



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

“Seeking Growth Together”

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new school year!

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a warm welcome to you all as we start the Autumn term and hope all our new children in Reception and Nursery enjoy their time with us. All the children have arrived looking super smart in their new uniforms and I am sure they will make a fantastic start in the learning journey ahead.

At the end of the summer we explained that we have changed the arrangements for entrances and exits. Please see confirmation in the table below:-

Nursery:	No change
Reception	No change
Year 1	Small gate next to the hall on the front playground
Year 2	Secure fenced area
Year 3	Hall door – Front playground – Current Y6 door
Year 4	No change
Year 5	No change
Year 6	Small gate next to hall on front playground

As I am sure you are aware the works have commenced during the summer to move our main entrance and office to the side of school. Unfortunately the works were delayed further in the holidays and we are now not expecting them to be finished until mid-October. In the meantime we will keep you updated as the works develop but would appreciate your co-operation in the forthcoming weeks.

A reminder to our Nursery and Year 6 parents that completion of the Catholic Supplementary form and a copy of your child’s Baptism Certificate (if baptised) is vital when applying for our Reception class and secondary places at St Mary’s. Forms are available from the school office and should be returned to the school you are applying to before the deadline.

Once again I’d like to welcome you back and look forward to working together during this academic year.

Elaine Allen

Headteacher

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS SCHOOL PLACES – SEPTEMBER 2018

IS YOUR CHILD 3 YEARS OLD?

If your child was born between September 2013 and August 2014, you need to apply for a Reception place for September 2018

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD IN THEIR FINAL YEAR AT PRIMARY SCHOOL?

If your child has just started Year 6 at primary school, it is time to apply for his/her Year 7 place.

Apply for a school place online at:

www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions

OR you can complete a paper application form, available from Blackpool School Admissions, tel 476637 email schoolaccess@blackpool.gov.uk

Before you complete your application, you should read Blackpool Council’s Guide for Parents – available on www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions or you can request a copy from Blackpool School Admissions Team.

If you pay your council tax to Wyre or Fylde, you need to apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk but you can still apply for a Blackpool school.

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

SECONDARY – 31st OCTOBER 2017
PRIMARY – 15th JANUARY 2018

DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

Applications that are received after the closing date are dealt with separately, so you reduce your chance of gaining a place at your preferred school if you miss this deadline.

www.blackpool.gov.uk

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Cashless Payments

For a while now we have asked that parents make any payments to school through Parentpay. Paying this way is convenient as you can make payments 24/7, combine accounts if you have children at other schools and keep track of your balance.

As a cashless school we ask that **all payments for meals, trips, uniform, After School, Breakfast and Holiday Club are made through Parentpay.**

If you are struggling to set up your account, or would like to be shown how to use the website, please speak to the office.



Have you seen our new website?

Over the Summer we have made some changes to our school website. We’d love for you to have a look and tell us what you think. The address hasn’t changed:

www.stjohnvianneys.co.uk

Parish Garden Open Day

Saturday 9th September, 1pm—3pm

All welcome—come, see and taste what we have been growing!

After School, Breakfast and Holiday Club Bookings

The new booking system is now up and running. Please use your Parentpay account to book and cancel sessions for your child. If your child is not booked in they will not be able to stay. A help sheet is available from Mrs Fitzpatrick if needed or speak to the office if you have any issues or questions.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (with advanced warning of Christmas key dates)

Whole school activities

Enrichment evenings— Every Wednesday during term time from the end of school until 4:00pm

School Photographs— Monday 16th October, 8:30 am

Half Term Holiday & INSET Days—Friday 27th October —Monday 6th November

School Reopens for all children—Tuesday 7th November

Parents' Evening—Wednesday 8th November

Scholastic Book Fair—Wednesday 8th November—Tuesday 14th November

Christmas lunch and jumper day—Wednesday 13th December

School Closes for Christmas Holiday—Wednesday 20th December, 1:30pm

School Reopens for Spring Term—Thursday 4th January 2018

Year group activities

Meet the Teacher events:

Year 1— Monday 18th September, 9:00 am

Year 2—Tuesday 19th September, 9:00 am

Year 3—Wednesday 20th September, 9:00 am

Year 4—Thursday 21st September, 9:00 am

Year 5—Friday 22nd September, 9:00 am

Year 6—Monday 25th September, 9:00 am

Year 3 & 4 Advent Service—Friday 1st December, 4:00pm

Nursery Nativity—Wednesday 6th December, 9:30 am and 2:00pm

Reception Nativity—Friday 8th December, 9:30 am and 2:00pm

KS1 Nativity—Thursday 14th December, 2:00pm and 4:00pm

Year 5 & 6 Carol Service—Monday 18th December, 4:00pm

School closes for Half Term after school on Thursday 26th October and reopens on

Tuesday 7th November