



23rd October, 2020

Dear Families,

Thank You

We have had a wonderful first half-term in school and the children have all settled incredibly well after Lockdown. I must say a huge thank you to you all for your support and co-operation with all of our new systems in school. I am so proud of each and every child for the way they have quickly settled back into school and continued their learning with the same effort and enthusiasm as always. I must say a huge thank you to our wonderful staff, who continue to nurture our children in the most supportive way. The success of this half-term has been a real team effort and I thank everyone involved.

Payments for School Dinners

Can I please ask that the correct dinner money or a cheque is sent into school in an **envelope clearly labelled with your child's name**. Mrs Whittaker will not be handling any money that is brought loose into school. Thank you.

Harvest Festival Day - 13th November

This year, we are celebrating Children In Need Day and Harvest Festival on **Friday 13th November**. Children are invited to come into school wearing their own clothes and/or Pudsey clothes and accessories. We will not be collecting any monies on the day in light of the current situation, but we are inviting children to bring a can/tin/packet of food into school and these will be collected in plastic containers at the entrance to school. The West End Food Bank will collect all donations of food on Friday afternoon. In this way, we are able to support children within our local area on Children In Need Day. Thank you in advance for your donations.

First Holy Communion for Year 5 children

Congratulations to our Year 5 children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. It was a very special day for them all. Over the half-term holidays, nine of our Year 5 children will be making their First Holy Communion at St. John Vianney church with Father Martin at 11am Mass on Sunday. On behalf of the whole school community, we send all of our prayers and good wishes to Sean, Louis, Zara, Isabelle, Billy, Ben, Jamie, Jessica and Eve as they make this important sacrament - we know it will be a very special day for them all.

I hope you all have a lovely half-term holiday and I look forward to welcoming all of our children back to school on **Monday 2nd November**. If you need to contact school during half-term regarding COVID issues, please contact me at admin@stjohnvianney.newcastle.sch.uk.

With my very best wishes,

C.Meldrum

Acting Headteacher