

Dear Parents,

Where has the time gone? We finish today for a week's holiday and will return to school on 10th April; this will mark the start of Holy Week and we will be sharing some very special reflections each morning. Please spend time sharing the Easter story with your children as we begin this very special journey towards Easter. I do hope you have a wonderful week and that the lovely Spring weather allows us all some days out with our families.

Spotlight On... Published Poets!



Earlier this year, and after a few extra lunchtime writing sessions, we entered a Young Writers Competition. We had to write a poem called "Once upon a dream...". We were delighted to discover we had been chosen to be published and we are now Cheshire Poets!

Well done to Christian, Toby, Stefanie, Madeleine and Katherine.

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	Beatrix G	Erin J	Cian D-L
Year 1	Charlie R	Livia W	Jacob F
Year 2	Rosie E	Emilia R	Lucy D
Year 3	Alex H-S	Noah K	Seb V
Year 4	Edward H	Hannah R	Aurora M
Year 5	Joseph A	Jacob K	Christian M
Year 6	Tristan R	Anna C	Amelia C

Holy Week

Our KS2 pupils will help us reflect on Holy Week by leading us through the various events:

Mon 10th April 9am – Year 3 will reflect on Palm Sunday

Tues 11th April 9am – Year 4 will reflect on the Last Supper

Wed 12th April 9am – Year 5 will reflect on the Garden of Gethsemane

Thu 13th April 9am - Year 6 will reflect on the Crucifixion

These short reflections have proved to be very powerful in the past, linking prayer, drama and music in a very thought-provoking way.

First Forgiveness Tuesday 11th April

Tuesday 11th April our Year 3 children make their First Forgiveness at Church. The ceremony starts at 7pm, and you are all most welcome to attend this very special occasion.

Hallé

Our Year 5 children have been invited to take part in a special project: Hallé Adopt-a-Player 2017. This project has been conceived to introduce children to the Hallé and is funded by Manchester Airport so for us it is completely free!

This week year 5 met their adopted musician and last night they went to watch the Halle perform at the Bridgewater Hall. A great night was had by all and free ice cream was also included! Thank you to Mrs Petrie, Mrs Cox and Miss Edmunds for accompanying the children on this trip. Please read some of the feedback from our Year 5 pupils...

"Incredible, one of the many words to describe our class trip to the fantastic Bridgewater hall. The music took us to another world. There were many types of instruments including violins, cellos, bassoons, drums and trumpets just to name a few. Four hours of fun and we had free ice-cream! The Hallé were awesome!" – Sam

"Last night, Year 5 went on an amazing class trip to the Bridgewater Hall and had loads of fun. We went to watch the Hallé and we got the best seats in the house! We got to sit behind the orchestra. It was one of the best nights of my life!"

– Ciaran

"There were lots of instruments like violins, cellos, clarinets and percussion instruments. It was a four hour concert but at the interval we had ice-cream! At the end we were very tired, but it was a great experience!" - Imogen

Parent View

I'm sure you are all aware that OFSTED inspects schools on a regular basis and provides feedback on what the school does well and what needs to be done to make it even better. Our school will be due for a routine inspection and we would like them to know the views of our parents. We are incredibly proud of our school, children, parents and parish community and we want to be able to celebrate this with others and would love to hear what you think. All you have to do is log on to our school website, click on the OFSTED tab and then go to Ofsted – Parent View to give your views. We can then log on and look at the results and act on feedback. There are 12 simple multiple choice questions.



We will also be sending out our own Parent Questionnaire later on in the Summer term when you will be able to give us direct feedback specifically linked to each class.

If you do ever have any worries or concerns pop in and have a chat – our door is always open!

Dogs

A polite reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds, even if they are being carried. Some of our children have a fear of dogs and we want them to be able to feel safe in their own school environment. If you tie your dog up outside, please ensure that it is not too close to the school gate so that children can still come through without feeling anxious. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Attendance

Reception	92%	Year 1	93.6%
Year 2	94.14%	Year 3	99.3%
Year 4	98.7%	Year 5	97.19%
Year 6	96.8%		

Well done to the 67 pupils who I awarded with a special star badge today for 100% attendance this term.



Year 5/6 Football Team

After a very competitive football league St Vincent's have finished 2nd place. I am very proud of the team's effort and attitude over the past 4 weeks. The team only lost one game and ordinarily we should have expected to win, but the standard of the league is very good. Well done to all who represented our school. Reported by Coach Dave.

Netball League

On Tuesday, St Vincent's netball team went to Egerton Primary school to play against their netball team. It was an intense and competitive match, but in the end we won! The final score was 5-1 to us. We all supported each other very well and worked as a team throughout the whole match. It was a great victory and we hope to have another one soon. Reported by Emma S & Lily B.



Family Bingo Evening - Friday 21st April

Join us for a fun filled evening of Family Bingo on Friday 21st April in the School Hall. Flyers with details of the event will be sent home in your child's school bag today. Tickets which are £5 per adult, £3.50 per child are available to purchase from the school office.

If you have a prize you would like to donate for our Bingo Raffle we would be most grateful. Our first prize, an overnight stay for 2 with breakfast at the 5* Principal Hotel in York has been kindly donated by Richard Mansell. We are also asking for donations of chocolates to add to our collection of Bingo prizes for the evening. If you have any which you would like to donate we would be delighted to receive them.

Bags2School - Friday 21st April

Now that Spring is upon us is it time for a declutter after the Winter months? The PTA have arranged a Bag2School textile collection on Friday 21st April. Please donate unwanted textiles – this can include adults' and children's clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts, bags, soft toys - no bedding, please.

School received £124 from the last collection in October, so it's a great fundraiser.

Donation bags will be sent home in school bags after half term. Please feel free to use any other bags if you need more. It would be great if you could ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a clear out too. Please leave your donation bags at the back of the car park by 9am on Friday 21st April. If you have a large donation and have difficulties getting it to school on that day, please see a member of the PTA.

Dates For Your Diaries:

School Disco - Friday 19th May

Party in the Park - Saturday 8th July

SV Win!

Alistair Nightingale's clinical finish, set-up by deft skill from Chris Jones, finally kick-started SV Mercury's season on Wednesday night. Perhaps more surprising than the result itself was the fact that SV fully deserved their victory, illustrated by the fact that goalkeeper Tony Lambert, who swatted away any danger to his goal, made more noise in his encouragement of the team than he did saves. Showing attacking instinct (and a desire to escape the wall of sound behind them) wing backs Martin Roberts and Neil Roper drove SV forward, reinforced by classy ball play from Andy Holt. Further up the field, Eoin Martin and Alex Culshaw were industrious in midfield allowing strikers Jones and Nightingale to profit. Ever professional, SV refuelled in The White Bear where, for a change, talk focussed on points instead of pints. Man of the Match – Tony Lambert Reported by Alex Culshaw

Calling All Golfers

For those of you not aware, amongst all the many great things about the school, St Vincents also has a very strong golfing pedigree. One of our dads, Tim Maxwell is one of the premier professional players on the North West circuit and is based out of Knutsford Golf Club.

Through various conversations at drop off and pick up, it has become apparent that there are many golfing enthusiasts within the school, who would be keen to get out for a knock. Now spring is in the air, rather than talking about the idea of playing golf, the time has come to actually get a date in the diary.

Tim has kindly organised a few tee times at the club for 12th May. The plan is to meet at the clubhouse at 4.30 with the first tee booked from 5.00 for a quick 9 holes, with a couple of drinks after followed by a trip into Knutsford for a curry for those who fancy it.

The cost of the golf will be £15 which includes a contribution to the PTA.

All standards of golfer are welcome, the more the merrier. For those of you that just want to come for a drink & curry, that's fine aswell.

If you would like to attend, please make contact with Mike Dobson at mike@blueriverwealth.com or 07939 024815.

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 10th April 2017		
Lenten Reflections – Year 3 – All Welcome	09:00	09:20
Multisports	15:15	16:15
Tuesday 11th April 2017		
Lenten Reflections – Year 4 – All Welcome	09:00	09:20
Year 3 – First Forgiveness	19:00	20:00
Wednesday 12th April 2017 – Easter Lunch		
Lenten Reflections – Year 5 – All Welcome	09:00	09:20
Reception, Y1 and Y2 Parent Readers	09:00	09:20
Nature Explorer’s Club	15:15	16:00
Streetdance	15:15	16:15
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
Thursday 13th April 2017		
Lenten Reflections – Year 6 – All Welcome	09:00	09:20
Mixed Sports Club (Tennis & Golf)	15:15	16:15
No Drama before Easter weekend		
School Closes for Easter Weekend and re-opens on Tuesday 18th April		
Friday 14th April 2017 – Good Friday		

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



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