



Dear Parents

Welcome to the start of what I hope is going to be a very happy and successful year for us all. I look forward to working with all you wonderful families in my new role as Acting Head Teacher – it certainly feels a bit strange not being in front of a class. However, I am planning in lots of 'Learning Walks' to see how everyone is getting on in each class during the week. If you need to speak to me please make an appointment via the office or catch me in the playground of a morning. Enjoy your weekend and recharge those batteries ready for the first full week!

Spotlight On... The New Academic Year



Our children have all settled in brilliantly to their new classes and are certainly setting very good first impressions and trying their very best. Our Reception children will all be in next week, we've had half of them in so far and they seem to be a very happy little group – we will be seeing more of them in next week's newsletter. I'm sure we have a fantastic year ahead of us!

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome all our new families, both in Reception and throughout the school where we have been joined by 2 new children. We are also delighted to have 2 new staff, as mentioned in the letter Mrs Moores sent out before the holidays – Miss Sharratt and Mrs Petrie – they have already told me how welcome they have all been made to feel – thank you.

Awards

This year I would like to share our weekly badge winners with you. Treats at the ready!

Courtesy Award – Good manners and polite behaviour.

Merit Award – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

Good Conduct Award – Excellent attitude in all aspects of school life.

*Reception will join us next week for assembly once they are all in and settled.

Year Group	Courtesy Award	Merit Award	Good Conduct Award
Reception			
Year 1	Luca Green	Daniel Nield	Alexa Lees
Year 2	Sarah Abraham	Imogen Ward	Storm Thompson
Year 3	Harry Mansell	James Strong	Tabitha Lambert
Year 4	Leon Madathilate	Hannah Ross	Matilda Heap
Year 5	Emily Cole	Christian Mearns	Katharine Keighran
Year 6	Dominic Smith	Lily Bolton	Emma Blamey

Letter from Mrs Moores

I have sent home a letter from Mrs Moores to you all, thanking you for all your kind words and gifts at the end of last year. She is certainly missing us all but is enjoying lots of time with her family and her new grandson. I'm sure she will pop in to visit in the near future.

Allergies

We have a child in school who has a severe allergy to nuts, for that reason we kindly ask that you do not send in any food in lunch boxes or for morning snacks which contain nuts.

Should your child have a medically diagnosed allergy to any foods, please send in a copy of such advice so that the catering company can provide appropriately.

School Dinners

Please note that Cheshire East has increased the cost of school dinners from £2.10 to £2.20 per day as from 1st September.

Uniform Reminders

Thank you for sending your children in to school looking so smart in their new school uniforms (it's certainly getting quite expensive these days) – let's hope such high standards continue. Please remember:

- All uniform items should be clearly named.
- Children should not wear ear-rings for P.E. – preferably they should not wear ear-rings to school at all.
- P.E. kits must be brought in each week. Full P.E. Kit includes: White t-shirt, green shorts and pumps for indoor use and additionally track-suit pants, sweatshirt and trainers for outdoor use.

It is so much easier to return lost property to the rightful owner when it is clearly marked.

Y6 Clonter Trip

Year 6 will be going on a trip to the Clonter theatre on Tuesday 20th September. A letter will be sent home on Monday with further details.

After School Clubs

You will see that there is quite a selection of After School Clubs to choose from, we are very lucky here at St. Vincent's as many staff do this in their own time. I therefore ask that you talk to your children about the importance of committing to a club as numbers are limited and it would be a shame for a place to go to waste. If your child wants to attend any of the clubs below, please inform the school office.

Day	Afterschool Club	Years	Price	Finish
Monday	Multisports	All Years	£4.00 per session	16:15
Tuesday				
Wednesday	Debating Club	Y5 & Y6	£1.00	16:00
	Streetdance	All Years	£3.50 per session	16:15
	KS1 Football	Rec/ Y1 & Y2	£4.00 per session	16:15
	Nature Explorers club	Y3	£1.00	16:00
Thursday	Girl's Sports' Club	Rec/ Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4	£4.00 per session	16:15
Friday	Netball	Y4, Y5 & Y6	£1.00	16:15
	Running Club	Y4, Y5 & Y6	£1.00	16:00
	KS2 Football	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	£4.00 per session	16:15

The table above shows the afterschool clubs for this half term, there will be additional clubs after the holidays.

Swimming

Years 3 & 4 will both be attending Swimming Lessons on Monday. Unfortunately the swimming coach we have had for a number of years informed us at the end of last term he is unable to continue. We have been provided a swimming instructor by Knutsford Academy and letters will be sent home next week once we have had confirmation of the costings. Please remember to send in swimming kits for Monday for Year 3 & 4.

Playground Routines

- The inner gate leading on to the playground will be locked at 9.10am. The gate will remain locked until 3.05pm. Pre-School staff will have a key to the lock so they will be opening the gate and supervising entry and exit on to and from the site for parents and children attending Pre-School.
- The whistle is blown promptly at 8.55am – please ensure your children arrive on the playground earlier than this. The playground is supervised from 8.45am onwards – children should not be on the playground before 8.40am.
- Please note, children are not allowed to play on any climbing equipment at the beginning or end of the day. Should you have pre-school aged children on the playground please ensure you supervise them appropriately and be aware that the school equipment is not appropriate for their use.
- Footballs are not allowed at the beginning or end of the day as it is not safe to use them.
- All bikes and scooters must be left by the racks at the front of school and not brought onto the playground.

We would be grateful for your support in these matters to ensure that all our children are kept safe.



Summer Sports Clubs and Afterschool Clubs

Please ensure that you return the completed forms to school as soon as possible to guarantee places.

Email: admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk

P.T.A e-mail address: mypta@svdp.org.uk

Website: <http://stvincents-cheshire.frogos.net/app/os#!stvincentsknutsford/home-page>

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Acting Head Teacher

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 12th September 2016		
Multisports – All Years	15:15	16:15
Swimming – Years 3 & 4 remember Swimming Kits!		
Tuesday 13th September 2016		
Wednesday 14th September 2016		
Debating Club	15:15	16:00
Streetdance	15:15	16:15
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
Nature Explorer's Club	15:15	16:00
Thursday 15th September 2016		
Girls' Sports club	15:15	16:15
Friday 16th September 2016		
Netball	15:15	16:15
Running Club	15:15	16:00
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15

