



**EDUCATION SERVICES**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

What a very memorable day we had to celebrate the Coronation in our own unique Saint Vincent's way. It was a pleasure to welcome so many grandparents to church and to school and to see our children enjoy sharing their learning and the mementos they had prepared for their grandparents. Thank you so much for your support and thanks to all our staff who went above and beyond to ensure the event was such a success. We will certainly look at making an event for grandparents, an established part of our school calendar in the future.

Days like Friday remind us how fortunate we are to belong to such a special school community where school, home and parish work together for the benefit of all our children. Huge thanks to all who sent in donations of baking and many sweet delights. The numbers on the day exceeded our wildest expectations but we were grateful for your kind understanding as we tried to get everyone a cup of tea from our limited facilities. Thank you to the Parent council for sponsoring the ice cream van and for organising the school discos on Thursday night. Thanks also to the staff who accompanied the Pupil Council and Eco representatives to visit Edinburgh and the Scottish Parliament last week.

This week our focus is on our first Holy Communion children who will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion during the 10am Mass on Saturday morning. The weather looks very promising, so we pray God's blessing on the children and their families as they enjoy this very special day marking an important spiritual moment in their children's' young lives.

During this week we have Operation play working with all classes as we encourage our children to think creatively and enjoy the outdoors. We hope to resume cycling club after school on Monday next week. We are also delighted to welcome the ladies from WILD who nominated our school for a special Outdoor Learning grant to work with one class (ROOM 7) over an extended period. Their input was of great benefit in developing our outdoor learning when they worked with all classes in December.

Over the next weeks, children in P1,4 and 7 will take part in standardised testing in Literacy and Numeracy (SNSA) provided for all schools by Scottish government. We look forward to welcoming you to Parents' night on Thursday and invite you to give us your views in a short digital survey which we will issue in advance.

Kindest Regards  
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