

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
**NEWSLETTER No. 1**



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a delightful first week I have had! I am truly blessed with talented staff to teach and care for your children. Walking around school, visiting all the classes, taking assemblies and supporting your children at dinner time has highlighted to me how well the children have settled in to their new year groups and confirmed what a truly amazing school St. Vincent's is. Your children have certainly made excellent first impressions and have worked extremely hard this week.

*Spotlight On... The New Academic Year.*



Today in our whole school assembly we discussed our Mission Statement. 'Believe, Trust and Be Ready'. 'That they have life and to the full' John 10:10. Some children from Year 4, 5 and 6 read out their interpretation of the Mission Statement which they had done in class which was inspirational for us all.

**RIP - Lucas Briscoe**

Everyone at St. Vincent's have been keeping Lucas Briscoe, a former pupil who tragically died while on holiday in Spain, and his family and friends in their thoughts and prayers. Today we had a minute silence during our whole school assembly to remember Lucas. His Mum and Dad have set up a charity in his memory. It is called Lucas's Share and Care Foundation at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lucas-b>

**Welcome**

This year we welcome 30 new children to our Reception class. So far 14 have started and they have settled in beautifully. Our older children have been excellent role models and have certainly looked after the new members of our St. Vincent's family. We also welcome two new families to Year 2 and 3.

**Attendance –**

<b>Reception</b>		<b>Year 4</b>	100%
<b>Year 1</b>	93.3%	<b>Year 5</b>	98.8%
<b>Year 2</b>	97.6%	<b>Year 6</b>	97.6%
<b>Year 3</b>	95.7%		

Today in whole school assembly we announced our School councillors for 2019- 2020.

Year 2	Alice W	Finley H-D
Year 3	Alannah J	Harrison B
Year 4	Daisy W	William H
Year 5	Evangeline G	Lucy D
Year 6	Bethany R	Noah K

### Coats

The children require a waterproof coat in school every day of the week as they will go out at break times, rain or shine.

### 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. This is an extremely important fund to us as it allows us to complete many building projects. We have benefitted from this in recent years, for projects such as the new heating system, roof replacement, car park. Without such funds we not have been able to afford projects such as these. The Diocese request a voluntary contribution of £15 per child per year and each school is given a target income based on the number on role. 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. The contribution is a small price to pay for such a fantastic school! Please ensure that you take advantage of the Gift Aid when you make your contribution.

### 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 may issue Fixed Penalty Notices to parents who take their children out of school without authorisation. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

### Allergies

We have children in school who have a severe allergy to nuts and sesame. For that reason, we kindly ask that you do not send in any food in lunch boxes or for morning snacks which contain nuts or sesame. Should your child have a medically diagnosed allergy to any foods, please send in a copy of such advice so that the catering company can provide appropriately.

### Y5 & Y6 Swimming

On Wednesday, swimming lessons will resume for Years 5 & 6. All children in these classes will need a swimming costume/ shorts and a clean towel clearly labelled in a bag. Swimming fee letters will be sent out next week.

### GDPR

If you have not already done so, please sign the GDPR permission slips as without these we are not able to put pictures of your child on our weekly newsletter or email the newsletter to you.

### Bikeability – YEAR 6

On Monday and Tuesday next week, Year 6 will be doing the road safety Bikeability course during the school day. Please ensure that you send your child to school with their bike and helmet on both these days. The Year 6 children should wear their 'Outdoor PE Kit' – which consists of jogging bottoms/ leggings and school PE T-shirt to school on these days.

### Bikeability – YEAR 4

Year 4 will be taking part in Bikeability (Level 1) on Monday and Tuesday after school. The course will run from 3.15pm until 5pm. Please ensure that you send your child to school with their bike and helmet on the right day. The Year 4 children should wear their 'Outdoor PE Kit' – which consists of jogging bottoms/ leggings and school PE T-shirt. Please note which day your child will attend below:

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>
Jonathan B	Melissa M
Patrick C	Rafa M-H
Jack Da	Daniel N
Jack Du	Sienna N
Jacob F	Tom N
Luca G	Alfred O
William H	Will O'R
Victoria H	Charlie R
Hester H-S	Hattie S
Cahir J	Joe V

Bella J	Kane W-W
Vincent L	Max W
Alexa L	Daisy W
Isabella M	Livia W
Willow M	

### Y5 & Y6 Music Tuition

Those children that are continuing with the Wider Opportunities music will start lessons on Monday. The lessons will take place during the school day - either over lunchtime or later in the afternoon. Please ensure children bring in their instruments.

### Healthy Snacks

Please remember to send in only fruit or vegetables as a healthy morning snack or children in Y1-Y6 may purchase healthy snacks from the kitchen: Toast 20p slice, bagel 25p, crumpet 25p, fruit teacake 25p, pure apple/orange juice 30p and Aqua fruit juices 35p.

### New Pre -School build

The building work for our new Pre-School is well underway. Please be aware this may cause disruption to the normal morning and end of day routine. Your patience will be very much appreciated!

### Parent Readers

Parents and carers of children in Year 1 and 2 are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings from 9.00am to 9.20am to spend time in class reading with their child. Please come into school via the main entrance once you have dropped your child off in the playground.

**Please note:** The Reception reading time will start once the children are all settled. We will inform you of the start date in future newsletters.

### Playground Routines

- The inner gate leading on to the playground will be locked at 9.10am. The gate will remain locked until 3.05pm.
- The whistle is blown promptly at 8.55am – please ensure your children arrive on the playground earlier than this. The playground is supervised from 8.45am onwards – children should not be on the playground before 8.40am especially due to be building work.
- Please note, children are not allowed to play on any climbing equipment at the beginning or end of the day. Should you have pre-school aged children on the playground please ensure you supervise them appropriately and be aware that the school equipment is not appropriate for their use.
- Footballs are not allowed on the playground due to lack of space from the building work.
- All bikes and scooters must be left by the racks at the front of school and not brought onto the playground.

We would be grateful for your support in these matters to ensure that all our children are kept safe.

### School Uniform

Thank you for sending your children into school looking so smart in their new school uniforms.

Please remember:

- All uniform items should be clearly named.
- Our uniform consists of a white polo shirt and grey skirt/trousers
- Children should not wear ear-rings for P.E. – preferably they should not wear ear-rings to school at all.
- P.E. kits must be brought in each week. Full P.E. Kit includes: White t-shirt, green shorts and pumps for indoor use and additionally track-suit pants, sweatshirt and trainers for outdoor use.

### Fluenz

This year the fluenz spray will be offered to every child in the school. Letters are coming home today. Please ensure the consent forms are completed and returned to school before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you.

### Dinner Money

I have had the pleasure of eating Mrs Freeman's dinners this week and they are delicious. The cost of a child's school dinner is £2.30 per day or £11.50 per week and well worth it! School dinners should be paid for in advance via the Cheshire East ePayments system or on the day, never in arrears. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still be entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If you think your child is eligible for free school meals, please go to our school website and follow the link to apply directly with Cheshire East Council. If you need any assistance please contact Mrs Watson in the school office.

## 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!

## After School Clubs

You will see that there is quite a selection of After School Clubs to choose from; we are very lucky here at St. Vincent's as many staff do this in their own time. I therefore ask that you talk to your children about the importance of committing to a club as numbers are limited and it would be a shame for a place to go to waste. If your child wants to attend any of the clubs run by teachers, please inform the school office. If it is a DR sports club run by Dave please book online at

[www.drsportsclubs.co.uk](http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk)

## CAFOD Coffee Morning

Next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, CAFOD are holding a Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall 10am - 12am. All cakes are homemade, delicious and very cheap! It would be lovely to see parents, carers, grandparents and younger children coming along and having a coffee or tea, and helping raise funds for CAFOD. The Coffee Morning is held the first Friday of every month (apart from August and December).

## The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>		
Year 6 Bikeability – remember your bikes & helmets!	08:55	15:15
Year 4 Bikeability – please check list which day you are to attend	15:15	17:00
Multisports – All Years (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
KS2 Drama and Dance (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>		
Year 6 Bikeability – remember your bikes & helmets!	08:55	15:15
Year 4 Bikeability – please check list which day you are to attend	15:15	17:00
Sports from Around The World – (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
Gymnastics – All years (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>		
Parent Readers Y1 and Y2 (not Reception)	09:00	09:20
Swimming – Years 5 & 6 remember swimming kits!	AM	
KS1 Football (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
Athletics – All years (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>		
Y3/Y4 Card Games – (please email Mrs Watson if you wish to join)	15:15	16:00
Y4-Y6 Netball – (please email Mrs Watson if you wish to join)	15:15	16:15
Dodgeball & Basketball (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
KS1 Musical Theatre (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>		
Y1 Balance Bikes	AM	
KS2 Football (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
Y1 Board games club (Miss Groarke/Mrs Neale)- (please email Mrs Watson if you wish to join)	15:15	16:00

Have a lovely weekend.



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