

NEWSLETTER



St John Vianney Primary School

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GOVERNOR'S UPDATE

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

We started Holy Week with Jesus being greeted as a hero as He enters the centre of Jewish power. By the end of the week on Good Friday He is dead and his disciples have run away. The people were looking for a hero, a leader or a king who would drive out the Romans. Jesus rides in, not on an impressive horse with an army behind him ready to start a war, but on a donkey, accompanied by singing and laughing. This whole week reminds us that Jesus is a king unlike any other we know – humble, willing to serve, and ready to give His life for others.

Loving Father, as we approach the most holy celebration of Easter, we thank you for the gift of your Son, who taught us how to love, how to be humble and how to give our lives for others. Help us to stay close to him and to be sure of ourselves, as He was.

I would just like to say a huge thank you for your generosity during Lent. The children have been extremely busy fundraising.

I would like to wish you a Happy and Holy Easter.

Many thanks

Cathy Butterworth

Chair of Governors

Dates for your diary:

School closes for Easter Holidays: Thursday 18th April at 1.30pm

May Day: Monday 6th May—school closed

Year 1 Trip to Blackpool Zoo—Thursday 9th May

1HU Class Assembly—Friday 10th May

SATS Week: 13th—16th May

5L Class Assembly—Friday 17th May

Reception Trip to Blackpool Zoo—Friday 17th May

Nursery Zoo Trip—Wednesday 22nd May

1HA Class Assembly—Friday 24th May

New Parents Meeting—11th June at 2pm and 4pm

Children's University—20th June at 1:30pm

Year 6 York Trip—1st—3rd July

KS1 Sports Day—3rd July

KS2 Sports Day—4th July

Fun Night—5th July 3:30pm—5:30pm

Year 6 Transition Week—w/c 8th July

STAFF NEWS

Mrs. Unsworth will be leaving us on 18th April. We would like to wish her all the best and thank her for her service to our school.

School Clubs

Further information will be available after the school holidays.

SUMMER TERM

With the better weather approaching, could your child please bring a sun hat/cap into school and when the warmer weather arrives, please apply all day sun cream before school.

Thank you



School Trip—York

The final payment for the school trip to York was due 29th March. Can you please ensure that any outstanding balances are paid as soon as possible.

Nursery Places

There are still limited places available for Nursery in September. Application forms are available from the school Office.

May/June Holiday Club

If you are interested in holiday club for May/June. Please let the School Office know on 311248 or email:-
admin@st-john-vianney.blackpool.sch.uk.

The club will only run if there are sufficient numbers so please let us know as soon as possible.

Thank you

REMINDER

School closes at 1:30pm on Thursday 18th April when we break up for the Easter holidays. There will be no After School Club on this day.

We return to school on Monday 29th April.

Bookings on ParentPay

Please ensure you make bookings in advance on ParentPay as we cannot always guarantee there will be availability on the day.

Also, payments need to be up to date or ParentPay will automatically cancel your booking.

Thank you



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Holy Week

Wow! We made it to the end of our 8 week half term and what a wonderful way to finish it with all the celebrations we have had during **Holy Week**. We marked the start of the week by celebrating Palm Sunday in our usual SJV tradition by having a real donkey lead the procession into Jerusalem. Thank you to our fantastic Year 6 children who took on the role of Jesus and his disciples. On Tuesday,



Holy Week

we celebrated the **Passion of our Lord** by watching Year 4 produce an astounding, moving performance of the final hours of Jesus' life as he

walked to His death on Calvary. Year 4 - you were an exceptional group of actors and really brought the Stations of the Cross to life. All the children from Reception upwards came to watch the performance and gave the utmost respect, the hall was in reverent silence. On Wednesday, we celebrated the significance of **'The Washing of the Feet'** before Jesus shared **His Last Supper** with his friends. KS2 children observed their teachers having their feet washed, whilst KS1 and Foundation Stage experienced this significant event more intimately in their classrooms.



Our Lenten Journey Packs



Thank you so much for continuing to share worships with your family during Lent – the pictures and footprints that you have sent in have been wonderful. The diaries are all kept in school as keepsakes and we will use them again next year.

Lent Fundraising

We don't know where to start with how to thank you for your **ENORMOUS** generosity this year! From bunny bags, sponsored silences and pyjama days; to cake sales and sponsored rainbow and bunny dashes, you have raised an absolutely staggering amount of **£2800!** WOW! This is the best effort we have ever had and as a result of your incredible kindness, we have been able to donate the money to a number of different causes and charities. As you are aware, we support a school in Nepal, which is one of the poorest countries in the world. Your money has been able to pay for the education of a girl called Nisha in **Shubakamaaaaa?!?! Academy**. We have also been able to support the children's mental health charity 'Place 2 Be' – by donating some of the funds to Andy Mellor, the headteacher at St Nicholas's Primary School, who took

part in a gruelling bike ride - please follow updates of this via Twitter. Not only have we been able to give phenomenal amounts of support to these worthy causes, we still had a large sum remaining, which we have been able to donate to our much-loved Catholic charity CAFOD. All the classes have been given an amount of money to spend and each Key stage will then decide on which world gifts to purchase. We will keep you informed of their choices. Please google <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> for further information. As a school, we are overwhelmed with the support you have given and this has demonstrated how prominent our Christian values are through this sacred season of Lent, as we pray, fast and give together as a community. We are also very grateful for your donations of Easter eggs and money for raffle tickets, which has all contributed to the final figure.

Sacramental Programmes Update

Well done to all of our Year 3 children who have now completed the sacramental programmes of Reconciliation & the Eucharist. They have completed several sessions in school with Mrs Acton and Mrs Hulme and have also participated in church-based sessions with our wonderful Catechists Louise, Mary-Rose and Sharon, who have dedicated their time voluntarily to ensure that our children are fully prepared to receive these Sacraments.

First Holy Communion Celebration

A reminder that this will take place after mass on **Sunday 19th May** in the Parish Centre. Children will have the opportunity to wear their dresses/smart trousers & ties once again to rejoice in this very sacred Sacrament. Further details will be given in a letter to those children who are participating in this. It is only short and will be finished after approximately 30-45 minutes.

Dates for your Diary!

- **1st Holy Communion Group 1** – Saturday 11th May @ 5:30pm
- **1st Holy Communion Group 2** – Sunday 12th May @9am
- **1st Holy Communion Group 3** – Sunday 12th May @11am
- **Communion Celebration Party** – Sunday 19th May after the 11am mass in the Parish Centre



As always, thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff with any queries or concerns and we will be happy to help!