



Dear Parents,

The hats, scarves and gloves have certainly been put to good use this week! Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Spotlight On... Working with an artist



This week we have been joined by artist Julie Yarwood. Julie will be working with all classes to create a whole school display in our hall. Each individual child will have an involvement in the creation of this beautiful display and will be using different art techniques to create something which will be a celebration of what we are all about. We will share the final result as soon as it is completed.

Mass

Thank you to Fr. John for celebrating Mass here in school on Tuesday - a lovely way to start the day. Let us hope that our Spring term is filled with lots of blessings.

Parents Information Evening

Thank you so much to those Parents in Years 2, 5 & 6 who attended our SATs and Boreatton Park information sessions. There was a very good turn-out and I hope all parents now feel better able to support their children in the run-up to SATs and the Y5/6 Residential Trip. If you were unable to attend please make contact with your child's class teacher as there were information sheets given out to Y6 SATs parents on the night. Thank you to all the staff for leading these meetings and spending so much time in preparation for them.

Y5 Class Assembly

You are all welcome to join us for Year 5 class assembly on Friday 3rd February.

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	Molly R	Lucas M	Erin J
Year 1	Melissa Mc	Patrick C	William H
Year 2	Sarah A	Adam H	Imogen W
Year 3			
Year 4	Leon M	Martha C	James W
Year 5	Matthew D	Sofia M	Duessa K
Year 6	Eli W-R	Mason G-J	Stefanie K

Attendance

Reception	98%	Year 1	98%
Year 2	100%	Year 3	100%
Year 4	99%	Year 5	100%
Year 6	95%		

ICT Survey

Please complete the ICT Survey that was sent home with your child tonight.

PE and Swimming kits

Please ensure your child brings in their correct kits for PE and Swimming each week. PE and swimming are part of their overall PE curriculum provision and entitlement, it is therefore important all children are able to participate fully in every session. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Sainsbury's – Active Kids Vouchers

We are taking part in the active kids voucher scheme again this year, please remember to collect them from Sainsbury's whilst shopping.



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

Ali Baba – Knutsford Little Theatre Pantomime – Tonight!

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

Kasupe

We have been supporting Kasupe for a number of years and Davy Chilakalaka recently returned from Malawi. Please see a brief update from the Chilakalaka's and request for donations on his next trip in May 2017.



The main purpose of the trip was to install a water tank for water harvesting. The water will be used for irrigation for crops for the school. This will provide food for the school meals and will also allow lessons on agriculture. Davy also took a suitcase full of toys for the nursery school children.

We would like to thank St Vincent's staff and pupils for their continued support. We are travelling to Malawi again in May if anyone has any new/nearly new toys they would like to donate. We are also looking for assistance to ship larger items to Kasupe, if anyone can assist in this or has links to shipment/freight companies, we would be most grateful.

Donations from the Christmas Performances

After careful consideration on how to spend the money raised at the Christmas performances, we shall use half of the money to purchase a Farmyard via Oxfam. An Oxfam farmyard is an opportunity for people to earn a living. Oxfam work with the community to decide what support is needed to ensure the correct training and materials are provided. The other half of the money collected will be donated to CAFOD to support all the wonderful work they do.



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.



Y5/ Y6 Football Tournament

Last night we took over 35 children to the KSSP football festival. It was lovely to see some children representing our school for the first time. In very cold conditions the St Vincent's teams took to the field and competed against other schools in the cluster. A big thank you to Mrs Hales, Miss Hughes, Mr Wall and Mr Koing for their help with the teams.

Y5/ Y6 – Sports Hall Athletics at KHS

Next Thursday Years 5 & 6 will take part in Sports Hall Athletics at Knutsford High School as part of the KSSP.



Year 5 & Year 6 representing St Vincent's in KSSP

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 30th January 2017		
Reception Trip to Blue Planet Aquarium	09:00	15:15
Y5 & Y6 Swimming – Remember swimming kits!		
Multisports	15:15	16:15
Tuesday 31st January 2017		
Y5 Trip to Jodrell Bank	09:00	15:15
Choir Practice	15:15	16:15
Wednesday 1st February 2017		
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
Streetdance	15:15	16:15
Nature Explorer's Club	15:15	16:00
Thursday 2nd February 2017		
Young Voices – MEN Arena		
Mixed Sports Club	15:15	16:15
Drama Club	15:15	16:15
Y5/ Y6 – Sports Hall Athletics at KHS	15:30	17:00
Friday 3rd February 2017		
Year 4 – Remember musical instruments		
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15
Reception Sports Club	15:15	16:00
Sunday 5th February 2017		
Y3 Enrolment Mass at St Vincent's Church	11:00	12:00

Please check our online calendar for all future dates / events.

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