

Our new Reception

We welcome our wonderful Reception children as they come together as a full class today for the first time. Don't they look smart in their uniforms!

We are so pleased that they have settled in so well and are enjoying the beginning of their school journey.

They have had an amazing day and every time I have been into Reception, Miss Quinn and Mrs Ranfield have had a big smile on their faces.



Back Row: Juliet, Theo F, Violet, Pippa, Rose, Milan, Leo, Theo M, Errol, Mirabelle, Eva, Evie.

Middle Row: Alfie, Evelyn, Charlie, Max, Archie, James, Kian, Stanley, Lola

Front Row: Elsie, Harry, Benjamin, Ian, Isla, Harrison, George, Edward.

And also we would like to welcome Rhea to Reception class!

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*Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to
the full" John 10:10*

Mrs Holland's Gospel Contemplations

In the Gospel this week, Jesus asks his disciples: 'Who do you say that I am?' I was once asked this on an RC course many years ago. We very quickly filled a sheet with all the different names we have for Jesus... Elijah, a prophet, son of God, son of Man, Messiah etc. But on reflection, I don't think this question necessarily relates to the name we give to Jesus. I think that it has more to do with our relationship with Him. This is a very personal thing and can be different for each one of us. Here at school, we think of God as love and we teach about God forgiving us but your experience from when you were at school may be different. Has this affected your relationship with Him as an adult? We are all at different stages in our faith journey and as that journey takes on twists and turns throughout our lives, our relationship with God will naturally evolve and change too. But what will never change is God's love for us and for that, we should be ever thankful.

Behaviour Awards

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	Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	FIRST FULL DAY IN CLASS ALTOGETHER		
Year 1	Thomas	Robyn	Stanley for amazing effort with his handwriting
Year 2	Grace C	Ethan	Annie for super use of conjunctions in sentences in English
Year 3	Oliver	Gianna	Imogen for fantastic effort in all lessons and amazing attitude to work.
Year 4	Harry	Isla H	Eoin for excellent effort in all areas.
Year 5	Jessica	Liam	Poppy for excellent effort with her maths
Year 6	Willow	Charlie	Hattie for always giving 100% and showing kindness to others.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of our first full week for this academic year and what a very busy week it has been. Our children have certainly impressed their new teachers with how hard they are all working. There are lots of tired children and staff as we have all had to readjust to new school routines and some very hot days. Well done everyone!

Have a lovely relaxing weekend enjoying yourselves.

God Bless,

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent's

School Councillors

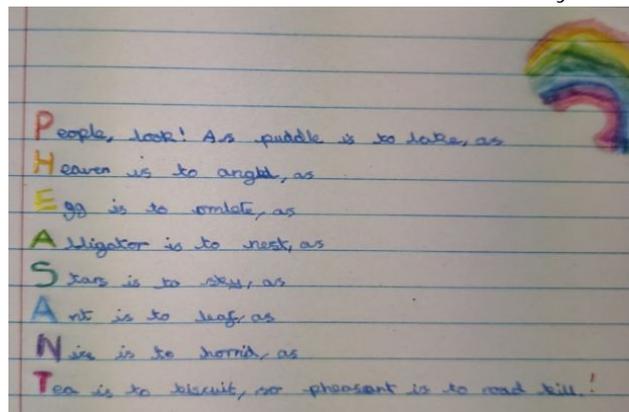
During this week children from Year 2 to Year 6 have been standing for School Council. The votes have been counted and our School Councillors for 2021 – 2022 are:-

Year 2	Evie and Conor
Year 3	Elliot and Mae
Year 4	Daisy and Isla T
Year 5	Beatrix and Jamie
Year 6	Will and Hattie

Well done to all the children who put themselves forward.

Classroom news – focus on Year 6

'Well, Year 6 have certainly hit the ground running since returning to school. What a busy week we've had! The children have amazed us with their creative, well-written perfect application letters and we can't wait to see which roles and responsibilities each pupil will receive for the year ahead. Mrs Bullen is already so proud of the way in which they have started the year and excited for all that is to come. In class, we have begun our English curriculum with a poetry unit based on The Lost Words by Robert MacFarlane and Jackie Morris. It is a stunningly beautiful book and the children have already produced some fantastic work in the style of some of Robert's poems. The photo shows Melissa's fabulous 'Pheasant' poem inspired by Robert MacFarlane's 'Acorn'. Well done on such an incredible start, Year Six!', by Mrs Bullen.



House Points

House points are awarded throughout the week for all kinds of achievement or for good behaviour in all classes. The house points totals for this week were as follows:-

St. Andrew	St. David	St. George	St. Patrick
14	14	24	17

Well done to this week's winning house – **St George**

Healthy Snacks and water bottles

Please remember to send in only fruit or vegetables as a healthy morning snack for junior children. Infants will get free fruit from the National free fruit scheme. Water only is allowed in water bottles in classes.

Swimming Year 3 and Year 4

Swimming for Year 3 and Year 4 will start on the afternoon of Wednesday 15th September 2021. The swimming fees for the autumn term are £16 per pupil. This consists of 6 swimming sessions, coach hire, hire of the swimming pool and the swimming tutors. If you haven't done so already, please ensure you log into ParentPay to give your consent and payment as soon as possible.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing body, **starting in September 2021**. The key consideration in the appointment and election of all new governors are the skills and experience the governing body needs to be effective. Therefore parents with **experience within the education sector** would be desirable. Should you wish to be considered, please email Mrs Watson at admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk and she will forward further information. Contained within the paperwork will be a nomination form, an eligibility form, information about our Governing body and the role of Parent Governor. The forms need to be returned to the school office by **Friday 24th September by 12 noon**. Should there be more than one nomination then a ballot will be carried out.

National Fitness Day 2021



National Fitness Day will take place on Wednesday 22nd September so, as a school, we have chosen to get involved in order to highlight the role physical activity plays in our lives and to increase awareness of its importance in helping us lead healthier lifestyles through being physically active. During the day, all children from Reception through to Year 6 will take part in a Skipping Workshop provided by 'Jump rope UK'. This company provides coaches who come into schools to teach skipping skills and inspire children to take up jump rope.



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Today was the first PTA Fun Ball Friday draw of the autumn term. Today's lucky ball was number 27. Congratulations to the Parents of Elliott and Oliver (Y1 & Y4). We have extended the termly ball offer until next Thursday at 5pm - £26 and you will get a ball free! Staff, parents, governors and relatives aged 18 and over are all eligible to join. Each week in Friday Good Work assembly the child or grandchild of the lucky winner can choose a ball!!! Each lotto number costs £2 a week purchased via ParentPay. Don't forget you have to be in it to win it! GOOD LUCK!

Pond Experts!

We are looking for parent volunteers that are 'experts' in ponds/pond life to give us some advice, help and guidance on what we can do to develop our pond area at the side of the field. If you can help, please email Mrs Watson at admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk

Birthday Wishes!

So "Happy Birthday" to the following children:-

LOOK WHO IS

5

Mirabelle

LOOK WHO IS

6

Sebby
Henry

LOOK WHO IS

7

Hattie

LOOK WHO IS

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Ava

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 13th September 2021		
Year 5 Forest Schools. (Bring forest schools clothes in a bag – no shorts please)		PM
Year 1 & 2 After School Sports – Football (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Year 3 & 4 After School Sports – Mixed sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Tuesday 14th September 2021		
Year 1 Forest School. (Bring forest schools clothes in a bag – no shorts please)		PM
Wednesday 15th September 2021		
Y6 Bikeability		
Year 3 & Year 4 swimming		PM
Year 3 & 4 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Year 5 & 6 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Thursday 16th September 2021		
Y6 Bikeability	AM	
Y4 Level 1 Bikeability (group 1)		PM
Friday 17th September 2021		
Y4 Level 1 Bikeability (group 2)	AM	PM
Year 1 & 2 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Year 3 & 4/ 5 & 6 After School Sports – Football (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30

IMPORTANT: Please remember:

Children, parents and staff must not attend school if they are feeling unwell or are displaying any of the symptoms that could be caused by coronavirus. The main symptoms are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) must get a test

Geography Quality Mark

Primary Geography Quality Mark Application for Silver



St Vincent de Paul
Catholic Primary School
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Congratulations to Miss Liddy and Mrs Jones for coordinating and attaining the Silver award for the Primary Geography Quality Mark for St. Vincent's. This application (73 slides on PowerPoint!!) showcased our fantastic Geography curriculum including school trips, outdoor learning and map skills. Thank you to our school councillors from last year for contributing their ideas of what fantastic Geography we do in our school. It was a whole school effort. Well done everyone!

Forest Skills



The first week back has been fantastic! It's been lovely to see the children back and to start up the Forest School for the year. The Year 6's enjoyed some problem-solving games followed by learning new knots to create a small shelter. Jacob and Charlie have become masters of the timber hitch while Melissa and Bella produced a loop knot.

The Year 1's enjoyed the sunny afternoon recreating their favourite holiday memories using nature. Bobby's picture shows him in the sea on holiday.



E.L.S.A.

Mrs Hales and Miss Hughes have recently completed their training as Emotional Literacy Support Assistants – E.L.S.A. This role within school will be supporting children to recognise and understand their feelings by using various coping strategies. The Lodge has been transformed into an E.L.S.A. area and will be used for well-being interventions. Miss Hughes will also incorporate E.L.S.A. within her Forest Skills sessions. Mrs Hales will be on the playground every Tuesday morning so feel free to approach her with any E.L.S.A related questions or just for a chat.



Father David and St. Vincent's Church

Mass times are normally: Monday to Friday – 9:30 am, Saturday (Vigil Mass of Sunday) – 5:30 pm, Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Please check the church newsletter for any variations in Mass times. You no longer need to book to attend Mass. Please note that the only Mass on a Saturday will now be the Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm. The church will normally be open during the day for private prayer (except on Mondays). Please remember to sign in for Track and Trace purposes. Please continue to wear a face mask and to sanitise your hands on entry and exit.