

# Saint Vincent de Paul Primary School

February 2023



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10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents

I hope that this finds you and your family well. We have had another very busy half term with a focus on safeguarding our pupils through the NSPCC PANTS programme and our celebration of Safer Internet Day. Have a chat with your children who will be able to share with you all that they have learned.

Our New School Build moves closer to the Public Consultation process ahead of this I am delighted to invite you to a celebration event that will showcase the design of our new school. At this event you will also get the opportunity to meet and chat with our Architects from **Mc Adams Design**.

**Day: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Time: 11-12.00**  
**Venue: Parochial Hall**

I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely

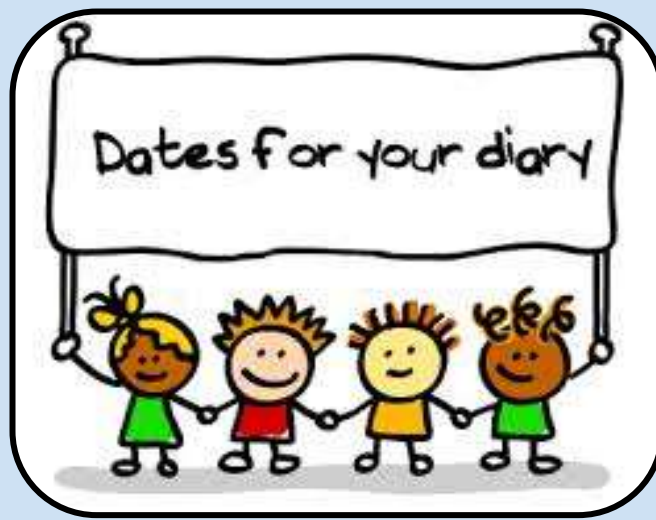
*Bronagh McVeigh*



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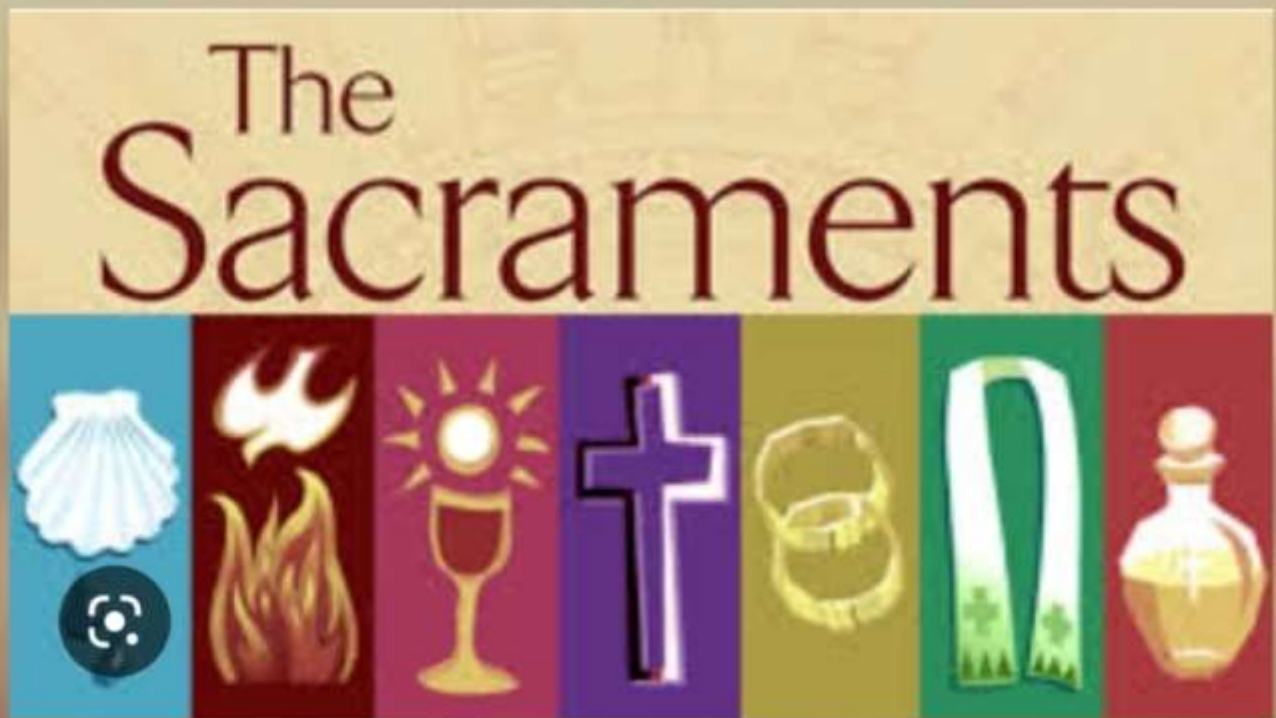
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Sanctuary



Date	Event
Wednesday, 22nd February Wednesday, 1st March	Making Memories Session with Parents and Children P2
Monday, 27th February	Aspire 2 Achieve Health and Well- being P4-P7
Thursday, 2nd March Thursday, 9th March	P7 Moving on Programme
Tuesday 14th & 15th March	Belfast City Council Mr. Rat's Storytail
Tuesday 16th March	Belfast City Council Pupil Show
Friday 17th March	School Closure Saint Patrick's Day
Monday, 20th March	Cycle to School Week
Thursday, 6th April	School Closes @ 11.00 for Easter Holidays.



# Sacramental Dates



DATES CONFIRMED FOR SACRAMENTS

First Confession - Tuesday 28th March 2023

Confirmation - Friday 28th April 2023

Holy Communion- Saturday 13th May 2023

ALL @ 11 am

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# Primary 7 Applications to Post Primary for September 2023



## A few IMPORTANT NOTES TO THINK ABOUT

This process is completed online  
[www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions)

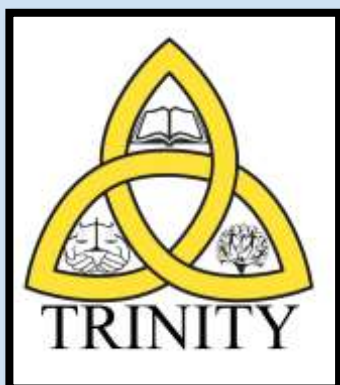
### Have the following information ready

Name of child/ your email address/ AQE /GL Candidate number/ At least 4 choices in order of preference/ Free School Meals eligibility/ Are there siblings already in your preferred schools/ Is St Vincent de Paul a feeder school for any of your preferred choices.

**READ THE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR EACH CHOICE CAREFULLY- SOME SCHOOLS WILL ONLY ACCEPT FIRST PREFERENCE ONLY e.g. St. Louises, Mercy College (1<sup>st</sup> Non Grammar preference only)**

**THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT YOUR CHILD WILL GET INTO THEIR SCHOOL OF FIRST CHOICE AS MANY SCHOOLS ARE OVERSUBSCRIBED.**

**Please choose carefully and contact the school if you need help and advice in any way.**





**Planned Industrial Action  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
School will reopen at  
12.00.**

As I'm sure you are aware Industrial Action in many parts of the Public Sector has been taking place over the past number of months. Schools in England, Wales and Scotland have recently taken strike action with teachers withdrawing their labour.

Teaching Unions in Northern Ireland are set to follow. It has been announced that NASUWT, INTO and UTU members will strike on 21.02.23 up to 12.00 pm, teachers will resume duties after 12.00 pm.

**At this stage, we plan to open the school for all pupils at 12.00 where dinners will be served as normal.**



**10th February 2023**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to update you about our school's participation in Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass is an early intervention partnership between Police and Schools. It is aimed at supporting children who are victims of domestic violence.

Operation Encompass is already established across all of England and Wales and is now coming to Northern Ireland. When the Police attend an incident of domestic violence where one of our pupils is present, they will inform Mrs McVeigh, the school's Designated Teacher for Child Protection at the start of the next school day. This information is shared in strict confidence and school staff are only told on a need-to-know basis.

Following any notification from the PSNI, our staff will provide immediate support to any child who has been the victim of domestic abuse. We know that when children do witness domestic abuse at home, this is a highly traumatic experience for them. By taking part in Operation Encompass, we can provide compassionate support to our pupils, in line with our school ethos. This builds on our existing commitment to child safeguarding.

Should you wish to find out more information, please contact the school's Designated Teacher for Child Protection Mrs Bronagh McVeigh or alternatively you can read more about Operation Encompass at [www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org).

Yours sincerely

*Bronagh McVeigh*





# PANTOS

On Monday children from P1, P2 and P3 attended a special Pantosaurus assembly led by our school nurse.



[Click Here to Listen to the Song](#)



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Safer Internet Day 2023 will take place in our school on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.

We have given every child a copy of **TikTok Guide for Parents**. This will give you a Digital Well-Being Checklist to help you keep your child safe online. A digital version is available by clicking the image.



### Guides on topical issues

Cyberbullying  
Inappropriate content  
Online challenges  
Online reputation



### Online Guide to Apps

Snapchat  
Roblox  
TikTok

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# Be You

Increase these in the brain to inspire everyone at home to boost their mood, feel good, and use movement to help them understand their emotions and manage feelings together as a family.



## Dopamine

(Reward & Motivation)

- Eating good food
- Celebrating successes
- Watching a family movie
- Trying something new
- Playing outdoors



## Gaba

(Anti-Anxiety)

- Yoga
- Rough & tumble play
- Riding a bike or running
- Mindfulness meditation
- Swimming



## Oxytocin

(Attachment & Bonding)

- Hugging
- Eating a meal together
- Eye contact
- Massage



## Serotonin

(Mood & Sleep Stabiliser)

- Exercise
- Quality sleep schedule
- Meditating
- Nature

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Try a Moodbooster activity at home to get your family moving and feeling good!



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Click to download the latest High Five Magazine produced by the EA Primary Behaviour Support Team.





# Awards



Raffle Winners



Safer Internet Poster Winners



Outstanding Homework



Pupil of Week



Mathematician of the Week

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# Schools News



**SVDP FOOTBALL**



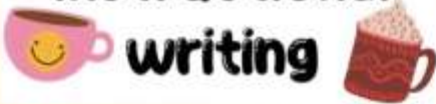
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# Class News P1 Ms. Glover



**We made hot  
chocolate to  
help us with  
instructional  
writing**



**YUMMY, YUMMY**



# Class News P1 Ms. Glover



## 12 Fat Robins

12 fat robins sitting in a tree,  
Hello robins, can you see me?



11 fat robins sitting in a tree,  
Hello robins, would you like a cup of tea?



10 fat robins sitting in a tree,  
Hello robins, have you seen my key?

9 fat robins sitting in a tree,  
Hello robins, do you need to pee?



8 fat robins sitting in a tree,

**Hello robins, I've hurt my knee.**

7 fat robins sitting in a tree,

**Hello robins, I'll see you at three.**

6 fat robins sitting in a tree,

Hello robins, can you fly free?



5 fat robins sitting in a tree,

Hello robins, your eggs are soooooooo wee!

4 fat robins sitting in a tree,

Hello robins, are you friends with bumblebee?



3 fat robins sitting in a tree,

Hello robins, have you been to the sea?

2 fat robins sitting in a tree,

Hello robins, I can learn to ski.

1 fat robin sitting in a tree,

Hello robin, my friend is Kiya-Marie.





# Class News P1 Ms. O'Rawe



WE MADE LOVE POTIONS FOR

VALENTINE'S DAY



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# Class News P1 Ms. O'Rawe



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Mathematics  
Mastery

## PRIMARY 2L



**WE HAD FUN  
WITH BEE-BOT  
FINDING OUT  
ABOUT  
ALGORITHMS!**





# Class News P2 Mrs. McLaughlin



Mathematics  
**Mastery**



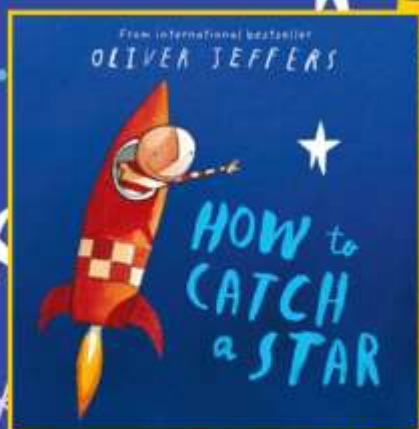
**WORKING WITH  
MY TALK  
PARTNER TO  
FIND OUT  
ABOUT 'TEEN  
NUMBERS'**

**P2L**





# Class News P2 Ms. Jamieson





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## SNOW DAY!



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# Class News P3 Ms. Kearney



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# Class News P4 Ms. Lally





# Class News P3 Ms. Lally



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# Class News P3 Ms. Lally



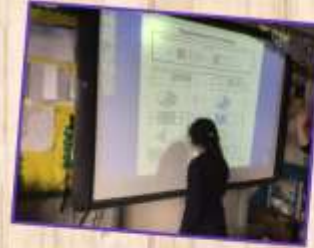
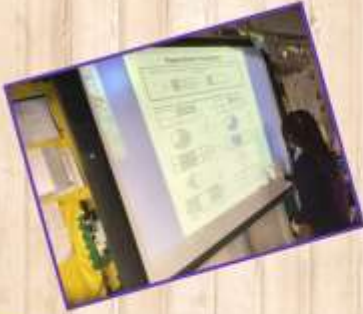


# Class News P4/5 Mrs. McGrogan





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We are learning  
about fractions



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# Class News P5 Ms. O'Kane



SNOW DAY 

PRIMARY 5



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# Class News P6-7 Mrs. Forte



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# Class News P6/7 Ms. Keenan



**JUJITSU FUN**



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# Class News P6/7 Ms. Keenan



**GLITTER BOTTLES  
WITH THE RISE  
TEAM**



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