



Dear Parents,

Just one more week to go before half-term – let's hope the sun will be shining by the time it comes to half-term!

Spotlight On... E-Safety

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 7th February it was Safer Internet Day. Years 2 to 6 had an informative performance from 'Gripping Yarns' called 'Place of Safety'.

Our School Safety Officers have also been working hard to create a Pupil Survey to gather information about what technology, games and Apps are being used by others pupil. The Safety Officers will be analysing the results and using them to help our teachers plan year group appropriate e-safety sessions. We will share the results with you soon.

Meanwhile you can find more information about keeping your children safe on our school website.

<http://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/page/safer-internet-day-links/31863>

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.

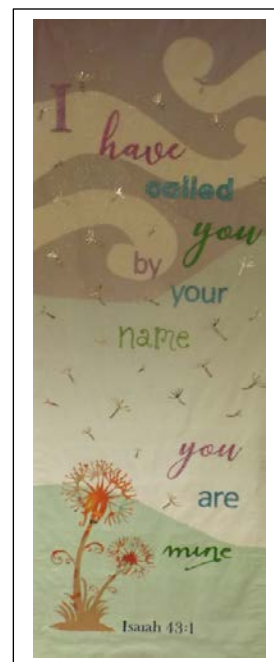
| Year Group | Good Conduct Award | Courtesy Award | Merit Award |
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| Reception | Ann Z | Neveah R-M | Theo B |
| Year 1 | Sienna N | Tom N | Vincent L |
| Year 2 | Giorgio V | Georgie M | Sarah A |
| Year 3 | William D | James S | Corey W |
| Year 4 | Jesslin C | Poppy W | Jack S |
| Year 5 | Jonah N | Andrew D | Amy G |
| Year 6 | Jemima R | Florence G-B | Anna C |

Whole school Mass

Thank you to Fr. John for celebrating Mass here in school on Tuesday – it is lovely to be able to share our wonderful school with our wider community and Parish.

Year 3

Thank you to all our Year 3 families who joined us last Sunday to celebrate Mass, and to mark the beginning of the special journey their children are about to embark on as they prepare for their First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. Our Year 3 children have worked on a special display as part of their first sacraments programme with the artist Julie Yarwood. This is now hanging in our main entrance and looks beautiful. If you get a chance pop in and have a look!



Play Equipment

Our School Council have recently audited, ordered and bought new playground equipment to be used by the whole school at playtimes. Can we please ask parents not to allow younger children to take it out of the outdoor boxes at the end of the school day. Sadly, Mrs Walker has been having to spend considerable amount of time collecting it in after everyone has gone home and equipment is going missing. Thank you for your support with this.

Y2 trip

Year 2 will be out on a school trip to Weaver Hall Museum on Tuesday 14th February, I'm sure they will have a fantastic day. Thank you, in advance to our parent volunteers for their help.

Attendance

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| Reception | 97% | Year 1 | 94% |
| Year 2 | 96% | Year 3 | 99% |
| Year 4 | 93% | Year 5 | 98% |
| Year 6 | 96% | | |

As you can see our attendance in general is excellent, our average attendance is 97.4% There are however a few pupils whose attendance is close to or indeed has dropped below 90% and we will be monitoring these pupils closely. 90% is a significant percentage as pupils who miss 10% of school are considered to be 'Persistent Absentees'. Letters will be sent out at the end of this term to the families of those children that we are monitoring.

Healthy Eating

I have sent out our Healthy Eating policy with this newsletter, please note what is listed in the 'banned food' section as we have some children in school with allergies.

Boreatton Park

The excitement is starting to build as we prepare for our trip to Boreatton Park after half term. Y5 and Y6 children each received a letter giving information about the impending trip. It contains very important information about what to pack, and some last minute checklists. It is imperative that parents return the medical form to school by Tuesday 14th February – without this form your child will not be able to attend the trip. Also, any outstanding payments need to be sent to school by Friday 17th February – payment slips were issued this week with the outstanding balance printed on them.

Gardening

Miss Hughes is making a plea to parents for any unwanted gardening tools in good condition especially spades, forks and trowels. All donations welcome! Thank you.

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.

Scholastic Book Fair

We receive points towards book vouchers for every purchase made from the Scholastic PTA book fair. Thanks to the success of the last PTA book fair we were able to purchase all these fantastic books for the school (please see photograph). The next PTA school book fair is due to take place week beginning 9th March, please make a note in your diaries!



Year 3&4 Basketball

Last night the St Vincent's Basketball teams went to Knutsford Leisure Centre for the Y3 & Y4 festival. We took two teams, who took part in a round robin style event.

Well done to the boys who attended: Noah K, Theo B, Archie G, Edward H, Michael O'D, Ollie K, Harry M, Memphis D, Josh R. Thank you to all the parents who gave their support last night.

After half term the year 5/6 teams will be competing in the Netball and Football leagues.

Sing when you're winning

SV entered uncharted territory on Wednesday night with a deserved 2-0 victory giving them their second victory in as many games. Ian 'Goal Machine' Green and Chris 'Zero to Hero' Jones led the way with sublime goals, allied with an impressive debut from Alistair Nightingale. In the rest of team, stalwarts Andy Holt, Tony Lambert, Mike O'Reilly, Tony Konig and Matt Strong managed a rash of late withdrawals admirably, allowing the free running Eoin Martin to leave the opposition in a daze. The sweet taste of success leaves SV hungry for more, although actual playing ability may thwart such aspirations. Man of the match – Chris Jones. Reported by Alex Culshaw

The Week Ahead

| Subject | Start Time | End Time |
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| Monday 13th February 2017 | | |
| Y5 & Y6 Swimming | | |
| Multisports | 15:15 | 16:15 |
| Tuesday 14th February 2017 | | |
| Y2 Trip to Weaver Hall Museum | | |
| NO Choir – This has now finished. | | |
| Wednesday 15th February 2017 | | |
| Y1 & Y2 Parent Readers (no reception parent readers this week) | 09:00 | 09:20 |
| KS1 Football | 15:15 | 16:15 |
| Streetdance | 15:15 | 16:15 |
| Nature Explorer's Club | 15:15 | 16:00 |
| Thursday 16th February 2017 | | |
| Mixed Sports Club | 15:15 | 16:15 |
| Drama Club | 15:15 | 16:15 |
| Y4 Petty Pool Parents Meeting | 15:30 | 16:00 |
| Friday 17th February 2017 | | |
| Y3 Assembly – All welcome | 09:15 | 09:45 |
| Year 4 – Remember musical instruments | | |
| KS2 Football | 15:15 | 16:15 |
| Reception Sports Club | 15:15 | 16:00 |
| Break up for Half Term returning on Monday 27th February | | |

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



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