



St John Vianney Catholic School

Newsletter



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"Everything we can be, with Christ in our hearts."



Welcome to another year at SJV!

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all of our children and families, and I hope that you had a wonderful break, enjoyed the sunshine and each other, and that you are refreshed and ready for another academic year – we certainly are!

It is always lovely to see the children on 'day one' in September, resplendent in their uniforms, excited faces as they re-join their friends and teachers. We have had a busy first week, and the staff have all remarked on how brilliantly behaved and calm the children have been. Long may that continue!

Key Dates for Autumn 1

- 12th Sep – Y6 morning mass at the church
- 13th Sep – Secondary transfer meeting for Y6 parents (6:30pm)
- 14th Sep – Friends of SJV AGM (9am)
- 14th Sep – Start of Year Mass (10am)
- 26th Sep – Y5 morning mass at the church
- 27th Sep – Reception Class Induction Evening (6:30pm)
- 28th Sep – Class 5 Assembly
- 3rd Oct – Y4 morning mass at the church
- 5th Oct – Class 2 Assembly
- 9th Oct – Photographer (individual)
- 12th Oct – Class 3 Assembly
- 19th Oct – Staff Training Day (school closed)
- HALF TERM 22nd Oct to 26th Oct (children back in on Oct 29th)



Key Dates for Autumn 2

- 29th Oct – children return, Y6 go to Pendarren
- 1st Nov – Holy Souls (mass at SJV Church 10am)
- 6th Nov – Class Mass Y5 (2:30, in class)
- 7th Nov – Y6 morning mass at the church
- 7th Nov – Class Mass Y4 (2:30, in class)
- 8th Nov – Open morning for prospective parents (9am)
- 9th Nov – Year 4/Reception 'Buddy' assembly
- 14th Nov – Y5 morning mass at the church
- 14th Nov – Class Mass Y6 (2:30, in class)
- 15th Nov – Open morning for prospective parents (9am)
- 16th Nov – Class 6 Assembly
- 16th Nov – Friends of SJV Fancy Dress Disco
- 21st Nov – Y4 morning mass at the church
- 22nd Nov – Open morning for prospective parents (9am)
- 29th Nov – Open morning for prospective parents (9am)
- 4th Dec – Whole school panto
- 13th Dec – Christmas Performance (7pm)
- 14th Dec – Christmas Performance (9:30am)
- 21st Dec – Mass; End of Term

Welcome
**BACK TO
SCHOOL**



The SJV Daily News

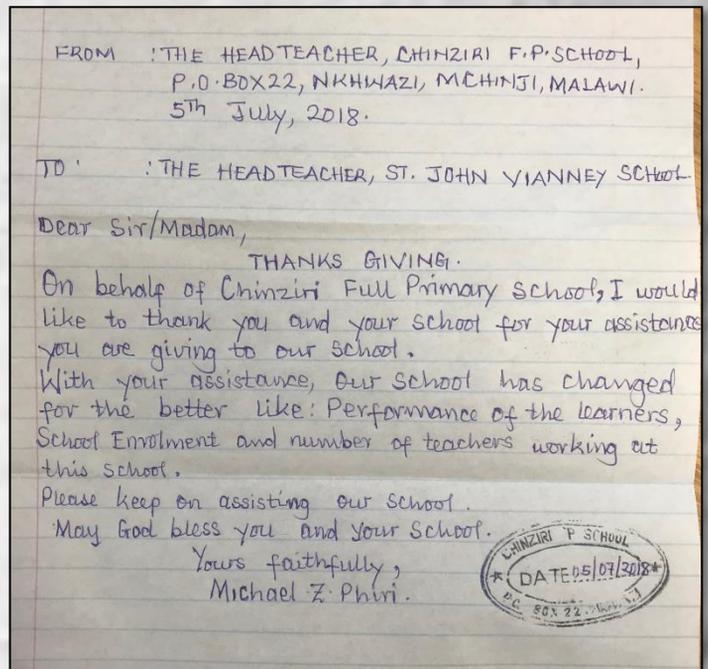
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Support for Chinziri

SJV Community supports school projects in Malawi



Fr. Henry dropped by this week for his annual visit, and to discuss the ongoing progress of Chinziri Primary School in Malawi. The school is going from strength to strength, and now has 8 forms. It is the 3rd year that the school has had a 'full' 8 forms, and achievement among the pupils is growing.

The generosity of the Friends, parents and pupils of St. John Vianney led to £700 being donated this year!

The money continues to be used for school resources and, most importantly, accommodation for teachers – an absolute necessity.

It was great to catch up, and Fr. Henry asked me to pass on his sincere thanks for your ongoing support and generosity.



Consent for Photos

Under the recently implemented Data Protection legislation (GDPR), we were obliged to 're-ask' all of our parents for consent to use photographs in the newsletter and website.

Unfortunately, many of you have not yet returned consent forms, and many of you have decided, on being 're-asked', that you don't want your child's photos featured on the website and / or the newsletter.

Bearing in mind that, last year, ALL parents were happy for images to be used to positively promote the school and pupils' achievements, and to share individual successes and experiences of your child.

If there are a significant number of children that cannot be photographed for these purposes, then the current format of the newsletter and website may be in doubt.

It is simply too time consuming to ensure that the many photos that make their way into the newsletter and onto the website do not contain any children where consent has not been given.

There are many that have been left out of this edition for that reason.

In addition, the consequences of mistakenly publishing one are potentially damaging.

We follow safeguarding guidelines and take great care to ensure that names are not used alongside photos.

For those that have not yet returned their consent, please do so as soon as possible.

For those that have withheld consent, we absolutely respect your right to do so, but ask that you are certain before we confirm records for the year. We will resend your form for confirmation purposes.

Thank you for your consideration.





Reminders!

Uniform Reminders

Please remember that uniform is an important part of our community and identity. It is vital that we retain this important part of school life.

This week, we have seen non-uniform items creeping in, and in particular, I need to draw your attention to:

- **Hair colouring** of **ANY** kind is not permitted; this includes hair braides and extensions
- **Hair bands** must be simple in style and in the school colours of green, yellow or white
- **Shoes** – trainers are NOT permitted; plain **ALL** black trainer-style shoes are permitted – no logos, flashes or soles
- **Nail varnish** and cosmetics are not permitted

[Click here to look at the school uniform page](#)

If your child has non-standard uniform items, they will be given a slip to remind you by their class teacher. Please understand the school's position on uniform and help us to maintain our all-important identity.

Collection Procedures at Home Time

A reminder to all parents and carers that your child will only be released to you, or another specifically-named person that you have authorised via contacting the office.

We will not release a child to anyone else, under any circumstances, so please let the office who will be picking up if it not the usual.

Dinner Money

Please be prompt in paying. It is £2.50 per day, £12.50 per week. Please do not wait for a reminder before paying. Dinner money can be paid directly to the school office or via your class teacher (in an envelope marked with Child's name, class and £ enclosed).

Year 6 Pendarren House Residential Trip

Reminder - The deadline for the balance of payment is Friday 5th October 2018.