HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

We are now in the month of October, a month dedicated to Our Lady, as the 7th October marks the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary. Class liturgies this month are dedicated to Mary and the Hail Mary/Rosary are the prayers for the month. The 18th October is international Pray the Rosary day, and we will have shared celebrations on this day in school.

In addition, Pope Francis has declared October an Extraordinary Month of Mission. During this month of prayer and action, we will be praying that the breath of the Holy Spirit will bring about a new missionary 'dawn' in the Church.

God impels us constantly to set out anew, to pass beyond what is familiar, to the fringes and beyond.
- Pope Francis

We will be joining Missio in school in October as we share with our children what it means to renew our missionary commitment.

Thank you,
Dr Allen

Dates for your diary:

11th Oct: Y3 Liturgy-09:00

14th October: School Photos from 08:45

22nd Oct: Y3 Parental Workshop—14.30

23rd Oct: Y4 Mass in Church-09:15

25th Oct: 4T Class Assembly-09:00 and 9:20

6th-12th November: Scholastic Book Fair - 15:00-16:00

7th Nov: Dance Festival at Winter Gardens—18:00-21:30

8th Nov: 4A Class Assembly-09:00 and 09:20

20th Nov: Y5 Mass in Church—09:15

22nd Nov: Y2 Parent Liturgy-09:00

29th Nov: 5W Class Assembly-09:00 and 09:20

29th Nov: Y3 & 4 Advent Service (parents) - 16:00-16:30

3rd Dec: Advent Service at St Kentigerns—18:00-19:00

4th Dec: Y3 Mass in Church-09:15

6th Dec: Y1 Parent Liturgy-09:00

17th Dec: Y5 & 6 Advent Service in Church—16:00-16:30

Spooky Disco

*This will be held on 24th October.
Bookings via ParentPay*

R-Y2: 15:30-16:30

Y3-Y6: 16:45-17:45

£3.00 includes wearing own clothes, drink, crisps, sweets.

£1 if coming in own clothes but not attending the disco.

KS2 can bring their own money for Tuck Shop.

School Photographs

This will be taking place on Monday 14th October from 8:45am. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform.

Parents of nursery children who don't attend school for the first part of the week are welcome to bring the children in at 8:45 for their photos to be taken. You will need to wait with them.

SJV Holiday Club

School finishes for half-term on Friday 25th October, return to school Tuesday 5th November.

Holiday Club will be running from Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November.

Full day—8:30am—4:00pm—£15

Half day (AM) - 8:30am—12 noon—£7.50

Half day (PM) - 12:30pm—4:00pm—£7.50

Booking deadline is 21st October and it will be available to book on ParentPay.

IMPORTANT: No walk-ins will be allowed in the holidays so please ensure you book before this deadline.

Thank you

School Admissions—September 2020

Primary Applications: If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 you must apply for a Primary School Reception place for September 2020.

(Applications are required for all children with a 4th birthday between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020).

Secondary Applications: If your child is in the final year of primary education (Year 6) you must apply for a Secondary Year 7 place for September 2020.

(Applications are required for all children who are in their final year at primary school).

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE ON_LINE AT:

[www.blackpool.gov.uk/school admissions](http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/school%20admissions)

Closing dates for applications for September 2020

PRIMARY APPLICATIONS—BY 15TH JANUARY 2020

SECONDARY APPLICATIONS—BY 31ST OCTOBER 2019

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This year we will be offering the sacramental programmes of Reconciliation and the Eucharist to all Year 3 children and any other KS2 children who have missed it in previous years. A reminder that if you would like to register your interest, please attend one of the masses this weekend.



Masses and Prayer & Liturgies

Our year group masses for KS2 children are well under way - look out for a text message to let you know when it is your child's year group. Masses are always on Wednesdays at 9:15am in church and we warmly welcome you to join us. These experiences enable the children to become familiar with 'the mass' as they take part in the preparations with their class teacher. For children in Key Stage 1, Father Janusz visits school and engages in a shared reading of the Gospel of the Day and discusses its

meaning with the children. In the Foundation Stage, children have the opportunity to explore articles of religious significance such as the cross and rosary beads.

One Million Children Praying the Rosary

Once again, on the 18th October, we will be celebrating praying the rosary with thousands of others across the world. This takes place in school and has been an extremely successful meditation in previous years. **Please send your child to school with rosary beads** so that they can actively join in and celebrate this special day.

SVP

We are very proud to be setting up our own KS2 group of 'Mini Vinnies'; a group whose members are currently being chosen by the children. The Society of St Vincent de Paul has been engaging with young people and education since its earliest days. Today the SVP England & Wales is pleased to highlight its continuing strong links with young people, through the development of its new 'Mini Vinnies' programme - a ground-breaking Primary Schools initiative, based on good work done in Australia, piloted in the Diocese of Shrewsbury, and which is seen as having, "the potential to significantly contribute to the future of our Society."

'Mini Vinnies' are children aged between 7 to 11 (or younger) who are encouraged to embark on their first steps as possible 'Vincentians for life'. As Mini Vinnies, the youngsters have their own 'treasured' Prayer, Pledge and Badge, a dedicated website and a range of bright and colourful documents which guide them in their formative steps - helping and enabling them to become in every sense, young Vincentians - or 'Mini Vinnies'. If your child has been chosen as a 'Mini Vinnie', we will contact you.



Year of Eucharist Poster Competition

Congratulations to Hana (Y5) and Emily (Y1) who came highly commended out of all the catholic schools in the Lancaster Diocese. Their poster has been published in a magazine and printed as a postcard.

New for this Year! Prayer & Liturgy for Parents

This academic year, each year group are preparing a collective worship and we would like to invite parents to join us. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to engage in prayer with your children. The atmosphere is very calm and reflective, with lots of child participation. These worships take place in the school hall on Fridays at 9am. Each year group participate in two per year - your child's class teacher will inform you of when these dates are.