



Dear Parents and Carers,  
 The end of our first full week back in school. There are lots of tired little faces as they all adjust to a whole week of school routines, some lazy mornings over the weekend may be needed! Our children have certainly impressed their teachers – I have had lots of complimentary feedback from staff and visitors to school. Well done everyone!

*Spotlight On... Our New Reception Children*



We are delighted to welcome all our new Reception pupils into our school. We do hope that both them and their parents will soon feel very much part of the family here at St.Vincent's.

**Awards**

**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
Reception	Erin C	Violet B	Caspar O
Year 1	Lucas M	Millie S	Molly R
Year 2	Kendall N	Joe V	Kane W-W
Year 3	Cameron C	Giorgio V	Charlotte M
Year 4	Oscar L	Timmie J	Natalia L
Year 5	Toby H	Matilda H	Megan S
Year 6	Bella Mc	Sophie C	Andrew M-D

### **Holidays during term time**

Our 'Holidays during term time' policy makes clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless exceptional circumstances are clearly demonstrated. Please see this policy on our website for further details.

**Please note** Cheshire East Local Authority have now informed all schools that Fixed Penalty Notices may be issued to parents who take their children out of school without authorisation.

Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

### **Jewellery**

Could we please request that children do not wear earrings to school for safety reasons. If this is unavoidable, please ensure that they are small studs. However, please note earrings must not be worn for P.E. and teachers are not allowed to remove them. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### **Curriculum Overviews**

Details of the curriculum being covered in each class are to be found in the Curriculum Overviews being sent home today. Homework timetables are also included but please be aware there are occasional variations so check homework diaries for the tasks actually set. The diary is also a place where parents can communicate with teachers and vice-versa. Please do spend a little time chatting with your child about homework and if you have any resources or expertise that you could offer, please don't be shy – let your child's teacher know!

### **Parent Volunteers**

We are always delighted to have parental help in school, particularly if you can offer such help on a regular basis. If you are interested, please see your child's class teacher, in the first instance and then complete a Volunteer and Confidentiality form which you can get from the office.

### **KIRFs**

Today, children in KS1 and KS2 will bring home a copy of their KIRFs for this half-term to practise at home. KIRFs are 'Key Instant Recall Facts' and they help our pupils to learn facts by heart so that they can make mental calculations more quickly and more confidently.

### **Diocesan Building Fund**

The children should have brought home a leaflet regarding the School's Building Fund this week. Please do take the time to read it. The fund is of great importance to aid in the building, repair and managing of our school property. Please ensure that you take advantage of the Gift Aid when you make your contribution.

### **Applications for Secondary School Places**

Please note the deadline for all Year 6 applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017. Year 6 parents please see attached letter from Cheshire East.



### **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 would like to re-launch 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 **23<sup>rd</sup> November**. 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](mailto:admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk)

### **Help with Reading**

If any parents or grandparents are interested in helping out with our reading in FS/KS1 on a Monday morning we would love to hear from you. We have a dedicated group that read with our children on a Monday morning however, we need a couple more to enable a greater number of children to be given this opportunity each week. Many thanks for your support.

### **St Vincent de Paul Society**

Not only is our wonderful school and parish church named after St Vincent, a group was founded in his name in 1883, inspired by his service to the sick, poor and destitute in society.

Over the years the SVP Society has grown into a global organisation of volunteers who follow the example of St Vincent in seeking out those in need of help.

Our local conference will be holding a coffee morning in the parish hall immediately after 11.00 mass on 24<sup>th</sup> September. All parents and children are very welcome to attend, indeed, the more the merrier!

The members of the SVP do great work within our community and I know that your support would be hugely appreciated.

### **World Peace Day**

Next Thursday we shall be celebrating World Peace Day in school. The kitchen shall be doing a special lunch on that day (menu attached) and the KS2 children have been sent home with blank postcards to decorate.

### **Judo – starting next week**

The children were given a Judo demonstration earlier in the week as part of the school assembly. If your child would be interested in attending a 5 week course (beginning next Monday) then please complete and return the form to the school office asap, alternatively you can email Mrs Corrigan – [admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk) The course will take place at Manor Park school (St Vincent's staff will accompany them across the road) and pick-up will be from Manor Park at 4.30pm.



**Reception Class at Lunchtime**

## The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>		
Multisports – All Years	15:15	16:15
Swimming – Years 3 & 4 remember swimming kits!		
Judo – Please see attached form	15:15	16:30
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>		
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>		
Parent Readers (Year 1 & Year 2 only)	09:00	09:20
Y6 Gardening Club – please email Mrs Corrigan if you wish to join	15:15	16:00
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
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 - World Peace Day</b>		
World Peace Day Lunch		
Tag Rugby/ Basketball (Rec – Y4)	15:15	16:15
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017</b>		
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15
Y4/5 & 6 – Netball – please email Mrs Corrigan if you wish to join	15:15	16:00

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