



# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

“Seeking Growth Together”

## April Newsletter 2017 - Issue 12

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Governor Update



In May, our parish will be launching a venture to invite people to learn how to grow food in our own new parish field raised beds and our new poly-tunnel, which should arrive this week (or in your own garden).

The six sessions begin in May and will be led by Grow Blackpool. For further information, please come and speak to me or Fr Peter or ask in school for a leaflet with dates, times, etc.

Cathy Butterworth  
Chair of Governors

**A reminder that school is closed for the Bank Holiday on Monday 1st May.**

### 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 our school's local bank branch is closing shortly, we will soon be unable to conveniently bank any cash received and so ask that all payments are made through Parentpay.

We understand that some of you have difficulty setting up your account but we are here to help. If you are struggling at all and would like any help setting up your account, or would like to be shown how to use the website, please speak to the office.

### Yr 6 London Visit 2017

We are very excited that our visit to London is getting closer. Our Year 6 children will be visiting the Warner Bros studios for the Harry Potter tour and a West End Show. A meeting for parents regarding the trip was held last half term, if you were unable to attend and have not received any information, please speak to the office. Final payments should now have been made. We would really appreciate any outstanding monies be paid as soon as possible. Thanks



### CONGRATULATIONS

We are happy to announce that Miss Glover has given birth to a beautiful baby girl on 6th April. Mum and baby are both doing well and we are looking forward to meeting her!



Thank you to all children who completed the junk model homework—we had some incredible entries. We are currently collecting old spectacles, mobile phones and pens. All donations gratefully received!

### KS1 and KS2 SATS Dates

**Year 6 SATS** will take place on the **8th-11th May**.

**Year 2** will sit their tests **between 11th and 23rd May**. There will be several tests but these will not take place everyday!



### Running late?

We understand that there may occasionally be circumstances which prevent you from collecting your child on time but there are an increasing number of children being collected late from school or their extra-curricular club. This is not only unsettling for the children but requires additional staffing to supervise and make necessary phone-calls.

From this term we will be implementing a new system where children that have not been collected on time will be taken to After School Club. A variable charge will be incurred for this service depending on collection time and this will be payable through Parentpay. You will be required to sign a late collection form to acknowledge the additional charge for care. We hope that this will help ensure that children are collected on time and appreciate your co-operation.

Thanks.



### Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

This year we are taking part in the Sainsbury's Active Kids scheme. If you have any vouchers which you would like to donate these can be left at the school office or handed to your child's teacher. Thanks





### CAFOD Fundraising

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A massive thank you for all your support during our Lenten fundraising. We have been able to send a cheque for £1500 to CAFOD which will be used to support their great work. This Lent, CAFOD is working with communities in the Southern African country of Zambia. It is estimated that more than half of Zambians live below the poverty line. This means that many families do not have enough money to meet basic needs such as food, housing and clothing. CAFOD's partners in Zambia provide training in fish farming, bee-keeping and crop farming as well as helping individuals within communities develop business skills so that they can get a better price for their goods, market them and even set up business partnerships. Those who have been trained share their new knowledge and empower their whole community. The money raised by your children means that CAFOD's partners will be able to continue to support projects like these around the world. Thank you so much once again.

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Whole school activities

Resurrection mass and Stations of the Cross visit—Thursday 27th April @9:15 am

Walk to School—Friday 28th April @8:15 am, meet at The Saddle

May Day Bank Holiday School Closed—Monday 1st May

Walk to School—Friday 26th May @8:15 am, meet at The Saddle

Half-Term Holiday—Monday 29th May—Friday 9th June

Walk to School—Friday 30th June @8:15 am, meet at The Saddle

Foundation Day—Thursday 6th July

Walk to School—Friday 21st July @8:15 am, meet at The Saddle

#### Year group activities

1C Class assembly—Friday 5th May

Year 6 SATS—Monday 8th May—Thursday 11th May

Year 2 SATS—Between Thursday 11th May and Tuesday 23rd May (not every day)

1H Class assembly—Friday 19th May

Year 6 Residential Visit to London—Monday 22nd—Wednesday 24th May

2M Class assembly—Friday 16th June

**School closes for Half Term on Friday 26th May at normal time and returns on Monday 12th June.**