



Believe, Trust and Be Ready

“That they may have life, and to the full” John 10:10

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we've come to the end of our third week– how quickly time flies, especially when you are enjoying yourself! This week started with children from Year 2 to Year 6 being involved in an interactive story session on internet safety delivered by 'Gripping Yarns'. It highlighted to the children how they need to keep themselves safe online and if something happens that upsets them or makes them feel uncomfortable, to tell an adult.

Spotlight on School Council, House Captains and Vice Captains.



All our new School Councillors, House Captains and Vice-House Captains have now been voted in. They received their badges in assembly today. I'm looking forward to working with them and listening to their ideas. The School Council have already met with Miss Liddy and have started to make plans for the year.

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 Award	Courtesy Award	Merit Award
Reception	Noah P	Grace C	Hattie S
Year 1	Ethan B	Gianna V	Freddie M
Year 2	Maison P	Elise M	Jacoby W-W
Year 3	Charlie E	Ann Z	Isaac K
Year 4	Jack D	Livia W	Isabella M
Year 5	Daniel H	Mimi R	Evangeline G & Lilliana B
Year 6	Seb V	Lena Z-K	Holly D

Attendance –

Reception	98.6%	Year 4	97.2%
Year 1	97.3%	Year 5	96.4%
Year 2	97.9%	Year 6	88.5%
Year 3	95.2%		

Parking Safely - Design a Poster Competition

Last Monday our community police officer came into school to introduce the competition. We are trying to reduce the number of parking offences outside of schools. Children are invited to design a poster no bigger than A5. Closing date is Friday 31st October. Please read attached flyer for more details.

Summer Reading Challenge 'Space Chase' 2019

Congratulations to the 54 children who completed Knutsford's Library Space Chase during the summer holidays. Our certificate will go up in the entrance foyer.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing body. The key consideration in the appointment and election of all new governors are the skills and experience the governing body needs to be effective. We are therefore particularly looking for parents with HR and financial management skills and experience. Should you wish to be considered, please pick up the information and paperwork from Mrs Watson in the school office. Contained within the paperwork is a nomination form, an eligibility form, information about our Governing body and the role of Parent Governor. The paperwork needs to be returned to me by Friday 27th September. Should there be more than one nomination, then a ballot will be carried out.

PTA AGM

What an amazing PTA St. Vincent's has! As a previous parent and governor of St. Vincent's and now Head, I appreciate everything that the PTA does, and has done, to support our children in enhancing their education. To find out more about what the PTA does, please come to the annual AGM on Thursday 26th September in the School Hall starting at 7.00pm. At this meeting there will be an overview of fundraising from last year, election of our new officers and committee for the forthcoming year and time to enjoy some cheese and wine in the process.

Pupil Premium Funding/Free School Meal entitlement

All children in Reception class, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free school meal under current Government policy; this is known as Universal Free School Meals. However, you may be entitled to Income Related Free School Meals if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit shown below. If this is the case, please apply for this even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1. The school can then claim additional funding for resources, known as Pupil Premium, which can be used to help your child when they are in school. The financial benefit of Pupil Premium will remain with your child throughout their school years. Phone 0300123 5012 for further information and help or apply online:

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx or contact Mrs Watson in the school office.

Income related free school meals (IRFSM)

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends our school if you receive one of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67

Choir Practice – Young Voices 2020

We have recently been notified that the 'Young Voices' concert is taking place on the 30th January 2020. Mrs Cox will be starting choir after October half term on a Friday from 3.15pm to 4.15pm in the Year 2 classroom. Choir is initially opened to Year 5 and Year 6 students, however depending on numbers (maximum 25), we may invite children in Y3 and Y4 to join us. If you are interested in joining the school choir then please email Mrs Watson BY OCTOBER 4th so we can get approximate numbers – Y3/Y4 children will be placed on a waiting list until after 4th October. Tickets to come and watch the event are on sale at £20 each and details regarding purchasing these will follow.

Diocesan Building Fund

Thank you to those families who have made their contributions towards this very important fund. If you do not have the leaflet, you can pick one up from the school office or send payment to school in an envelope marked 'DBF' with your

child's name. Note that this fund cannot be paid through the online payment system. All parents are asked to contribute something to this fund to enable us to improve and refurbish our school building. Catholic Schools receive only 90% funding for building works, whereas County Schools receive 100% funding. This fund has allowed us to refurbish our upper KS2 toilets, automate the gates, install a disabled toilet and replace the KS1 external doors at no cost to our budget, as we received a 90% grant for the works and the Diocesan Building Fund paid the remaining 10%. We will be putting in future bids and we will be dependent, yet again, on support from the Diocesan Building Fund to fully fund the work. Please make a contribution, no matter how small. Thank you for your continued support.

Lost Property

To prevent items of school uniform from going missing, can we request all parents to ensure that **every item of clothing that your child/ren wear to school is named**. Please also make sure that your child knows where to find the name label in the clothing.

This Sunday - SVP Coffee Morning at 11am Mass

September is the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) awareness month. Our Mini Vinnies will be participating in the Mass on Sunday and helping out at the coffee morning afterwards. It would be lovely to see you all at Mass and then supporting the coffee morning afterwards.

Reminder: Data Collection Sheets

If you haven't done so already, please could you complete and return the data collection sheet which was issued to you last Friday. It is important that we keep comprehensive and up to date records on our students. Thank you.

Aldi Kit for Schools Stickers

This term, Aldi's Kit for Schools is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick start a health legacy for pupils. If we were lucky enough to win, this money would be used to buy new outdoor apparatus for our brand new playground. To take part, we are collecting stickers for our huge wall chart. Ask your friends and family to pick up Team GB stickers whenever they spend £30 in any Aldi store.

“Let's not forget to trust in the Lord; this is the key to success in life.” Pope Francis

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 23rd September 2019		
Y4, Y5 & Y6 Wider Opportunities Music – please remember instruments		
Multisports – All Years (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
KS2 Drama and Dance (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
Tuesday 24th September 2019		
Sports from Around The World – (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
Gymnastics – All years (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
Netball v Egerton (away)	15:30	16:30
Wednesday 25th September 2019		
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
Thursday 26th September 2019		
Y3/Y4 Knutsford Primary Schools Tag Rugby taster	16:00	17:00
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
Y5/Y6 Football v Egerton (away)	15:30	16:30
PTA AGM, School Hall	19:00	20:00
Friday 27th September 2019		
St. Vincent de Paul feast day	All day	
Y1 Balance Bikes	AM	
KS2 Football (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
Y1 Board games club - (please email Mrs Watson if you wish to join)	15:15	16:00

Have a lovely weekend.



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Newsletter attachments

- Looking further ahead
- RE Celebration timetable
- Parking Safely - Design a Poster Competition