



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of what I am sure will be another happy and successful year for us all. This year we are joined by lots of new families, both in Reception and throughout the school. I am sure you will all be made to feel very welcome and part of the special community of St. Vincent's. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed lots of fun-filled family days. If you need to speak to me please make an appointment via the office or catch me on the playground in the morning. Enjoy the first weekend everybody!

Spotlight On... First Week Back



Walking around school this week, visiting all the classes it has been a real privilege to see how well our children have settled in to their new year groups. They have certainly made excellent first impressions with their new teachers and have worked extremely hard. We have half of our new Reception children in school, they are making themselves 'at home' and have been showered with lots of care and attention from our older children.

Thank you

Thank you from all the staff for your kind words, cards and gifts of thanks at the end of last year, it was much appreciated.

Uniform Reminders

Thank you for sending your children in to school looking so smart in their new school uniforms (it's certainly getting quite expensive these days) – let's hope such high standards continue. Please remember:

- All uniform items should be clearly named. It is so much easier to return lost property to the rightful owner when it is clearly marked.
- Children should not wear ear-rings for P.E. – preferably they should not wear ear-rings to school at all.
- P.E. kits must be brought in each week. Full P.E. Kit includes: White t-shirt, green shorts and pumps for indoor use and additionally track-suit pants, sweatshirt and trainers for outdoor use.

Our school uniform is listed on our website. Cardigans and jumpers with our school logo on can be ordered directly via the website, please speak to Mrs Corrigan if you need any help with this.

Awards

This morning we gave out our first set of badges, well done everybody!

*Reception will be included next week once they are all in and settled.

Courtesy Award – Good manners and polite behaviour.

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

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

Year Group	Good Conduct Award	Courtesy Award	Merit Award
Year 1	Jack S	Rohanna DC	Jessica D
Year 2	Patrick C	Jacob F	Sienna N
Year 3	Cait F	George C	Thomas H
Year 4	Corey W	Lena Z-K	Theo B
Year 5	Charlie J	Leon M	Aurora M
Year 6	Emily N	Jacob K	Sandor V

Playground Routines

- The inner gate leading on to the playground will be locked at 9.10am. The gate will remain locked until 3.05pm. Pre-School staff will have a key to the lock so they will be opening the gate and supervising entry and exit on to and from the site for parents and children attending Pre-School.
- The whistle is blown promptly at 8.55am – please ensure your children arrive on the playground earlier than this. The playground is supervised from 8.45am onwards – children should not be on the playground before 8.40am.
- Please note, children are not allowed to play on any climbing equipment at the beginning or end of the day. Should you have pre-school aged children on the playground please ensure you supervise them appropriately and be aware that the school equipment is not appropriate for their use.
- Footballs are not allowed at the beginning or end of the day as it is not safe to use them.
- All bikes and scooters must be left by the racks at the front of school and not brought onto the playground.

We would be grateful for your support in these matters to ensure that all our children are kept safe.

Allergies

We have children in school who have severe allergies to nuts and sesame, for that reason we kindly ask that you do not send in any food in lunch boxes or for morning snacks which contain nuts or sesame. These include such items as pesto and hummus containing the above ingredients.

Should your child have a medically diagnosed allergy to any foods, please send in a copy of such advice so that the catering company can provide appropriately.

Y3 & Y4 Swimming

On Monday swimming lessons will resume for Years 3 & 4. All children in these classes will need a swimming costume/shorts and a clean towel clearly labelled in a bag. Swimming fee letters will be sent out on Monday.

After School Clubs

You will see that there is quite a selection of After School Clubs to choose from, we are very lucky here at St. Vincent's as many staff do this in their own time. I therefore ask that you talk to your children about the importance of committing to a club as numbers are limited and it would be a shame for a place to go to waste. If your child wants to attend any of the clubs below, please inform the school office or email Mrs Corrigan. Please note for the Playground Games, Recorders and Netball there is a token payment of £1 to commit to the clubs and to contribute towards resources.

Bikeability – YEAR 4 – Friday 15th September

Year 4 will be doing the road safety Bikeability course. Please ensure that you send your child to school with their bike and helmet on Friday. The Year 4 children should wear their 'Outdoor PE Kit' – which consists of jogging bottoms/ leggings and school PE T-shirt to school on these days.

Bikeability – YEAR 5

Year 5 will be taking part in Bikeability (Level 1) on Tuesday and Wednesday after school. The course will run from 3.15 until 5pm. Please note which day your child will attend below:

Tuesday 12 th	Wednesday 13 th
Hugo MS	Catherine M
Joseph C	Toby H
James W	Isabella H
Edward H	Karen C
Evie M	Martha C
Jack S	Matilda H
Eabha L	Megan S
Michael O	James E
Connor G	Hannah R
Polly F	Isabella B
Praise C	Jesslin C
Archie G	Molly D
Aoife J	Memphis D
Poppy W	Connor G
Ollie K	Aurora M
Leon M	

Bikeability – YEAR 6

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week Year 6 will be doing the road safety Bikeability course during the school day. Please ensure that you send your child to school with their bike and helmet on these days. The Year 6 children should wear their 'Outdoor PE Kit' – which consists of jogging bottoms/ leggings and school PE T-shirt to school on these days.



Cross Country

Mrs Martin (mum to Siobhan and Aodhan) is attending the Cross Country event organised by Manchester Harriers at Wythenshawe track with her son. She was wondering if others from St Vincent's may like to join them so we could have a team? She is happy to act as the 'person in charge' of the teams and help get the children warmed up and organised. Anyone who is interested please email Mrs Corrigan in the school office. Please find further details in the attached leaflet.

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 11th September 2017		
New Reception Intake – Group 3	08:55	
Multisports – All Years	15:15	16:15
Swimming – Years 3 & 4 remember swimming kits!		
Tuesday 12th September 2017		
Year 6 Bikeability – remember your bikes & helmets!	08:55	15:15
Year 5 Bikeability – please check list which day you are to attend	15:15	17:00
Wednesday 13th September 2017		
New Reception Intake – Group 4	08:55	
Year 6 Bikeability – remember your bikes & helmets!	08:55	15:15
Year 5 Bikeability – please check list which day you are to attend	15:15	17:00
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
Y3 & Y4 Playground games – please email Mrs Corrigan if you wish to join	15:15	16:00
Streetdance – All Years	15:15	16:15
Thursday 14th September 2017		
Tag Rugby/ Basketball (Rec – Y4)	15:15	16:15
Friday 15th September 2017		
Year 4 Bikeability - remember your bikes & helmets!	08:55	15:15
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15
Y3 Recorders – please email Mrs Corrigan if you wish to join	15:15	16:00
Y4/5 & 6 – Netball – please email Mrs Corrigan if you wish to join	15:15	16:00

Please note there will be no parent readers next week, as we are still welcoming our new Reception children.



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