

Friday 17th March 2017

NEWSLETTER No. 23



Dear Parents,

What a busy week it's been here in school; Petty Pool, Book Fair, Fairtrade, to name but a few! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parent volunteers for their fantastic support; your help is much appreciated and enables us to provide extra enrichment into our school curriculum. Have a well-deserved rest this weekend one and all!

Spotlight On... Year 3 Trip to Weaver Hall



Year 3 attended Weaver Hall Museum on Tuesday to learn about the Stone Age and the Bronze Age. They all had a wonderful day learning new facts, such as mixing Copper and Tin to make Bronze. They also had great fun making their own clay pots. More photos are on our school website.

Y4 Trip to Petty Pool

Our Year 4 class have been on a two night residential at Petty Pool and are due back this afternoon so next week's spotlight will be on their trip. Mrs Corrigan will upload some photographs onto the website when they return -

<http://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/news/year-4---petty-pool-updates/23969>

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	Harrison B	Nevaeh R-M	Jessica D
Year 1	Alfred O	Rafael M	Jonathan B
Year 2	Alice H	Evangeline G	Daniel H
Year 3	James S	Theo B	Will D
Year 4			
Year 5	Sam B	Madalein F	Charlotte F
Year 6	Madeleine F	Jack O	Daniel D

Attendance

Reception	96%	Year 1	96.4%
Year 2	95.9%	Year 3	98.6%
Year 4	99.4%	Year 5	96.9%
Year 6	98.7%		

Parents Evening

All children should have brought home a time slot for Parents Evening next week - check those bags!

Fairtrade

We certainly have raised the profile of Fairtrade this week; three classes have visited a local supermarket to look at produce stocked in the store, lessons have had a Fairtrade focus and we've even had some Food Technology based around the theme. The stall selling goods at playtime and at the end of the day was a great success, thank you to everyone who bought something from it; we will let you know how much was raised. A big thank you must also go to Miss Martin for all her hard work in organising this for us.



Lenten Prayer

Lenten prayer has continued this week, it has been such a delight to see children from Y2 -Y6 taking on a key role in choosing the theme and focus, and leading us in our prayers each morning. Please join us if you are able.

Year 3 First Sacraments

This year is such a special time for our pupils in Year 3 as they prepare for the sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion. It is a journey that they cannot make in isolation and need the support from Parents, School and Church together. Our Catechists, Father John and Mrs Holland give up lots of their own time to guide and prepare us all for this journey. Thank you to all our parents who attend the meetings, your contribution is much appreciated by all -it would be wonderful to see every child represented at all meetings.

Please note that the next meeting is on Sunday 26th March, it is also the last Sunday (term time) before the First Forgiveness evening on Tuesday 11th April. Parents will meet in the hall, with an opportunity to catch up over tea and cake. The catechists will take the children into church and talk them through the format of the First Forgiveness evening, just to ensure that they know what to expect on the day and aren't worrying about it. Simple things such as where the priests will be sitting, what they need to do and talk through any worries/ concerns they have. We look forward to seeing you all there.

National Fairer Funding

Please note the deadline for completing the consultation document or signing the petition against the proposals for National Fairer Funding is 22nd March. Do please support us in making our views heard, the more voices the better. If anyone has lost the letter that I sent out with the hyperlinks on then please let us know and we can email you a copy.

Reception – Dates for your diary!

Wednesday 29th March 9am – 10.30am Stay and Learn

Friday 31st March 2pm Cake sale

Cotton Reels Needed

Mrs Cox needs cotton reels; if you have any spare empty cotton reels please drop them at the school office. Thank you.

Children's hair

We have had a number of reports recently of 'unwanted visitors' in children's hair. Please ensure you check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary. Long hair should always be tied back whilst in school.

Francis House – Easter Chicks

To raise funds for Francis House (our local children's hospice) we will be selling Easter Chicks after school in the playground (weather permitting). All the chicks have been knitted, contain a chocolate egg and will be on sale for £1.



Netball

On Tuesday the following girls played a netball match; Caitlin, Polly, Florence, Lily, Anna, Maddie and Jemima. The match was against Yorston Lodge.

Although it was very competitive, the whole team played fairly. During the match all of the girls worked excellently as a team, but there were some people that really shone out above all. Polly with her top level shots, Maddie with her impeccable interceptions and Caitlin with her brilliant accidental work (grazing both knees and a 'double wammy' on her hands).

Overall the score was 7-4 to us! Well done to all the girls who took part.

Reported by Caitlin, Polly and Bea.



The 2017 Knutsford School Summer Ball - tickets are now available.

We anticipate the ball will be better than ever, with some great high-lights including Groovy Revolution, an outstanding saxophonist, stunning settings at the conveniently located Toft Cricket Club. The menu and wine list is attached and ticket prices have remained at £47.50. Gather your table numbers of 10 or 12 and then contact

Emma Lees, (year 1 mum) 07968162440 emma.lees78@googlemail.com or Charlotte Gildart-Butler (year 6 & year 2 Mum) 07976815768 charlotte.gildartbutler@gmail.com

Scholastic Book Fair & Competition

Thank you to Nicola Buckhurst and all those parents who volunteered to run the Fair. This year we sold over **£450** of books, **£180** of which our school will receive in vouchers to buy books for our pupils. Thank you to everyone who supported our Fair.

Knutsford Jog: 19th March

The annual Knutsford Jog will take place this Sunday 19th March. We hope all who participate have a wonderful day and that the weather stays dry. Your PTA will receive 50% of sponsorship money raised by St Vincent's families.

PTA Meeting: Wednesday 29th March

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Wednesday 29th March starting at 7.30pm in the Legh Arms. We are always delighted to welcome new parents to our meetings, so please come along if you can.



Family Bingo Night: Friday 21st April

Join us for an evening of Family Bingo on Friday 21st April. There will be a bar open and a light supper served for all our guests. Why not invite your extended family to join your team? It will be a fun night! Tickets will be available to purchase from the school office at the end of March.

Finally....Happy Saint Patrick's Day.

SV Mercury Slip to New Low

SV's spectacularly dismal start to their new season continued on Wednesday night with a comprehensive five - two defeat. Coach Dave Richards failed to live up to the pre-match hype surrounding his return but equally culpable were goalkeeper Tony Lambert and defenders Alex Culshaw, Matt Strong, Tony Konig and Mike O'Reilly - the concept of 'keeping it tight at the back' clearly alien to them all. With a blunt performance from striker Ian Green, SV looked to Chris Jones and Alistair Nightingale for their goals. While neatly worked, these goals did more to highlight the general mediocrity on offer from SV, ahead of any sense of the team playing with a plan. The prospect of some kinder fixtures (alongside blind optimism) now give SV hope for the remainder of the season.

'Not in Our School' Hate Crime poster winner

Congratulations to Stefanie, seen here receiving her certificate from Cheshire Constabulary for her winning poster in the 'Not In Our School' hate Crime poster competition - well done Stefanie!



The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 20th March 2017		
Lenten Prayer	08:45	08:55
Swimming for Years 3 & 4 today		
Multisports	15:15	16:15
Tuesday 21st March 2017		
Lenten Prayer	08:45	08:55
Netball Tournament at Bexton	15:15	16:30
Bendy Balancing Bodies Afterschool club	15:15	16:00
Wednesday 22nd March 2017		
Lenten Prayer	08:45	08:55
Reception, Y1 & Y2 Parent Readers	09:00	09:20
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
No Streetdance (due to early parent's evening)	15:15	16:15
No Nature Explorer's Club (due to early parent's evening)	15:15	16:00
No Rounders Afterschool Club (due to early parent's evening)	15:15	16:15
No Geography Afterschool Club (due to early parent's evening)	15:15	16:00
Parents Evening	16:00	18:00
Thursday 23rd March 2017		
Lenten Prayer	08:45	08:55
Mixed Sports Club	15:15	16:15
Drama	15:15	16:15
Art Club Afterschool Club	15:15	16:15
Football at Egerton Year 5/6	15:45	17:00
Parents Evening	17:30	20:00
Friday 24th March 2017		
Lenten Prayer	08:45	08:55
Y4 Remember musical instruments		
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15
Netball	15:15	16:15
Sunday 26th March 2017		
Knutsford Jog	10:30	
Y3 FHC Special Mass	11:00	12:00

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



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