



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School closes for half term - Thursday 9th February at normal time and returns on Tuesday 21st February.

Whole school activities

Book Fair - Wednesday 8th March - 15th March

Wacky Wednesday - Wednesday 15th March

Parents Evening - Wednesday 22nd March

School Mass - Thursday 23rd March @ 9.15am

Palm Monday - Monday 10th April

Washing of the feet - Wednesday 12th April @ 10.45am

Easter Egg Raffle—Thursday 13th April (am)

Break up for Easter after school on Thursday 13th April

Year group activities

Year 3 visit to The Tempest - Wednesday 2nd March

3A class assembly - Friday 10th March @ 9.00am and 9.30am

3K class assembly - Friday 24th March @ 9.00am and 9.30am

Year 4 visit to Hothersall Lodge - Monday 3rd April to Wednesday 5th April

Year 4 Easter Production—Monday 10th April @ 2:00pm & 4:30pm

2W class assembly - Friday 7th April @ 9.00am and 9.30am

ATTENDANCE

The School Council are currently talking with their peers about a suitable treat for the class with the best attendance. We will be running an attendance initiative next half term and the class with the highest attendance will be able to enjoy a treat as chosen by the School Council.

N -	RC -	RM -	1H -	1C -
94.1%	95.3%	94.6%	96.3%	94.8%
2W -	2M -	3A -	3K -	4L -
97.9%	97.4%	97.2%	96.1%	96.1%
4W -	5H -	5T -	60K -	6B -
96.0%	95.9%	94.8%	96.0%	95.4%



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This half-term has flown by, although the next half term is a lot longer and takes us forward through Lent towards the celebration of Easter.

Your children will be thinking of fund-raising events to organise throughout the season of Lent with all funds raised going to support CAFOD. May I thank you in advance for your support with this. Please can I just remind you again to support your children with daily reading, timetables targets and spelling practice. We will be organising some additional reading events after half-term, to which you will be invited and more information will follow regarding these. Have a wonderful week.

Mrs Allen

This term the children in Dance Club have been rehearsing twice a week for the annual School's Alive Performance! They have been working really hard in order to perfect their 'SJV Come Dancing' routine, which consists of a Jive and a Salsa! They will be performing at the Grand Theatre this week and we are looking forward to watching their routines. We are very proud of the hard work and commitment the children have shown; they are a credit to SJV!

Thank you to the parents who have helped with organizing outfits! It has been a great help!



GOOGLE EXPEDITION

On Friday 27th January, we thoroughly enjoyed our virtual reality experiences travelling to some amazing locations around the world related to the topics we are learning about in class. During the Google Expeditions day we swam through coral reefs, visited San Diego Zoo, climbed the pyramids of Egypt, flew over the staggering heights of Rio de Janeiro and even walked on the moon! We would like to thank Liane from Google for helping us to clock up our air miles on the expeditions!

Following kind donations from our PTFA and local ward councillor, Cllr David Collett, we have been able to purchase a defibrillator for the well being of our children, staff and parish. This will soon be installed in an area close to the school office and staff will undertake training in how to use the machine.

Please don't forget to let us know if your contact details change. We often use text messages to keep parents up to date with school events.

Year 4 - We have had a busy and enjoyable half term in Year 4. Firstly, thank you for your support for 4L's and 4W's class assemblies which were a great success. During the half term holidays we have set a creative homework challenge involving researching the Normans as this will be our next topic for Spring 2nd – please see your child's homework book for further details. Next half term promises to be an exciting and action-packed few weeks. We have the pleasure of working with the Blackpool FC Community Trust team for the Fit 2 Go programme. Each Wednesday the BFC Community Trust team will lead a classroom and outdoor based session for each class about leading a healthy lifestyle.

Well done to all those children since Christmas who have achieved all their times tables targets and pen licenses. We hope to see lots more achieve these in the next half term. We hope you have a peaceful and enjoyable half term break.

Year 2 - First of all, thanks so much to the children (and parents!) for the amazing creative homework for the 'Famous People' topic. We are so impressed with the hard work that has been put into each and every one of them. We're glad that parents got to see each other's projects at our very successful parent workshop! The 'Famous People' topic has been rounded off nicely with our trip to Madame Tussaud's. The children had lots of fun! Watch this space for more trips in the future with new topics.

Reception - Our topic for spring 2nd is 'People Who Help Us'. We will be meeting people who have very special jobs and finding out what they do. We will Role Play our favourite People Who Help Us, with Doctor's and nurse's kits and Uniforms to dress up in. We will write and draw about different jobs you can have. Watch the rubbish being collected and recycle things in the reception area.

We will look at Non-fiction books about 'People Who Help Us' and make a family tree. Read Write Inc will continue and your children are making really good progress, keep up this support at home. Thank you.

We are concentrating on numbers 11-20 and adding and subtracting. We will start to look at different times of the day and money. We will explore sounds of musical instruments, which the children will really enjoy! Pass the paracetamol!

Year 3 have had a very exciting half term and have been working extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum. The topic has been focussing on humans and animals, the children have been writing animal stories and writing a discussion text about whether animals should be kept in zoos. The trip to the zoo enhanced the learning that the children have been undertaking and was a great day out, the children were extremely well behaved and a credit to school.

Reading has been a focus and we are pleased that children have been working very hard at home using the Lexia and Sumdog programme. Thank you to all who attended the parent workshop it's always great to see you.



Year 6 have had another busy and exciting half term! The children have enjoyed learning about animals and how they are adapted to their environment and their habitat. They have also researched, with enthusiasm, the life of Sir David Attenborough and written some superb biographies about him. The children thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Blackpool Zoo this half term, gaining extremely valuable information on conservation and the animals, which they have used in a further two pieces of writing: a discussion text and a recount. All the children were a



credit to St John Vianney and their behaviour and manners were complimented on by staff at the zoo. Well done, Year 6! We hope you all have a lovely half term!

Year 5 - We've had a busy half term looking at how to keep our bodies healthy and the effects certain substances have on it. It has been interesting and the children have really immersed themselves in to finding out about the circulatory system, why the heart pumps faster when we move and what foods help our bodies. Next term our topic is based on the Ancient Egyptians. In March we will be asking you to join us, so the children can present their Egyptian topic. We also have the trip to Hothersall Lodge. If you were unable to attend the meeting please let us know, so we can give your children an overview of the meeting. As always there will be lots of English and Maths focus and your continued support in making sure the homework is completed is greatly appreciated. Have a safe and peaceful half-term and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed after the break.

Year 1 have really enjoyed our DT topic this half term, a huge thank you must go to Mrs Martin and Miss Moriarty for helping with this. The children are very proud of their creations. Our topic Frogs and Fairies has encouraged the children to produce some super writing about Little Red Riding Hood. We are very proud.

During PE this half term we have unfortunately had lots of missing items of PE Kit. Please can you take the opportunity over half term to check everything is clearly labelled including bag and pumps. We really appreciate this.

Thank you for your support this half

Nursery - We have had a lovely time in nursery thinking about all thing Cold and Wintery. We have just been thinking about birds and how we can help to feed them during the cold winter months. We have made some bird feeders-hope they are hung on your trees at home- and someone even brought us in a fat ball to hang on our tree in Nursery-thank you! We also learnt to say "Two Little Dickie Birds" and made our very own puppets to say the rhyme with-hope you enjoyed hearing it at home!

Next term we are starting off by thinking

about Superheroes! This will be very exciting!! We will send you a letter telling you all about it!

