



Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful half term holiday and to say thank you for all your kind words and support over the past eight weeks. Whatever you are planning or wherever you are going, enjoy time together as a family and we will see you on the 7th November.

Spotlight On... The Harvest Festival



**Harvest
Festival
2016**

On Tuesday we celebrated our harvest festival with prayers, songs and verses led by our talented children. It really was a special event and was a perfect example of what our Catholic school is all about. Being able to share what we have with others and thinking about our neighbours is an important part of our teaching here in school. Thank you so much for all the beautiful gifts; I have already had several letters and phone calls of thanks.

Here are a few quotes: *"A big Thank You to all at St. Vincent's school for the amazing parcel you delivered, what a surprise! And what an interesting and appetising parcel! I haven't had a crumpet in years and white chocolate cookies sound wonderful – and a malt loaf is a treat at tea-time."* Another message read *"Thank you so much for the Harvest Festival hamper it was lovely of you to think of me."*

Fire Demo to KS2

On Monday this week we had a visit from Knutsford Fire Brigade who gave a wonderful assembly to the KS2 pupils on the danger of fire in the home. The fire fighters also demonstrated the effects of a smoke filled room by filling a tent with artificial smoke and all KS2 pupils took part in the demonstration.

Bishops Visit

This morning Bishop Mark Davies came to visit our school and led a whole school assembly. He was most impressed with their behaviour and attitudes to their learning. We had some very pertinent questions for Bishop Mark which he answered thoughtfully. The children sang beautifully and we were very proud of each one of them.



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Your child will have brought home a leaflet explaining the shoebox appeal. Please return all packed boxes to school by Monday 14th November for collection that morning.

Reception – Stay and Learn

On Wednesday our Reception parents took part in the Stay and Learn, it was wonderful to see so many parents taking the time to attend. Thank you and I hope you all enjoyed the morning.

School Photographs

As you know the school photographs were all sent home last night. If you would like to place an order please return the form to the school office after the holidays.

Choir Practice

Thank you to all who have applied for Choir practice and Young Voices this week. Mrs Cox invited Year 4 to join and had a very positive response!

Crafty Kids – New Afterschool Club (Year 1 & Year 2)

Mrs Petrie will be running a new afterschool club on Tuesdays after the half-term holidays from 3.15 until 4pm. This club will be available to pupils in Years 1 and 2 and there are 12 places, so it will be on a 'first come, first served' basis. If you would like your child to attend then please email the school or pop into the office.

Running Club

After half-term running club will be closed to Years 1, 2 and 3 and open for Years 4, 5 and 6. If you would like your child to attend please pop in to the office or drop an email.

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Knutsford Scouts Bonfire and Firework Display

This display will be on 5th November at Booths Park, Chelford Road, Knutsford. Gates open at 6.30pm and Firework display is at 7.30pm. To buy tickets please visit www.knutsfordbonfire.co.uk tickets prices are £6.00 in advance or £7.50 on the gate, under 5's go free!



PTA Donation to School

The PTA made their donation to school this week for the academic year 2015-2016. £9,769.71 was donated to cover the cost of Artis Provision for KS1, Year 6 Leaving Hoodies & Gifts, Sports Equipment & Mats, KS1 Reading Material, School Council Grant and Teachers Classroom Resources.

School Disco - Friday 11th November

Thank you to all our talented artists who entered our competition to design the 'School Disco Poster'. Congratulations to our winners Thomas Freeman (KS1) and Freya Sellers (KS2) who will both receive two free tickets to the disco. Ticket order forms will be sent home in school bags today. If your child would like to attend the disco please return their completed order form by **Monday 7th November**. The KS1 disco will take place between 6.15pm and 7.30pm, and will be followed by the KS2 disco between 7.45pm and 9.00pm. Hot dogs and juice will be provided. There will be a tuck shop open at the **KS2 disco** only. Please ensure your child brings coins only. If you are available to help on the evening of the disco please complete the 'return slip' below and hand in at the office. Your support would be very much appreciated. We need a minimum of 4 parents volunteers for each disco.

Save the Dates!

Thursday 17th November will be our first cake sale of the year. As it is '**Children in Need**' week we will be running a competition for the best decorated cake!

Saturday 3rd December will see the return of our hugely popular '**Breakfast with Santa**'. Our event will coincide with the 'Switching on of the Lights' in Knutsford.

Knutsford Primary School Ball Meeting

There will be a meeting to discuss this years KPSB on **Tuesday 8th November** starting at **8pm** in the **Legh Arms**. Representatives from all participating schools will be attending. Every year St Vincent's has been represented on the Committee. Last year Alanna Hallam and Charlotte Gildart Bulter did an outstanding job helping to secure £2,900 for our PTA. Any parent who like to be a part of the Committee this year or who would like to participate in any way are invited to attend the meeting.

Sale of Tracksuits

There are a limited number of bottle green tracksuit bottoms still available for purchase. These are perfect for outdoor PE and cost a mere £3. If you would like to purchase a pair please see Fiona Barnes or Mrs Corrigan in the school office.



Reported by Coach Dave

Year 3 / 4 Rugby Festival

Last night saw some of our children representing the school sports team for the first time in the Year 3/4 Rugby team. I recruited the expert guidance of Chris Jones, who had also kindly volunteered to spent the day teaching PE to our KS2 pupils. Chris' expert coaching was quickly evident with some fast explosive attacking and a well organised defensive line. The team won 2 and lost 1, the children were an absolute credit to the school. Well done to Archie, Zack, Charlie, Michael, Memphis, William, Theo, James, Joseph and Daniel.



PE This Week – A Rugby Special

A big thanks to Chris Jones for spending 2 days with our children coaching Rugby this week. The sessions were fun and the children were put through their paces. Everyone who took part learnt a lot, including myself!

Pre-School News

Preschool/breakfast and after school club fundraising event - Quiz Night

Join us at our fundraising quiz night on the evening of Friday 25th Nov, 7:45pm until late. It will be a fun, relaxed and sociable evening. All welcome. The event is to raise money for the much needed new preschool building so please do come along and support us. Feel free to bring your friends and family!

Tickets are £6 which includes entry and a hot meal (chilli or veggie chilli). The quiz will start at 8:15pm (arrive 7:45pm to grab some food and a drink, we can organise the teams and tables) in the main hall of St Vincent's school. Kirstie Drake has kindly offered her services as quiz master and we will have a well stocked bar to purchase drinks from and a fantastic raffle with some great prizes.

Tickets are available to purchase after half term in the playground from Emma Lees (Matthew's mum), Kirstie Drake (Harvey's Mum) or the preschool office.

St Vincent's Pre-school Vacancies

We are currently looking for a lunchtime assistant to work for an hour and a half for 2 - 4 days per week term time only. The rate of pay will be £7.20 per hour.

Also a cleaner to start as soon as possible to work 1.5 hours per day between the hours of 18.00 pm and 19.30 pm term time only. The rate of pay will be £8.00 per hour.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the pre-school on 01565 651948 or email cath@stvincentspreschool.co.uk.

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 7th November 2016		
SCHOOL REOPENS	08:55	
Multisports – All Years	15:15	16:15
Swimming – Years 5 & 6 remember Swimming Kits!		
Mad Science KS1 & KS2	15:15	16:15
Tuesday 8th November 2016		
Crafty Kids (Y1 & Y2)	15:15	16:00
Wednesday 9th November 2016		
Parent Reading Y1 & Y2	09:00	09:20
Streetdance	15:15	16:15
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
Nature Explorer's Club	15:15	16:00
Thursday 10th November 2016		
Girls' Sports club	15:15	16:15
Drama Club	15:15	16:15
Friday 11th November 2016		
Y4 Remember Musical Instruments		
Running Club –Y4, Y5 & Y6 (first session)	15:15	16:00
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15
KS1 Disco	18:15	19:30
KS2 Disco	19:45	21:00

School Disco – Parent Helper Reply Slip

I will be able to assist in helping at the disco on Friday 11th November. I will be able to assist at

KS1 DISCO 18:15 – 19:30

KS2 DISCO 19:45 – 21:00

Name _____ Contact No _____