



Dear Parents,

I hope you've all had a good week, the weather hasn't been too bad – we're looking out for signs of growth from those bulbs we planted early in September. We've had a very busy and enjoyable week – it certainly feels like we've settled back down into the old routines.

Spotlight On... Knutsford Netball Tournament Winners!



Yesterday evening, at the leisure centre, St Vincent's took part in the KSSP netball tournament (and we won!) We entered with two teams, St. Vincent's Emerald and St. Vincent's. Altogether, there was eight teams. At first, we all played three matches. Then it went to the semi-finals, where it was St. Vincent's team against Bexton. Sadly they lost (but the score was only 2-1 to Bexton). St. Vincent's Emerald team were in the final against Yorston Lodge. In the end the score was 2-0 to us! St. Vincent's Emerald came 1st and St. Vincent's came 4th! we all got medals and a trophy for the school.

by Caitlin
and Jemima

Congratulations to our Year 6 girls who participated in the KSSP Netball Tournament last night. We entered two teams, our St. Vincent's Emerald team won 2-0 against Yorston lodge and the St. Vincent's team got beat 2-1 in the semi-final. All girls played with grit and determination, and were real ambassadors for our school – we are very proud of them all. Thank you to our parents for your support and encouragement, and a special thanks to the mums who helped out with the supervision during matches in my absence. I was disappointed not to have been able to make it, they'll just have to do it again next time!

SATs and Boreatton Park Information Evening

Please be reminded of the following meetings that will be held in school on Monday 23rd January:

6.15pm: KS1 SATs information (Y2 classroom) and Boreatton Park information (Hall)

7.00pm: KS2 SATs information (Hall)

Staff will be sharing lots of important information, it will be great to see you all there. Please note these meetings are for parents only. Should you be unable to attend because of childcare arrangements, then please notify the school office. Please email to inform us if you will be attending.

Awards

Congratulations to our weekly badge winners.

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

Courtesy Award – Good manners and polite behaviour.

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

Year Group	Good Conduct Award	Courtesy Award	Merit Award
Reception	Alice A	Ted H	Evan H
Year 1	Jacob F	Willow M	Livia W
Year 2	Cait F	Alex S	Juliette N
Year 3	Kelsey Leigh B	Tabitha L	Deeya S
Year 4	Hugo MS	Hannah R	Catherine M
Year 5	Madalein F	Louis J	Kate B
Year 6	Mollie S	Emma B	Emma S

Attendance

Reception	98%	Year 1	98%
Year 2	95%	Year 3	98%
Year 4	98%	Year 5	95%
Year 6	94%		

Whole School Mass

Fr. John will be celebrating the first Mass of our Spring term on Tuesday 24th January here in school at 9:30am. You are all very welcome to join us.



Parents in Partnership

In previous years we have had a group called **Parents in Partnership: 'P.I.P'** and have had many productive meetings. I will be re-launching this group and would like to invite you to join me.

Do you wish you had the opportunity to have some involvement in shaping the future for our school? Do you think you could offer constructive feedback to help us to improve what we do? Would you be able to attend one meeting per term in school between 2:15 – 3:15pm? Then 'Parents in Partnership' might be the group for you.

We are looking for volunteers to form a Parent Group – ideally 1 parent from each year group. The first meeting for this group will be **15th February**. The purpose of this group will be to give 'constructive input' so that we can have more positive outcomes. Each meeting will have a specific item on the Agenda and part of the Agenda for the first meeting will be to agree topics for consideration.

If you are interested in joining or re-joining this group or if you are unable to attend but would like to add a topic for consideration then please email the school office – admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk

Competition Winners

'Not in Our School' Hate Crime Poster Campaign

Cheshire Constabulary recently ran a competition to design a poster to prevent hate crime. We are pleased to announce that Stefanie Koing from Year 6 won for the Macclesfield area. Stefanie and her parents have been invited to attend an awards ceremony on 25th January where she will be presented with an award and certificate for her poster. Well done!

'Spot the Snowman' competition

Well done to Mrs Culshaw (Martha and Patrick's mum) who was first to spot the snowman on our new website. Thank you for all the entries.

Website

We have had some lovely feedback about our brand new website and some of you have sent in comments to be added to the slideshow on the homepage. Please do let us know if you would like us to consider adding anything else and some more comments we could add about our wonderful school would be great. Thank you.

St Vincent's Pre-School

If any parents have a child who is due to start Pre-school in September 2018, please ensure that their name is on the waiting list by completing an application form as soon as possible.

For further information please contact the Pre-school supervisor Cath Davies on 01565 651948 or visit our website at www.stvincentspreschool.co.uk where you can download an application form.

Knutsford Royal May Day Festival

The Royal May Queen selection and the selection of Maids of Honour will take place on Tuesday 1st February at Knutsford Academy lower school at 7pm.

Dancers for the May Day Festival will be selected on Thursday 2nd February at Shaw Heath Social Club from 5.30 – 6.30pm.

Further details can be found on attached flyers.

Ali Baba – Knutsford Little Theatre Pantomime

Enjoy an evening at the Panto and help raise funds for East Cheshire Hospice. 50 tickets have been made available for the performance of Ali Baba at 7pm on Friday 27th January to the Hospice for fundraising purposes. To obtain tickets for this performance at £10 each contact Christine Masson on 01565 633235 or dina44@virginmedia.com



Next PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is due to take place on Monday 23rd January at 7.30pm at the Legh Arms in Knutsford. All parents are welcome to join, please do pop along if you can.

Knutsford Primary School's Ball 2017

This year's ball is happening on **Friday 16th June 2017** so please save the date and book your babysitter! This is a massive fundraising event for our school. Typically we raise between £3000-£4000 for St Vincent's which goes directly to our PTA which then in turn benefits all of our children. Emma Lees and Charlotte Gildart-Butler are representing St Vincent's on this year's ball committee and have ambitious plans to make it even bigger and better than ever before! It will be a masquerade ball, 'Groovy Revolution' band has been booked, there will be a champagne reception, three course meal and amazing raffle prizes and auction on offer. We need your support both in terms of ticket sales (ideally minimum one table of 10-12 parents attending from each class year) but also have opportunities for a company to be our principal sponsor and/or to advertise in our brochure which forms part of the ball ticket. Advertising rates are really, really affordable, the demographic being around 400 Knutsford parents who receive it, therefore if you have a business/product/service to market and would like to reach out to this audience, please contact Emma or Charlotte directly for more information. Similarly, donations of raffle and auction prizes (e.g. a weekend or week in a holiday home etc) would be most gratefully received. Thank you in anticipation of your ever reliable and dedicated support. Tickets on sale nearer the time. Advertising deadline is end of February.



KSSP Event

Next week is the second KSSP event of 2017. The event is a Football tournament with other Knutsford schools and will include students from Year 5 and Year 6. Please return your permission slip as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. The tournament will be taking place at Egerton Football Club afterschool on Thursday.

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 23rd January 2017		
Y5 & Y6 Swimming – Remember swimming kits!		
Multisports	15:15	16:15
Y2 SATs Information Evening – Parents Only (Y2 Classroom)	18:15	19:00
Y5 & Y6 Boreatton Park Information Evening – Parents Only (School Hall)	18:15	19:00
Y6 SATs Information Evening – Parents Only (School Hall)	19:00	19:30
Tuesday 24th January 2017		
Whole School Mass – All Welcome	09:30	10:00
Choir Practice	15:15	16:15
Wednesday 25th January 2017		
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
Streetdance	15:15	16:15
Nature Explorer's Club	15:15	16:00
Thursday 26th January 2017		
Mixed Sports Club	15:15	16:15
Drama Club	15:15	16:15
Y5 / Y6 Football Tournament at Egerton Football Club	15:45	17:00
Friday 27th January 2017		
Y3 Retreat Day to St Nicks (Preparation for Sacraments)	09:30	13:00
Year 4 – Remember musical instruments		
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15
Reception Sports Club	15:15	16:00



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