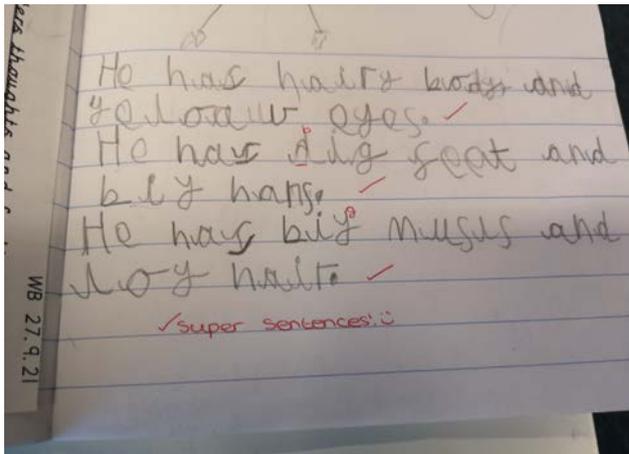
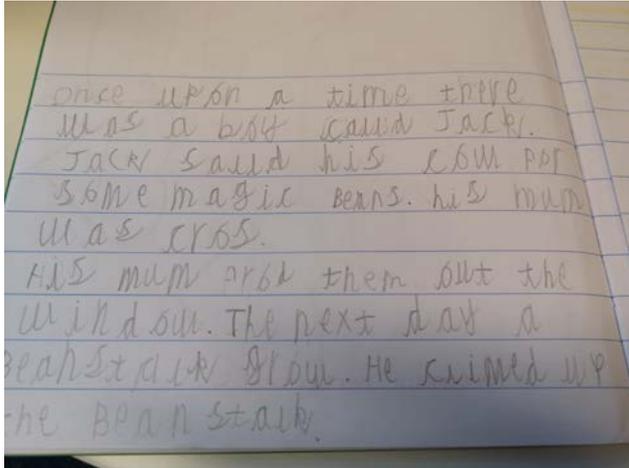


Classroom Focus – Year 1

You will never believe what's happened in Miss Billington and Mrs Dowler's classroom! Last week, Mrs Lees gave Mrs Dowler some magic beans but she didn't think they were magic so she threw them in the bin! Then, when we came to school the next day, a GIANT beanstalk had grown out of the bin. Where did it go to? Who is at the top? Would it be a friendly giant? Unicorn? This has got us very excited, so we have been writing letters, wanted posters and even written our very own version of Jack and the beanstalk. On Tapestry the children have also sent in wonderful videos of themselves reading the story maps to their family. What do you think might be at the top of our beanstalk?



Newsletter 7



15.10.2021

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

Mrs Holland's Gospel Contemplations

This week's gospel tells us of James and John who ask Jesus for an important place in Heaven. The idea that The Kingdom of God somehow symbolises power and status is very simplistic and shows a lack of understanding to a degree. The two brothers are acting out of self-interest and not putting others first. The request of the apostles brings to light our natural desires to be approved of and rewarded in worldly terms. Jesus tells us his meaning of real greatness – service and the care of others. Realising that Jesus is our servant is what helps us to be servants to others as Jesus came to us not to be served but to serve.

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	Harry	Rhea	Rose – for fantastic blending.
Year 1	Jaxon	Beatrice	Amella – for amazing maths.
Year 2	Evie	Martha	Freddie – for super maths work!
Year 3	Ethan	Olivia	Elliot – for fantastic work in RE.
Year 4	Olivia	Isla T	Matthew – for excellent descriptive writing.
Year 5	Evan	Alannah	Rohanna – for excellent dream sequence writing.
Year 6	Will O'R	Luca	Alexa – for volunteering to read at the harvest festival.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, where did that week go? I do hope that your week has been as productive as ours has here in school. As well as all our academic work we have had lots of other exciting things happening in school with our Harvest Festival, Gripping Yarns, authors visit, Year 6 trip, Year 3 and 4 swimming and lots of other sporting events. Have a lovely weekend with your family,

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent's

School Council

This week, our wonderful School Council had their first full meeting, where they amazed Mrs Bullen with their maturity and excellent ideas. They decided that our School Council slogan for the year ahead will be '**Go Green**' because this links with CAFOD's theme from harvest time, and also shows how their main focus and projects for the year ahead will be based around making our school a more environmentally friendly place, as well as creating some even more wonderful outdoor spaces! They can't wait to begin planning their first fundraising event for after the October half term!

Harvest Festival

On Tuesday the whole school came together to give thanks for the many wonderful gifts of God's world. It was a wonderful occasion with Father David and all the children singing hymns and celebrating the occasion altogether. Thank you all so much for your generous contributions of food, we will distribute these to organisations within our community that need them.



Author Visit to School

Today, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 had a special visitor in school, Sean Perkins. He talked to the children about reading for pleasure and the books that inspired him to become an author and illustrator. He then read his book 'Oscar and Ben' to the children. It was a great treat for all.



Year 6 visit to Quarry Bank Mill

On Wednesday, Year 6 visited Quarry Bank Mill to learn all about the River Bollin and the surrounding area, and to develop their geographical enquiry and fieldwork skills. We had a great day doing lots of practical activities, including dropping apples and dog biscuits in the river to test flow rate in different parts of the channel, and creating 'stick maps' in Chapel Woods - not to mention a quick spot of pond dipping! We now want our parents to take us back during half term so we can visit the inside of the mill!



Diocesan Building Fund

An email went out from our Chair of Governors requesting your voluntary contribution to the Diocesan building fund via ParentPay. So far we have collected **£1100** which is still a long way off our optimum amount of £2,940. The Diocese request a minimum voluntary contribution of £15 per child per year and each school is given a target income based on the number on roll. 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. Please do make a contribution, no matter how small. You can do this online or via ParentPay.

House Points

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

St. Andrew	St. David	St. George	St. Patrick
26	22	16	17

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

Sports News

"Last Friday our football team played away against Mobberley Primary and won 4:1. Cahir scored 2 amazing goals and Charlie followed that with a 3rd. Louie scored a cracking goal to finish the victory", by Tom. The Head of Mobberley emailed me and said "I just wanted to say, your team of footballers were a credit to the school last Friday. Their level of technical ability was superb but they were also very sportsmanlike and had lovely manners. They were a credit to you and their families."



Yesterday our Year 3 and 4 children had a taster hockey session at Knutsford academy and enjoyed the experience.

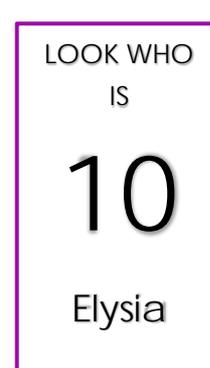
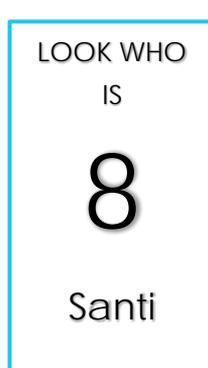
Massive Thank You

Thank you to Ian Grainge and his team for concreting our new bin area. We will be developing this area further over the next few weeks.



Birthday Wishes!

So "Happy Birthday" to the following children:-



The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 18th October 2021		
Year 4 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
Netball v Bexton (Home)	15:30	
Tuesday 19th October 2021		
Year 2 Forest Schools. (Bring forest schools clothes in a bag – no shorts please)		PM
Wednesday 20th October 2021		
Individual/Siblings school photographs (School Hall)	AM	
Year 3 & Year 4 Swimming Lessons		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
Parents Evening (Teams)	16:00	18:30
Thursday 21st October 2021		
Break Up		
Parents Evening (Teams)	16:00	18:30
Friday 22nd October 2021		
<i>INSET DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR PUPILS</i>		

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 PCR test

In view of the high levels of infection within the borough and our neighbouring local authorities, Cheshire East are recommending that **where one individual in a household tests positive**, children and young people from that household who attend schools or college should:-

- Limit their social contacts.
- Arrange for a PCR test and they **should not attend school** or college for a minimum of 5 days.
- If the test result is positive the person should self-isolate as require by law

Forest School

For Forest Schools this week, the year 5's went out to the field to explore the surroundings and create a colour wheel within a picture! After that, the children went off to the forest to design their Forest Pizza's for our next session where we will be exploring outdoor cooking! Once the children had designed their pizza's they were given a map of the field to try and develop our area with any ideas from planting areas up for wildlife to putting a sheltered structure deep in the forest. The session was completed with a mindful meditation where we reflected on our school's mental health theme of Bucket Filling and asked ourselves, have we filled any buckets?

The reception children enjoyed exploring the different colours created by the autumn leaves. Using those leaves, they produced a picture of their family using nature to make all the different body parts. Once they had completed that, we sat down and had a lovely story called, The Leaf Man which showed some interesting uses of leaves to make different animals and insects.



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Today was the 6th PTA Fun Ball Friday draw of the autumn term. Today's lucky ball was number 23. Congratulations to the Parents of Harvey (Year 4). Staff, parents, governors and relatives aged 18 and over are all eligible to join. Don't forget you have to be in it to win it! GOOD LUCK! We will still be drawing a winner next Friday even though it is an INSET day, so remember to still buy your balls!



Father David and St. Vincent's Church and Children's Liturgy

Following the further lifting of Covid restrictions, Children's Liturgy sessions during **11am Sunday Mass** will recommence. (More details are in the attached letter.) It would be lovely to see as many families as possible at Masses over the weekend. Mass times are normally: Saturday (Vigil Mass of Sunday) – 5:30 pm, Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:00 am, Monday to Friday – 9:30 am. Please check the church newsletter for any variations in Mass times. <https://stvincentsknutsford.org/>

School Photographs

The school photographer will be visiting St. Vincent's on the morning of Wednesday 20th October to take individual and sibling group photos (siblings in school only).

E.L.S.A. - Gripping Yarns Visit

On Monday, Gripping Yarns performed 'Ooo-oo's Tales', to Reception and KS1 children. The presentation was all about feelings. The children enjoyed watching and listening to a story about a baby chimpanzee puppet and how he felt in different situations.



Reception coffee morning

Thank you to all the Reception parents and the PTA who came to our first coffee morning of the year last Wednesday. We have had so many lovely comments about how very informative it was and how it is great to be able to get together.

Year One coffee morning

On Thursday 4th November there will be a coffee morning from 9 -10am for all Year 1 parents in the school hall, with a talk by our PTA, Miss Groarke, Mrs Dowler and Miss Billington on phonics.