



Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather certainly has made for an interesting week; red sun and sky caused by Hurricane Ophelia, high winds and rather a lot of rain for our Cross Country event! We have also had an exciting and interesting week in school as we focused on the many different cultures within our community.

Thank you to all who were able to join us for our Open Assembly this morning, I hope you enjoyed finding out about some of the learning that has been going on in school this week. A big thank you must also go to our parents who gave up their time to come in to school to share their expertise and knowledge during our Multicultural Week.

Spotlight On... Multicultural Week



This week our children have taken part in lots of different activities and have learnt many exciting facts about different cultures within our own community. On Wednesday all children took part in an African Dance workshop, the dance teacher was very impressed with their behaviour, confidence and dance moves!

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	Max R	Arthur L	Maison P
Year 1	Nevaeh R-M	Isaac K	Rosie Q
Year 2	Max W	Vincent L	Kendall N
Year 3	Imogen W	Daniel H	Alice H
Year 4	Tabitha L	Sammy O	James S
Year 5	Praise C	Connor G	Archie G
Year 6	Sam B	George O	Josh D

Attendance –

Reception	97.2%	Year 4	99.3%
Year 1	100%	Year 5	97.4%
Year 2	98.7%	Year 6	97.1%
Year 3	97.7%		

Goodbye and Good Luck

Next Friday we say goodbye and good luck to one of our teaching assistants, Miss Edmunds, as she leaves us to begin a new adventure in Australia. Miss Edmunds has been at St. Vincent's for just over 3 years and has done an excellent job supporting many children in their learning. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the very best in this new and exciting chapter of her life.

Travel

Cheshire East Council is consulting about changes to its Education Travel Policies. If you are currently in receipt of school transport, it is important that you are aware of the proposed changes and have an opportunity to have your say. You can access the consultation on line at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/consultations or for a paper copy contact 0300 123 5012. The consultation runs from 18th October to 6th December 2017.

Harvest Festival

Next Tuesday (24th October) we celebrate our annual Harvest Festival. Any gift is welcome, no matter how small. Please note non-perishable foods can be dropped off at school from Monday onwards, but any fresh/ shorter shelf life goods need to be dropped off on the day. Please also note that if you wish to attend that it is often standing room only, so be prepared! It will start at 2.15pm promptly and doors will be open at 2.05pm – no earlier I'm afraid as we need to set things up.

Parents Evening

Most parents have now sent in their requests for time slots, if you have not sent your slip back then please do so as soon as possible. If we do not hear from you then teachers will allocate slots according to availability. Please note, there will be no afterschool clubs on Wednesday (apart from Coach Dave) due to Parent's Evening.

Diocesan Building Fund – Please Contribute

So far we have received £1045, our optimum figure is £3195. Any shortfall has to come out of our school budget and will impact on our provision for all our children such as the African Dance workshop that we as a school provided for all children this week. The Diocese request a voluntary contribution of £15 per child per year. Please make your contribution, no matter how small.

Why contribute?

Parents are asked to contribute something to this fund to enable us to improve and refurbish our school building. Please remember Catholic Schools receive only 90% funding for building works whereas County Schools receive 100% funding. This fund has allowed us to refurbish our Lower KS2 toilets, update our heating system, replace part of our roof at no cost whatsoever to our budget as we received a 90% grant for the works and the Diocesan Building Fund paid the

remaining 10%. This year we have put in bids to complete the roof replacement and refurbish our Upper KS2 toilets so, if we are successful, we will be dependent, yet again, on support from the Diocesan Building Fund to fully fund the work. The Diocesan Building Fund is paramount, as without it, it would be extremely difficult to maintain the fabric of OUR SCHOOL.

When the income from parents falls short of the target the school has to make up the difference from its own budget thus reducing money that goes directly to the children.

Swimming – Outstanding Payments

Thank you to all parents who have sent in their payments for swimming lessons. Can all outstanding payments please be sent to Mrs Corrigan before Friday 27th October. Thank you.

Disco

Tonight it is our PTA disco for **Reception** and **KS1** from **6.00 - 7.15pm**. All our guests will be served with a hot dog and juice and receive a 'bag of sweets' to take home at the end of the disco.

Our **KS2** disco will run from **7.30 - 8.45pm**. A tuck shop will be open throughout our KS2 disco, please only send small change with the children for the tuck shop. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

School Photographs

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 25th October. Individuals and siblings will be photographed. If you have children in pre-school and you would like them to be included in the sibling photo, please make your way to the hall at 8:30am.

Applications for Secondary School Places

Please note the deadline for all Year 6 applications is 31st October 2017, apply online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk. If you need assistance applying for a place then pop into the school office and Mrs Corrigan will gladly assist.

Recycling Assembly

Mrs Hodges from ANSA visited school on Tuesday to remind us of the important recycling message of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. She also amazed us with some interesting but terrible facts about food waste. Did you know 1.4 million bananas are wasted everyday? We are looking forward to working on a Recycling Champions project with her this year.



Netball report written by Katharine and Emily

On Tuesday, we played a very fast netball match against Bexton. It was quite a close match, however Bexton just managed to beat us. They fought long and hard and eventually won. Well done to our captain and best shooter Emily, you did a fantastic job!

Cross Country by Coach Dave

Last night we took over 50 children to the Knutsford Harriers Inter Schools Cross Country Event, the weather was dull but the St Vincent's teams spirits were bright! After 3 weeks practising in PE the team were ready for this event and one the children were really looking forward to.

The team took part in a warm up led by myself, Mrs Beaver and Mrs Hales, the children looked ready and were offering each other words of support and encouragement.

The Year 4s went first, running 1km, then the year 5s ran 1.5km and finally the year 6s ran 2km, we had some fantastic top 3 finishes but what was most pleasing was the how well all of our team did with most finishing in the top 20 of each race!

The event finished with the boys and girls relay for the big trophies and I'm pleased to say both trophies are now safely in the St Vincent's trophy cabinet after we won both the girls and the boys relay! A very proud night for the school with so many children attending this event and it was fantastic to take away the team events winners trophies !!

A big well done to all the children who took part last night and the parents for their fantastic support, also a big thank you to Mrs Beaver, Mrs Hales, Mrs Ellison and Mrs Barnes for all their help last night.

A lovely team photo of the children taken this morning after assembly and the the 2 newest trophies added to our ever growing trophy cabinet.



The Week Ahead

There will be no afterschool clubs on Wednesday (apart from Coach Dave) due to parent's evening.

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 23rd October 2017		
Y4 & Y5 – No Musical Instruments today		
Multisports – All Years	15:15	16:15
Swimming – Years 3 & 4 remember swimming kits		
Tuesday 24th October 2017		
Harvest Festival – All welcome	14:15	15:15
Mad Science	15:15	16:15
Wednesday 25th October 2017		
School Photographs – Whole School (Individual and Siblings)		
No Parent Readers (school photographs)		
No Gardening Club (Parents Evening)		
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
No Y3 & Y4 Playground games (Parents Evening)		
No Streetdance (Parents Evening)		
Parents Evening	16:00	18:00
Thursday 26th October 2017		
Tag Rugby/ Basketball (Rec – Y4)	15:15	16:15
Parents Evening	17:30	20:00
Friday 27th October 2017		
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15
Y4/5 & 6 – Netball	15:15	16:00
School closes for half-term – reopens on Tuesday 7th November 2017	15:15	

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