

Classroom Focus – Reception

Wow! Our 30 Reception children are amazing. They have settled so well into the life of school. It has been lovely seeing them develop in so many ways in such a short time as well as making new friends. They have all been so enthusiastic and joyful in all they do in school. They are a really credit to all their families, Miss Quinn and Mrs Ranfield. Well done!



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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

The Gospel this week tells the story of blind Bartimaeus whose faith in Jesus resulted in Jesus curing his blindness. The crowds were a little disgruntled with how Bartimaeus called out over and over to Jesus but Jesus could see the strength of his faith and performed a miracle. It is not always easy to have faith like Bartimaeus did, especially when we are faced with great difficulties and, obviously, Jesus is no longer here on earth in human form to perform miracles. However, God is always with us to help us as long as we have faith, no matter how hard that may be. We don't always know or understand God's plan for us or where he will lead us to do His work, but faith and trust will allow us to face adversities and be exactly where we are meant to be to bring that to fruition.

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	Alfie	Kian	Milan – for fantastic reading.
Year 1	Ella	Audrey	AraOluwa – for fantastic handwriting.
Year 2	Bobby	Jane	Judy – for wonderful writing this week.
Year 3	Alec	Ayla	Mae – for fantastic setting description.
Year 4	Connie	Leland	Isla H – excellent effort with book review.
Year 5	Alice	Lucas	Ted – great art – Picasso style portrait.
Year 6	Will H	Kane	Jacob – excellent black history month work.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has this half term gone, seven and a half weeks have flown! I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff for their dedication, teamwork, enthusiasm and drive to give your children the best possible education going. Thank you also to all children, parents, carers and governors who have made this half term such a success.

Have a fantastic ten days holiday, relax and recharge those batteries. We will see you again on Monday 1st November.

God bless,

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent's

Y5 & Y6 Swimming

Swimming lessons for Year 5 and Year 6 will start on the afternoon of Wednesday 3rd November and run every week up until Christmas. The swimming fees for the spring term are £16.00 per pupil. This consists of 6 swimming sessions, coach hire, hire of the swimming pool and the swimming tutor. Please ensure you log into ParentPay to give your consent and payment as soon as possible and before 2nd November. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

New Menu

From Monday 1st November, we have a new menu (see attached). Please talk to your children about the choices as this makes it easier for the children when they make their choices at school on the day.

Poppy Appeal

Like last year, we will be selling a selection of Poppy Appeal items again through ParentPay. Items are limited so get your orders in early – this will go live on Monday 1st November.

Applications for Secondary School Places

Please note the deadline for **all Year 6** applications for secondary school for September 2022 is **31st October 2021**. Applications are made online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk

Parking

Please park responsibly as we have had more complaints from residents that parents have parked their vehicles inconsiderately and blocked access for the bin lorries. Some of the roads around school are private property and we should respect this when parking at the start and the end of the school day.

Harvest Food has been distributed

The Harvest gifts have now been split between the Welcome Centre and Mid Cheshire Foodbank. Thank you to Zoe Paul for delivering the food for us. We received this message from Mid Cheshire Foodbank, "Thank you to all the pupils, parents and staff who donated to your Harvest Collection. You sent us 109.6kg of food and toiletries - Thank you. Many of the items supplied are those which we currently need, a full crate of tinned fruit was particularly welcome. It is donations, such as yours, that ensure that we can continue to support individuals and families, who are in need, throughout Mid Cheshire. Thanks again and thank you for arranging to drop these items at the Warehouse."

Diocesan Building Fund

So far we have collected £1,145.00 on ParentPay – 66 families have contributed. Thank you. Our optimum amount is £2,940 if everyone contributed. If you are paying by standing order please let the office know. Please do make a contribution, no matter how small.

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
15	22	19	21

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

Netball

"On Monday 18th October, St Vincent's played Bexton at home. We won 6-2 and Alice scored 3, Melissa scored 2 and Hattie scored 1 goal. Everybody enjoyed this netball match and we can't wait to play our next match", by Alice and Joe (Year 5).



Netball Practice

Netball practice has now finished. We will recommence after February half term. A big thank you to all the boys and girls who have joined us this half term – their progress has been amazing! We have one match and one tournament to play before Christmas, we will let the children who are playing know nearer the time.

TT Rockstars School Competition

St. Vincent's have signed up to an online times tables competition for Years 2,3,4,5 and 6. This competition will be against other schools in England for Maths Week England! Taking part in the England Rocks competition will support your child in learning their times tables whilst also having fun! There will be Amazon vouchers for the top classes and certificates for all pupils that take part?

The competition will run from Monday 8th November 2021 to Thursday 11th November.

- Every correct answer that a pupil gives, in any game type, will contribute to their class' and their school's score.
- Prizes - The 3 highest-average-scoring primary-age classes will each receive an Amazon gift card.
- Competition hours are limited to 7.30am to 7.30pm but, this year, to support player wellbeing even further, we've introduced a daily 60-minute limit per player. Once a player goes beyond 60 minutes between 7.30am and 7.30pm on a given day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition. Those 60 minutes do not need to be played in one block - they can be spread throughout the competition hours.

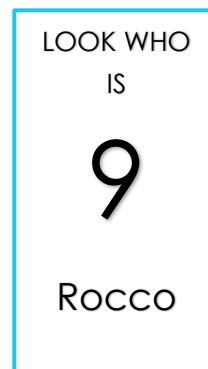
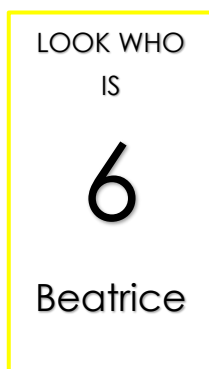
Father David, St. Vincent's Church and Children's Liturgy

The next Children's Liturgy sessions during **11am Sunday Mass** will be on Sunday 7th November. It would be lovely to see as many families as possible attending Sunday Masses. Mass times are normally on 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/>



Birthday Wishes!

So "Happy Birthday" to the following children:-



The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 1st November 2021		
Year 3 Forest Schools. (Bring forest schools clothes in a bag – no shorts please)		PM
Year 1 & 2 After School Sports – Multi Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Year 3/4/5/6 After School Sports – Basketball/Netball (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Netball v Bexton (Home)	15:30	
Tuesday 2nd November 2021		
Year 1 Forest Schools. (Bring forest schools clothes in a bag – no shorts please)		PM
Wednesday 3rd November 2021		
Year 5 & Year 6 Swimming Lessons		PM
Choir with Mrs Cox	15:15	16:00
Year 1 & 2 Football (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Year 3/4/5/6 Dodgeball/Tennis (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Thursday 4th November 2021		
Year 1 parents Coffee Morning in school hall	9 -10am	
Friday 5th November 2021		
Year 3/4/5/6 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 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

The Year 4's explored the Forest through colour by creating some beautiful leaf art! The piece of work below shows a forest scene with a small camp fire and Autumnal foliage. Once they completed that, they were asked to identify areas that are beneficial to nature and were asked to see what we lack in eco diversity for wildlife. Then the children took it in turns to make small conker people. Over the forest school weeks, we plan to make these with each class.

The year 2's started with a game of Catch Colin the Crab! Following that, they created a colour wheel within a hula hoop showing the different colours in autumn. After that we experimented with some leave printing using crayons to make firework pictures! We finished with whole class relaxation with a calming story and listening to nature.



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Tomorrow we will draw the 7th PTA Fun Ball Friday draw of the autumn term. 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 tomorrow on INSET day and email out the result, so remember to still buy your balls!



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.

PTA AGM

On Thursday 11th November our PTA AGM will take place in the school hall 7.00pm - 8.30pm. Our PTA do a wonderful job, it would be great to see as many people here as possible to enjoy a social evening.