



13<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

Dear Families,

### Harvest Festival

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our school community for the Harvest donations that were sent into school on Thursday - we had an overwhelming response. The West End Foodbank was extremely grateful for the generous donations received and they couldn't thank our children and families enough. Thank you to you all.

### Children In Need

We have had a wonderful Children In Need day today. Whilst we have been unable to take part in whole-school fundraising activities as normal due to the current situation, we have still celebrated this day within our year group bubbles. Anyone wishing to make a donation should do so at: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk>.

### Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November, we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week in school. The theme this year is *United Against Bullying*. We are inviting all of our children to come in to school wearing odd socks on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November to celebrate differences and diversity. We look forward to an exciting week!

### Oxford Owl eBook Library

As I informed you earlier in the term, we have subscribed to Oxford Owl e-Book Library and this is now up-and-running for our school. This gives all of our pupils access to over 500 Oxford University Press reading books at home from different stages and levels. The aim of this library is to provide your child with a range of reading books that they can read and enjoy at home. **It does not replace our current home-school Reading system.** Your child will still bring home their home-school Reading book every Friday and this should be returned, as normal, on a Monday. Please note that your child may bring home a book that they have read online but the re-reading of texts is a brilliant way of improving your child's reading fluency, which is why we reread texts with our children across the school. Your child will come home tonight with their class login details. The website can be accessed at [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk) and your child can enter their login details by clicking on **My class login**. I have attached an information guide to the newsletter to help you access the eBook Library. We hope our children have hours of enjoyment reading these new texts at home!

### COVID-19 Contact

If you need to contact school over the weekend regarding COVID-19 issues, please contact me at [admin@stjohnvianney.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjohnvianney.newcastle.sch.uk).

With my very best wishes,

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