



# St John Vianney Catholic Primary School

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*Through following Jesus, we aim to be a caring, happy school, where everyone is valued and appreciated and can reach their true potential. We hope to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.*

## **READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE**

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents,

We have had such a busy time, since returning to school after the Easter holidays! I want to be able to give you some advance notice of events coming up over the next few months.

### **Ofsted 2024**

What a way to start the term, Ofsted contacted school at 9:30am on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April, the first day back! Everyone; staff, parents, our wonderful pupils, governors, the LA and BBCET were all so supportive. The report will follow in due course, but ultimately the way everyone was so enthusiastic about school was fantastic. Thank you as always for all of your on-going brilliant support!

### **Summer Liturgies**

Year Group	Parent group to attend	Event	Time
Year One	Mrs O' Neil	Children's Liturgy	9:30am on 24 <sup>th</sup> June
Year One	Miss Dean	Children's Liturgy	2:30pm on 24 <sup>th</sup> June
Year Two	Mrs Langford	Children's Liturgy	9:30am on 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Year Two	Miss Prayle / Mr Robinson	Children's Liturgy	2:30pm on 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Year Three	Mrs Bowden	Children's Liturgy	9:30am on 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Year Three	Miss Cherry	Children's Liturgy	2:30pm on 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Year Four	Mr Bonnar	Children's Liturgy	9:30am on 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Year Four	Mr Peacock	Children's Liturgy	2:30pm on 10 <sup>th</sup> June



Year Five	Miss Young	Children's Liturgy	9:30am on 13 <sup>th</sup> June
Year Five	Miss Dolphin	Children's Liturgy	2:30pm on 13 <sup>th</sup> June

Reception and Nursery will book in a final celebratory stay and play event nearer the time, dates yet to be confirmed.

**Year 6 Advance notice of dates (All subject to change if events beyond our control dictate it)**

- Residential Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 6 Production for parents Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June (Approx 5pm – TBC)
- Year 6 Youth Village Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June all day
- Year 6 Leavers Mass at the Cathedral on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July
- & Year 6 Transition Days to St Cuthbert's and Sacred Heart High School on 10<sup>th</sup> July and 12<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 6 Trip to Holy Island for the day 15<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 6 Leavers mass for parents 9:30am on 18<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 6 Leavers assembly 9:30am on 19<sup>th</sup> July

**First Holy Communion**

The Year 4 pupils are going to partaking in their sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers at this important time.

**Year 6 SATS**

These external exams are due to start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. All the pupils in Y6 have been amazing and I have been blown away by their positive and hard-working attitude. They are a delight and a pleasure. I hope they and you can enjoy a lovely relaxing, family bank holiday weekend full of fun and laughter.

**World Children's Day**

This fantastic event, supported by the Diocese, is going to be celebrated in school. Pupils are going to be encouraged to enter the poster competition as well.

**Trips**

There are a number of trips coming up for each of the year groups. I think these learning experiences, outside of school are so important, however the challenging cost of buses is really starting to bite. I am always so grateful for all the voluntary parent contributions made towards these costs.

**Careers week**

On the first week back after the holidays Y2 – Y6 had careers workshops each day. These were brilliant and the pupils have been really positive about the learning experience.

**Career support from parents**

I know that a number of parents spoke to me just before the Easter holidays about coming into school and leading some workshops, or talks for pupils. I haven't forgotten your truly

generous offers of support. I really want this to go ahead, however Ofsted's visit has slowed this all down!! But please be assured, I am so thankful that we have such amazing parents, I will sort it all out asap, thank you for your patience.

### **Lambs**

A huge belated thank you goes to a previous parent from St John Vianney, Rachel Dennis, who has been brilliant. Even though both of her children have left our school, she did not forget us! She arranged for 8 newborn lambs to visit school on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. It is an amazing learning experience for all of our pupils to see such young lambs and speak to a vet and a landowner, who raises 1000's of sheep.

### **Staffing for next year**

I have been asked by a number of parents about which teachers will be in which classes next year. When it has all been finally arranged, it is rather a complex jigsaw, I will write to parents to let you know.

### **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Landings**

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, it will be the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day landings. We will be asking the children to come into school dressed as child evacuees. They can come in dressed in any manner of clothes from home. Please do not feel the need to go and purchase a specific costume. We are also hoping that we have some family members who may have some WWII memorabilia, photographs, maps etc which they may like to share with school. Please contact Mr Bonnar via the school email [office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org](mailto:office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org) to ask for anything to be securely looked after.

### **Rock Steady Musical Performance**

For all parents of children who take part in the Rock Steady Music on a Thursday morning, there will be a performance at 9:30am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Music concert for parents**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm (Details to follow)

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm (Details to follow)

As you can see we are still full steam ahead this term, and the children are having a fabulous time.

Kind regards,

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