















# Saint Vincent de Paul Primary School

December 2021



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8th December 2021



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

It's very hard to believe that our first term is nearly over. Once again it has been a very difficult term with COVID having a big impact on our pupils and workforce. I genuinely want to thank all our parents and carers for their patience, understanding and support while I work with the PHA and EA on managing the current situation in our school.

Keeping in touch with you during this time is vital. I hope you have found SEESAW and our TEXT messaging service helpful in keeping you informed. Please ensure that your most up to date details are on our system.

During **any** period of closure work is available for your child. **This can be collected from the Office.**

It is **ESSENTIAL** that your child still attends school regularly unless informed by the school, is ill or has symptoms of **COVID**.

**Miss School- Miss Out!**  
**Give your child the best start in life**  
**Every School day counts!**

Any concerns or queries please contact me directly via email or through the School Office.

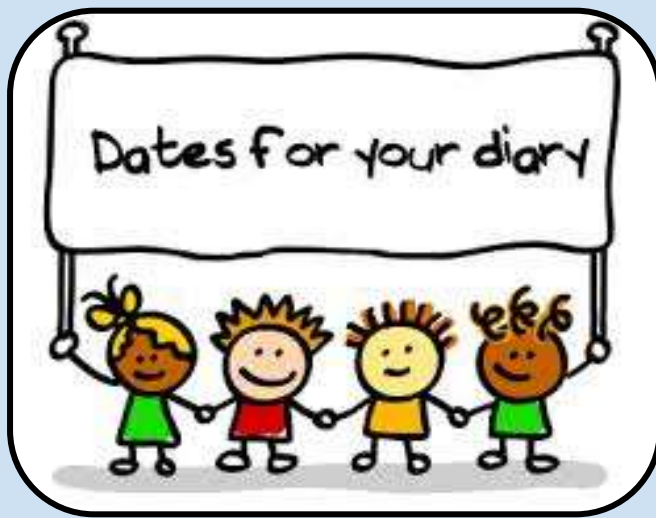
Yours sincerely

Bronagh McVeigh

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**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> / Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of December:**  
Primary One Open Day

(Nursery and Pre school pupils will have received an invite and appointment time)

***Appointments to visit the Nursery and Primary One can be made through the Nursery and School Office***

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** School Christmas Dinner.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** School Development Day

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Jingle All the Way Christmas Jumper Party Day £ 2.00 contribution

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:** School closes at 12.00 for the Christmas Holidays

## 2022

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** School reopens. Normal School Day

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January:** Pre School and Primary One Applications open online

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon:** Closing Date for Pre School and Primary One Applications

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 12 noon :** Post Primary Applications open

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February:** GL and AQE results received

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February: Mid Term Break

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** Post Primary Online Applications close

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April:** P4 First Confession

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** First Communion

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# Open Enrolment

## OPEN ENROLMENT IN PRE-SCHOOL AND NURSERY SEPT 2022

DATE	NOTES
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	EA publishes information on the preschool and school admissions procedure. This can be found on the EA website, <a href="http://www.eani.org.uk">www.eani.org.uk</a>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 (Opens at 12 noon)	<p><b>Pre-school and Nursery applications procedure opens with Online Portal available</b></p> <p>When an application is submitted an applicant must remember to provide their 1<sup>st</sup> preference school any supporting documents requested.</p> <p>In addition to any documents required the applicant must also upload or submit the <b>child's birth certificate</b>.</p> <p><u>Pre-school and Nursery ONLY</u></p> <p><b>Any applicant in receipt of benefit under the socially disadvantaged criterion must provide verification.</b></p> <p>Published admissions criteria can be accessed at <a href="https://www.eani.org.uk">https://www.eani.org.uk</a></p>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 @ 1200 noon  Online portal will not be accessible after this date or time  All late applications will be paper based	<p>Date/time by which parents submit an application (treated as punctual).</p> <p>An application received after 12 noon on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 will be treated as late.</p>
Before 12 noon on Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Deadline Date/ Time for supporting Documents
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Parents receive notification of outcome of application via online Citizen Portal.

Please note parents will receive notification of the outcome via online portal on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

School will also notify parents by post; letter will be posted on 27<sup>th</sup> April for receipt on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

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# Open Enrolment

## OPEN ENROLMENT IN PRIMARY ONE SEPTEMBER 2022

DATE	NOTES
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	EA publishes information on website about Primary One admissions procedure and admissions criteria for schools. admissions procedure. This can be found on the EA website, <a href="http://www.eani.org.uk">www.eani.org.uk</a>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 (Opens at 12 noon)	<b>Primary One applications procedure opens with Online Portal available</b> When an application is submitted an applicant must remember to provide supporting documents if requested by ANY preference listed. In addition to any documents required the applicant <b>must</b> also upload or submit the <b>child's birth certificate</b> .  Published admissions criteria can be accessed at <a href="https://www.eani.org.uk">https://www.eani.org.uk</a>
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# Open Enrolment

## OPEN ENROLMENT IN POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS SEPTEMBER 2022

DATE	NOTES
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	GL/PPTC Assessment
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	<b>First AQE Assessment</b>
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	<b>Second AQE Assessment</b>
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	<b>Third AQE Assessment</b>
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	<b>GL/PPTC Supplementary Assessment</b>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	EA publishes information on Website about Post Primary Schools.
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2022	<b>Post Primary Application Process opens with online portal available from 12 noon</b> for parents to apply for Year 8 admission.
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	<b>Results of Entrance Tests (AQE and GL) received by parents</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2022	<b>Online Portal closes at 4.00 pm for Year 8 Post Primary Applications.</b>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2022	<b>Parents receive notification of outcome of Applications via the online portal.</b> Admissions Helpdesk is operational. Schools may choose to notify decision by post. EA notifies parents of children who have not yet secured a place. EA publishes information on website on schools where year 8 places remain available.
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2022 (No later than 4.00 pm)	Deadline for receipt of Appeal Forms against Year 8 decisions.



# School Holidays

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Term 3</b>
<p><b>New term begins</b> Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021</p> <p>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> /Tues 31<sup>st</sup> August <i>(School Finishes at 12.00 No school dinners)</i> Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September <i>( Full day)</i></p> <p><b>Halloween</b> 25<sup>th</sup> October - 29<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p><i>School reopens on</i> Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</p> <p><b>Last day of term is</b> Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December <i>(School Finishes at 12.00 No school dinners)</i></p>  <p><b>Christmas holidays</b> 23<sup>rd</sup> December - 4<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p><i>School reopens on</i> Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</p>	<p><b>New term begins on</b> Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022</p> <p><b>Half Term break</b> 14<sup>th</sup> February - 18<sup>th</sup> February</p> <p><i>School Reopens on Monday</i> 21<sup>st</sup> February</p>  <p><b>St Patrick's Day</b> 17<sup>th</sup> March and 18<sup>th</sup> March (2 days)</p> <p><b>Last day of term is</b> Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April <i>(School Finishes at 12.00 No school dinners)</i></p>  <p><b>Easter holidays</b> 15<sup>th</sup> April - 22<sup>nd</sup> April <i>School Reopens Monday</i> 25<sup>th</sup> April</p>	<p><b>New term begins on</b> Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022</p> <p><b>May Public Holiday</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> May (1 school day)</p> <p><b>May Bank Holiday</b> 30<sup>th</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> June <i>School reopens</i> Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p><b>Last day of term is</b> Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June <i>(School Finishes at 12.00 No school dinners)</i></p> 



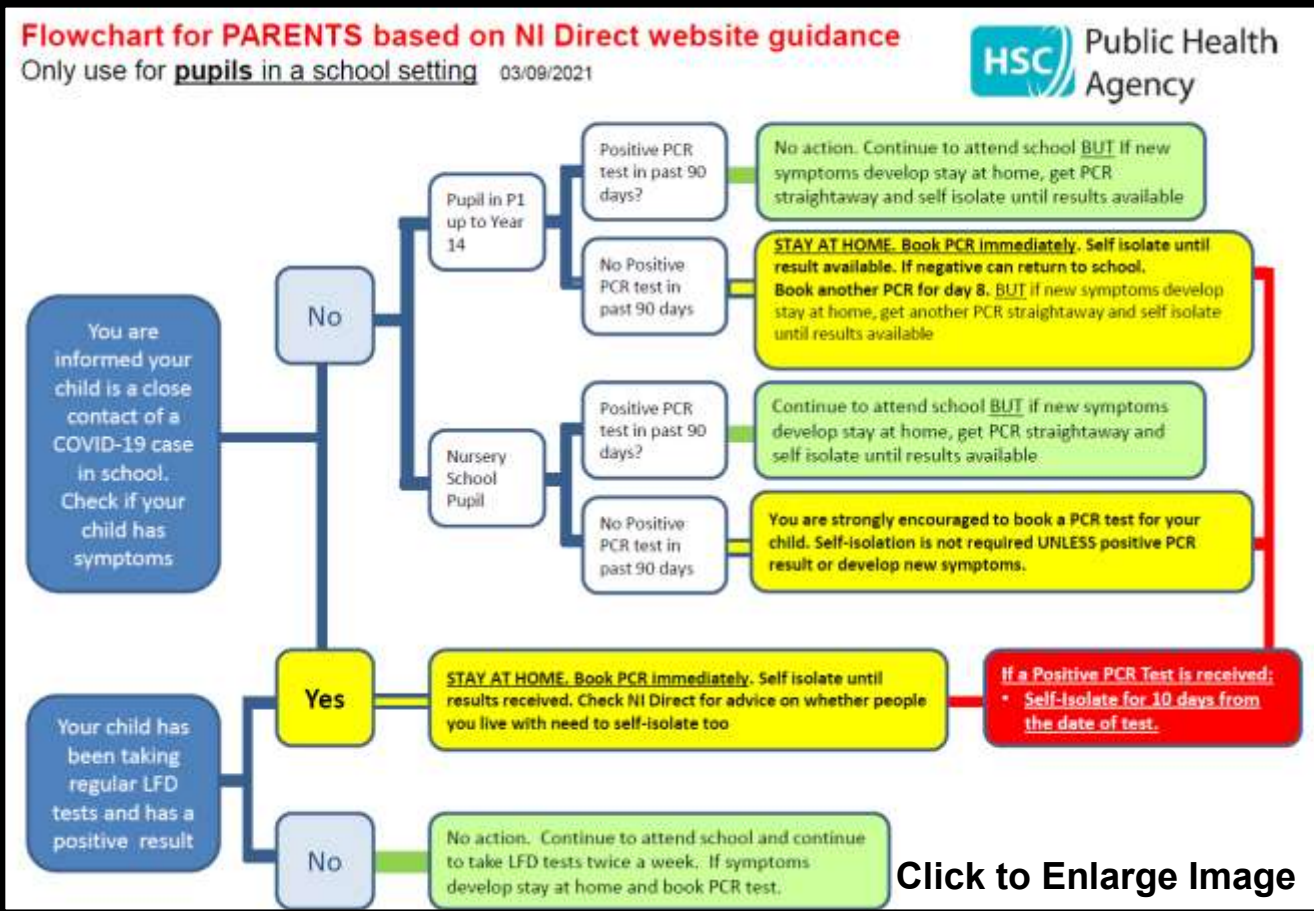
# School Dinner Menu

**St Vincent de Paul Dinner Menu 2021-22**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b> 01/09/21 27/09/21 01/11/21 29/11/21	Sausages or Pasta Bake Garlic Bread Beans, Sweetcorn Salad or Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream, Mandarins and Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Chicken Goujons Dipping Sauces OR Spicy Chicken Fajita Garden peas, Mashed Potato or Salad Swiss Roll and Custard	Roast Loaf of Pork Apple sauce, Stuffing, carrots, broccoli Roast Potatoes and Mashed Potato Gravy Yoghurt and Pineapple	Chicken Curry and boiled rice, naan bread OR Cottage Pie, carrots and green beans, mashed potato and gravy Carrot cake and custard	Margherita Pizza or salmon bites, sweetcorn, crunchy coleslaw, tossed salad and chips or chilli baby boil potatoes Melon boat with yoghurt
<b>Week 2</b> 06/09/21 04/10/21 8/11/21 06/12/21	Spaghetti Bolognese with cheese, sliced crusty bread OR Steak burger, salad, carrots, mashed potato Rice pudding and peaches	Chicken Curry and boiled rice, Naan bread or Italian Lasagne, crunchy coleslaw, garden peas, selection of salads, garlic bread Homemade shortbread and water melon	Fresh breaded Cod Goujons, tartar sauce OR Spicy Chicken Noodles, peas, salad and mashed potato Apple crumble and Custard	Roast chicken, herb stuffing, cauliflower cheese, carrots, parsnips, Roast and mashed potatoes and gravy Rice Krispie square and Custard	Breaded Chicken bites OR Spicy chicken wrap Selection of salads, salsa dip, sweetcorn, chips or baked potato Jelly and Ice Cream with fruit salad
<b>Week 3</b> 13/09/21 11/10/21 15/11/21 13/12/21	Savoury Mince and Onion OR Chicken Stir Fry with wholemeal pitta bread, salad, broccoli and mashed potato Chocolate and orange sponge and custard	Chicken Curry with boiled rice, Naan bread OR Chicken fillet burger, sweetcorn, tossed salad and homemade wedges Yoghurt and pineapple.	Cod Fish fingers OR Spanish meatballs with spaghetti, beans, sweetcorn, peas and mashed potato Swiss Roll and custard	Roast Loaf of Pork, stuffing, carrots, parsnips, savoy cabbage, roast potato and mashed potato Peppercorn cookie and water melon	Hotdog, sautéed onions OR Bang Bang Chicken with ciabotta bread, garlic dip, peas, selection of salads, chips or baby boiled potatoes Ice Cream and fresh fruit salad
<b>Week 4</b> 20/09/21 18/10/21 22/11/21 20/12/21	Chicken Curry with boiled rice, naan bread OR Sausages, beans, peas, gravy and mashed potato Jam and Coconut Sponge and Custard	Irish Stew with wheaten bread OR Chicken and Tomato Pasta Bake, salad, sweetcorn and mashed potato Chocolate brownie and orange wedge	Roast chicken, herb stuffing, cauliflower cheese, carrots, parsnips, Roast and mashed potato and gravy Strawberry Mousse and Fresh fruit salad	Spaghetti Bolognese with Crusty bread OR Fresh breaded Cod fillets, lemon slice, tartar sauce, peas, selection of salads, champ Flake meal Biscuit and fruit Salad	Margherita Pizza OR Salt and Chilli Chicken with boiled rice, crunchy coleslaw, salad and chips Artic Roll and fruit

Breads, milk, water, fresh fruit available daily, Salad Selection, rice salad, coleslaw, sweet chilli pasta, Lettuce, cherry tomato, grated carrots, cucumber, diced red onions, radish and beetroot

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# Keep Learning

## Find out something new

Connect with the people in your class and learn something new about them. You can do this by asking them questions about themselves and the things that they like and enjoy doing. Do you have anything in common?

Do you have any pets?

What are you good at?

What is your favourite talent?

What is your favourite food?

Where is your favourite place to go on holiday?

What makes you happy?

Who is your favourite person to spend time with?

What are you proud of?



Another activity to find out fun things about your friends is a game called 'Would you rather...!'



Be a unicorn  
or a dinosaur



Be hot or cold



Hold a snake  
or a frog?



Be an astronaut  
or a deep sea  
diver



Watch TV  
or listen  
to music



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High Five Magazine pro-  
duced by the EA Primary  
Behaviour Support Team.



# Be Aware of Others



When we are aware of others and sensitive to the needs of those around us, we can help to make somebody's day just that little bit brighter.

## Inspire...



### Others in the Community

Click here



Children in Need is a charity that helps thousands of children across the UK every year. Although their big Appeal Show was last week, they welcome donations at any time of the year. Have a look at their website to see inspiring stories about how donations help. Maybe you'll even be inspired to do some fundraising of your own for them!

## Support...



### Work Together to Make Someone's Day

Think of somebody you know who might be in need of a little pick-me-up; maybe they're not feeling well or have had something sad happen to them recently. Decide something you can do together that will make them smile - maybe you could bake them something delicious or make them a beautiful card or even write them a letter.

## Challenge...



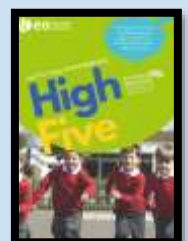
### Random Acts of Kindness

Set everyone in your house or class a challenge to do at least one Random Act of Kindness for somebody else each day. They can be little things like holding a door open for somebody, giving a compliment or helping another person to carry something. At the end of the day, tell each other about your random acts of kindness and how they affected others.

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# When We Need Support

If you are having financial difficulties during this time, there is help you can access. Here are some of the local supports that are available if you are in difficulty.



Click here

The Trussell Trust website has links to several foodbanks in Northern Ireland. They also have a dedicated Financial Crisis Helpline for families who are in financial difficulty.

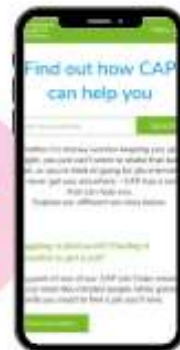
The Whitehead Storehouse, located in County Antrim, provides emergency food supplies and certain other help for people who need it in the Whitehead Area.



Click here



The Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul and Christians Against Poverty are all locally run charities that can provide assistance to families who are in financial difficulty.



Lifeline



Childline



ParentLine NI

Minding your own and your family's mental health is of paramount importance. If you are in difficulty, here are some organisations who provide immediate telephone and online support.

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# IMPORTANT Road Safety information



**At All Times please encourage the children to:**

- Use the pedestrian walkway
- When exiting Keep to the closet point to the school
- Always use Tina when crossing the road. Young children should not be crossing the road unless accompanied by an adult

Dear Parents

We have had a number of potentially serious traffic incidents that have also been recorded on CCTV at our school gates. We are now working with the Community Police and Ligoniel Healthy Living Centre to improve the situation. In the meantime, the Community Police have informed me that they will issue fines for traffic offences including illegal parking.

*PLEASE NOTE If you are witness to careless, unlawful traffic behaviours please report it where it will be recorded in the book in the Office and then reported to the police.*

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# Parents/ Carers Complaints Procedure

Here at Saint Vincent de Paul Primary School, we pride ourselves on being a School of Sanctuary where problems and concerns are dealt with and resolved as soon as possible. We aim to treat everyone in our School Community with respect and expect others to treat us the same.



## Parents Complaints Procedure



Please speak to your child's Class Teacher in the first instance to raise any issue and to seek resolutions

If you are not able to resolve the issue, or if you have an issue regarding the Class Teacher, please speak to Mrs McVeigh, the School Principal

If you are not able to resolve the issue, you may raise a complaint through the School Complaints procedure

*The School Complaints Procedure is available on the School website: [www.stvincentdepaulps.com](http://www.stvincentdepaulps.com)  
Or from the School on request*





Addressing Bullying in  
Schools Act  
(Northern Ireland) 2016



**Congratulations to everyone who took part  
in all our Activities to celebrate  
Anti Bullying Week.**

## What is bullying?

**B** Being mean, even when  
asked to stop

**O** On purpose



**O** Over and over again

Bullying can be physical, verbal,  
social/emotional and cyber.



## What to do about bullying?



Get away if you don't feel  
safe!



Try to stay calm.



Tell an adult!



Find a buddy!



Tell the bully to stop.





Click here to  
read our  
Anti-Bullying  
Policy

Click here

## Parent Survey

Your views are important. Please click on this link to contribute your views on preventing bullying in our school community.

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# Connect

## Kind Compliments

A compliment is when you tell other people what you like about them and what they are good at. Hearing positive comments from others helps us to feel good about ourselves. Find some friends and take turns giving each other some compliments.

You have the best laugh!

You are good at drawing

You are really kind

You work hard

We make a great team

You are fun to spend time with!



How would it make you feel if you heard your friends give you kind compliments?

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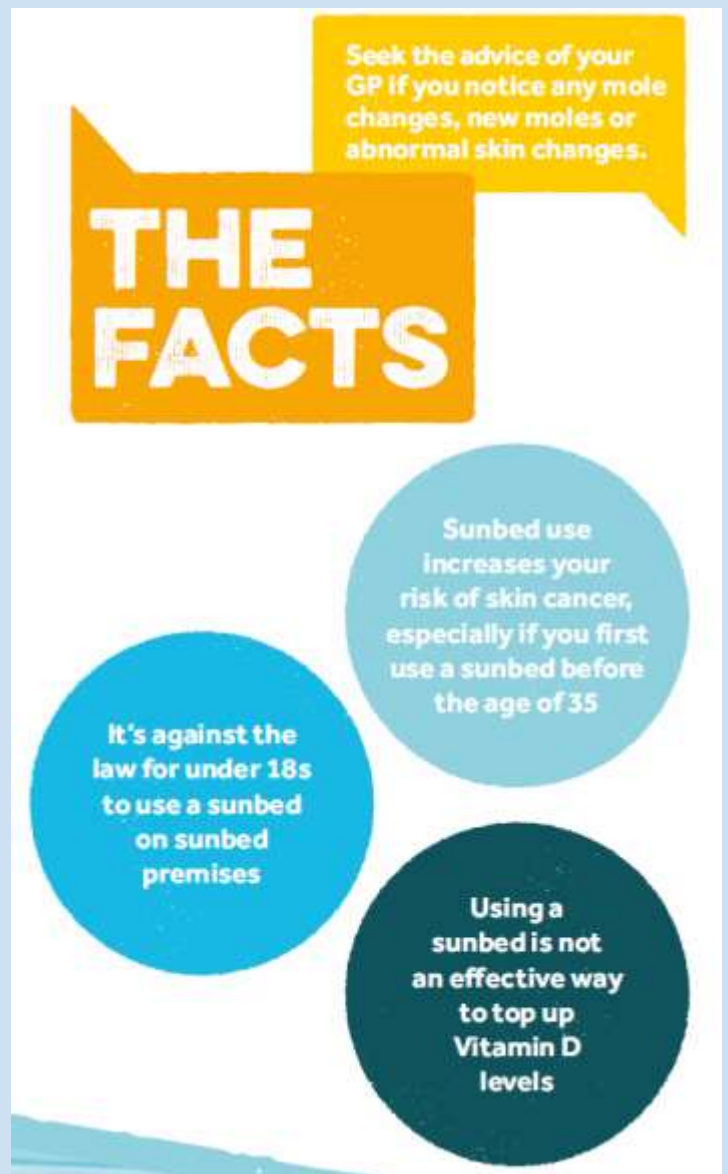
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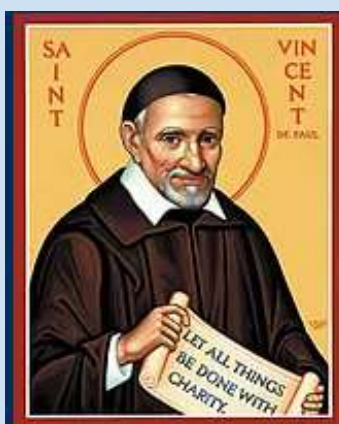
# Advice on Sunbed Usage



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Click on the link below to connect to the parish website.



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ParentingNI

## Positive Approaches to Discipline

This Free Online Zoom Session will explore:

- Tips & techniques for managing children's behaviour
- Effective & healthy discipline strategies

Tuesday  
7<sup>th</sup>  
December  
2021

7pm - 8.00pm

Call us to register on  
freephone 0808 8010 722

Available Mon - Thurs 9:30 am - 3:30 pm  
& Fri 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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This term will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the school building. If you have any old photos or memories you would like to share, we would be delighted to receive them. All materials will be treated with care and the originals returned.



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# School News

**Congratulations to the winners of our Anti-Bullying Poster Competition.**



# School News



# Class News Nursery Ms Donnelly



# Class News Nursery Ms Donnelly



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
FROM SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL NURSERY UNIT**



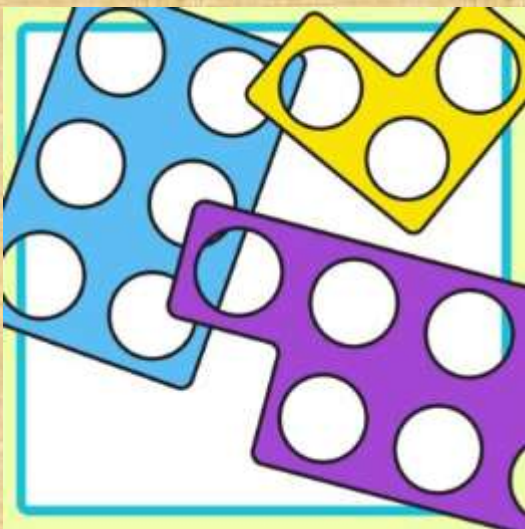
PIC-COLLAGE

# Class News P1 Ms. Glover

We've been investigating Numicon



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# Class News P1 Ms. Glover



# Class News P1 Ms. O'Rawe

## P1V experimented with Numicon



# Class News P1 Ms. O'Rawe



**PIV MADE BEAUTIFUL LEAVES DURING OUTDOOR PLAY**



**PIC-COLLAGE**



# Class News P2 Mrs. McLaughlin

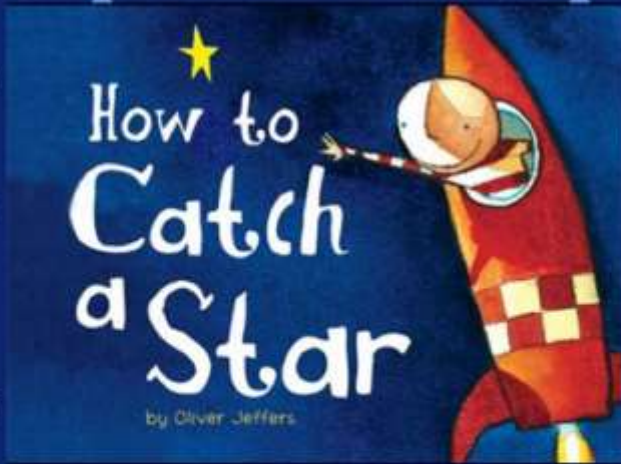
**Learning about Light and Dark**



# Class News P2 Mrs. McLaughlin



# Class News P2 Ms. Jamieson



I CAN USE MY IMAGINATION TO  
THINK ABOUT WHAT I WOULD DO  
WITH MY OWN STAR ✨

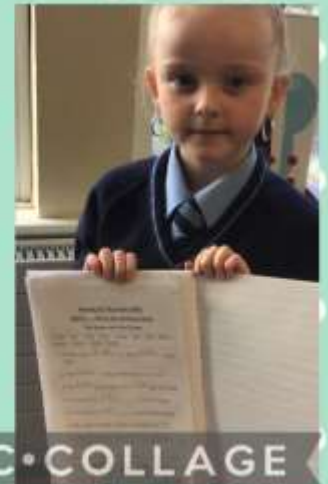
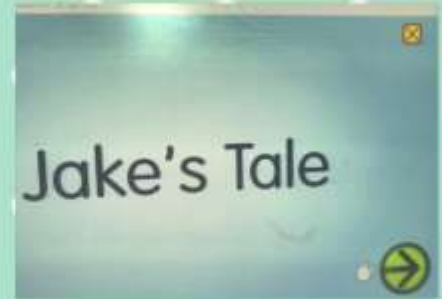
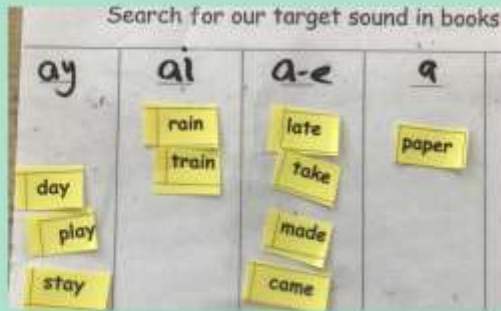


WE USED THE TALKING BUTTONS TO RECORD OUR IDEAS TO  
HELP US WRITE OUR SENTENCES.

# Class News P2 Ms. Jamieson



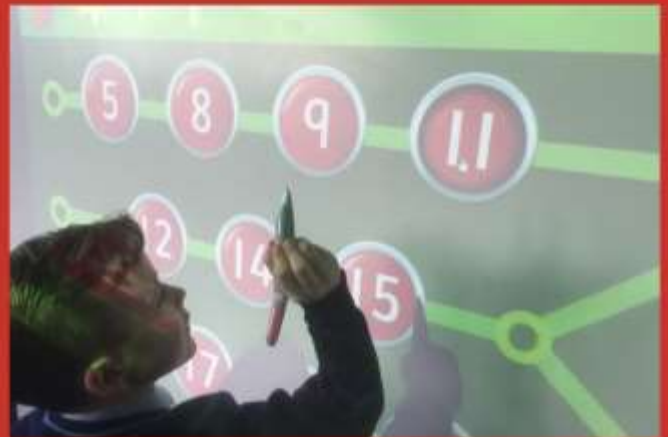
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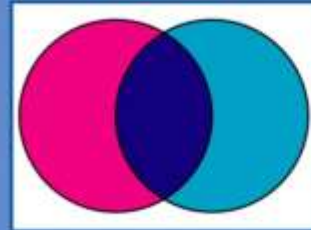
# Class News P3 Mrs. McGrogan



# Class News P3 Mrs. Lally



We are  
using  
Venn diagrams



# Class News P3 Mrs. Lally



We are creating wonderful sentences!!



# Class News P4/5 Mrs. Hair



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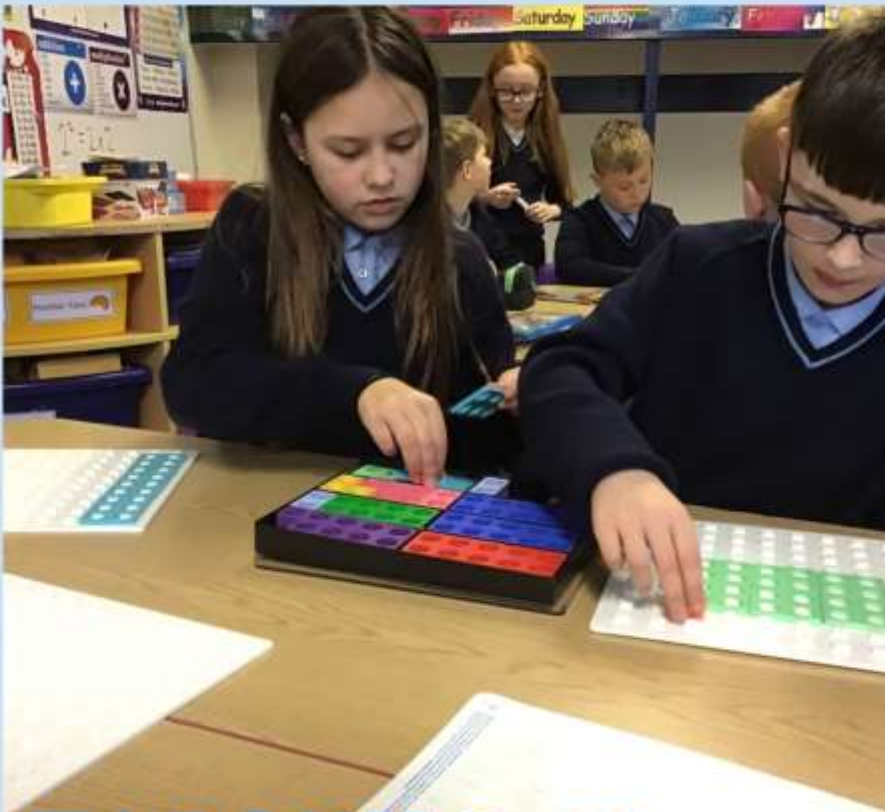
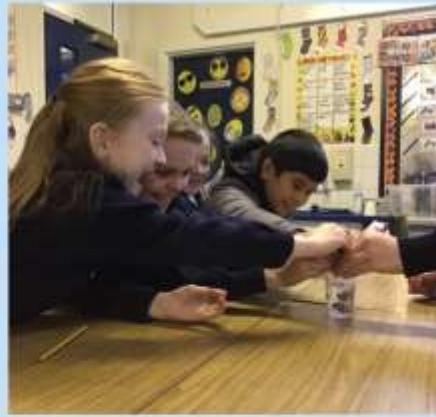
# Class News P4/5 Mrs. Hair



Literacy  
and  
Numeracy  
Superstars  
in P4/5



# Class News P5-6 Mrs. Forte



**LEARNING IN P5/6**

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# Class News P5-6 Mrs. Forte



**CHRISTMAS  
CRAFT IN  
P5/6**



# Class News P4 Mr. Erskine



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# Class News P4 Mr. Erskine

**P4 has been working really hard using numicon**



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# Class News P5-6 Mrs. McGrath



Play Activities  
with  
PlayBoard NI



# Class News P6-7 Mrs. Walsh



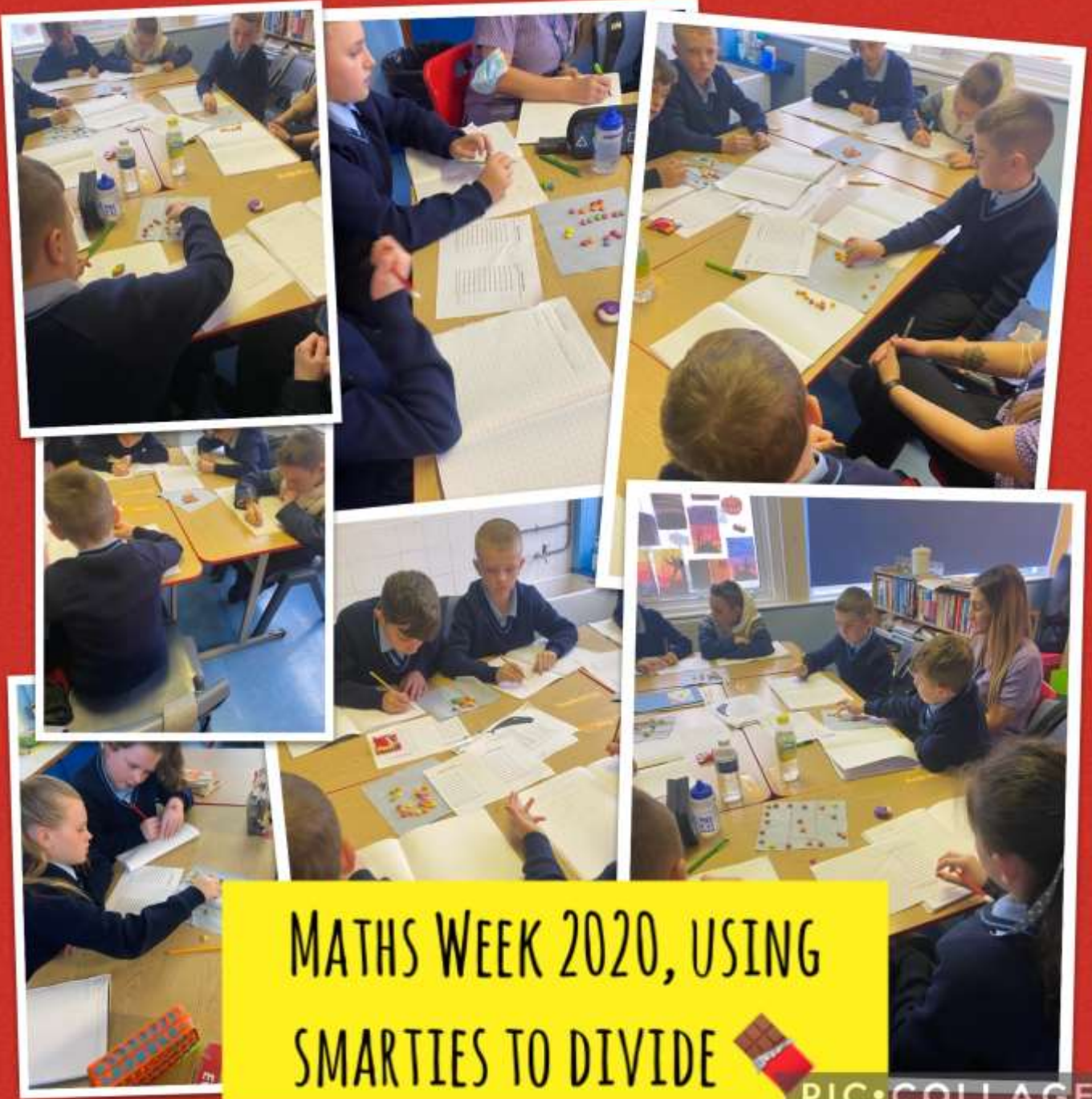
# Class News P7 Mrs. McFarland



**CHRISTMAS  
HAS ARRIVED  
IN P7F** 🎅



# Class News P7 Mrs. McFarland



MATHS WEEK 2020, USING  
SMARTIES TO DIVIDE

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