

Focus on.... Development of school grounds.

We have been working hard behind the scenes at planning the development of our school grounds. Children, staff and Governors have been consulted and lots of ideas given. Children have researched, drawn and written lists of what they would like and the School Council have helped formulate plans.

We have been out to tender and have now decided on what we want and a quote has been accepted.

Some of the new additions will include:

- A Multi use Games Area
- Artificial Grass Areas
- Tree seats and benches for a quiet space with bark flooring
- A wooden gazebo to be used as an outdoor classroom
- A variety of playground markings for creative play

Before this work can begin we are still waiting on the builders from the Pre-school build to complete their work and this has been ongoing since March! We are hoping and praying that they will complete work in the half term holidays then our new playground can be started in November.



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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...

We continue with the Gospel of St. Matthew this week where we are invited to reflect upon who is really in charge of our lives – God or government. The Jewish leaders asked Jesus whether they should pay taxes to the Romans as they felt it would be a betrayal to God. Jesus showed them a coin which had the head of the Roman emperor on it saying: "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." We are like two sides of the same coin. One side is spiritual and the other is temporal. We have duties to both and both are important to achieve balance. We belong to God and are here to do God's work in whatever form that presents itself. It is the best we can do.

Behaviour Awards

This morning I gave out our first set of badges in each classroom, well done everybody!

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	Zara K	Layla-Grace O	Carys W-W
Year 1	Sadie M	Zachary E	Edward C
Year 2	Imogen B	Gianna V	Malachy C-J
Year 3	Daisy H	Henry H	James Mc
Year 4	Beatrix G	Theo B	Charlie E
Year 5	Jack D	Tom N	Steven Mc
Year 6	Georgie M	Isla O'M	Lilliana B



Non Uniform Day – Thursday 22nd October

Our Prayer Leaders in Year 6 have asked for a non-uniform day to support the children in Mission together. October has long been associated with missions in our Catholic Church. The Mission Together charity is about children helping children. So on Thursday – last day of this half term, all children can wear their own clothes and make a voluntary donation of at least a £1 via parentpay to the Mission Together charity.
<https://missiontogether.org.uk/>

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Our School Council again would like us to support Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. We have attached a leaflet and further information about it. This year, families can support by either packing a 'virtual' shoebox as well as making their own up. This half-term break will be an ideal time for you and your children to prepare a box that will bring such joy to a child less fortunate than our own. The boxes must be returned to school by the morning of Thursday 12th November at the very latest. For more information visit:
www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

School Photographs

The school photographer will be visiting St. Vincent's on the morning of Wednesday 21st October to take individual childrens photographs only – no family groups this year, due to the current situation.

Father David and Meg the dog.

On Monday the children were delighted to see a video of Father David and his dog Meg. Father David even took Meg into Church.

<http://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/>

For times of masses please look at the Parish newsletter
<https://www.stvincentsknutsford.org/newsletters.html>

Church needs new volunteers to be stewards
to ensure everyones' safety at Masses.
Please see Father David if you can help.

Junior Reporter – Lucy Dobson

At the weekend we saw a video of Father David and his dog! Her name is Meg and she is very pretty, hopefully we can see her attending some masses or a visit to the school in the future and maybe she can even become an altar server along with all of the others!!

Forest School

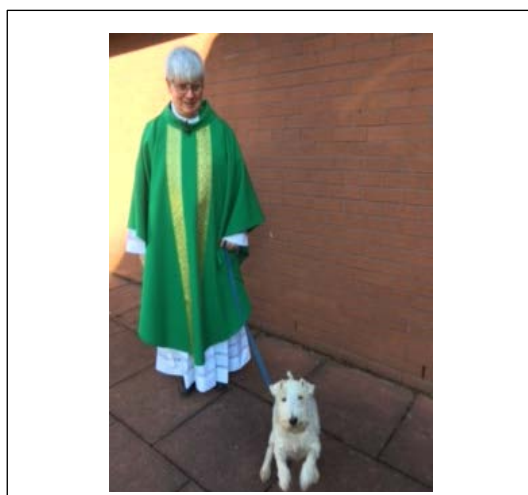
As part of our wider curriculum and supporting mental health, we have arranged some bespoke forest schools sessions for the children in Years 1 – 6. As the name suggests, these sessions will take place outside in our school grounds. As the children will be outside, regardless of the weather, **they will need to come to school dressed in appropriate clothing for the day**. This can be any clothing that can get dirty and will keep them warm and dry.

Class sessions will take place on:

Monday 19th October: Year 3 and Year 6

Tuesday 20th October: Year 2 and Year 4

Monday 9th November: Year 1 and Year 5



Diocesan Building Fund



So far we have collected £540.00 on Parentpay – 36 people have contributed. Our optimum amount is £3,000 if everyone contributed. If you are paying by standing order please let the office know. 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 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. Please do make a contribution, no matter how small.

Harvest Festival

Due to restrictions placed on us because of Covid, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival in a different format this year. Children will be taking part in an in-house Harvest Festival on Thursday 22nd October. An important part of our celebration will still be the distribution of gifts but these will be donations of food to organisations within our community. Therefore, we are asking for donations of the following items: UHT milk, juice (fresh and cordial), jams and chocolate spread, sugar, stock cubes, tomato puree, instant mash, tinned pasta, tuna, ham, chicken, corn beef, stews, meatballs, curry and hot dogs, custard, biscuits, chocolate/sweet treats etc

If you are able to donate, could you please do so by **Wednesday 21st October**. Collection boxes for the gifts will be placed outside your child's relevant entrance/exit door.

Applications for Secondary School Places

Please note the deadline for all Year 6 applications for secondary school for September 2021 is **31st October 2020**. Applications are made online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk. If you need assistance applying for a place then pop into the school office and Mrs Watson will gladly assist.

COVID Update Please remember if anyone has COVID symptoms the whole household needs to self-isolate until only the person with symptoms gets a test. **All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.** Some parents not following the self-isolation guidance are putting the health of children and staff at risk and are hugely increasing the risk of whole bubbles of children being sent home for a two week period.

Birthday Wishes! "Happy Birthday" to the following children:-

Look who is

5

Beatrice

Look who is

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Henry
Rocco

Look who is

9

Elysia

Look who is

11

Alex

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 19th October 2020		
Year 3 & Year 6 Forest Schools	All Day	
Year 2 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
After school club – Forest Schools – Year 6 only	15:15	16:30
Year 1 & Year 3 Parents Evening	15:30	18:00
Tuesday 20th October 2020		
Year 2 & Year 4 Forest Schools	All Day	
Year 3 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
After school club – Forest Schools – Year 2 only	15:15	16:30
Year Rec, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Parents Evening	15:30	18:00
Wednesday 21st October 2020		
Individual children photographs	AM	
Year Rec, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 Parents Evening	15:30	18:00
Year 4 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Thursday 22nd October 2020		
Harvest Festival Assembly	AM	
Non uniform day - £1 donation via ParentPay	All Day	
Year 2 Parents Evening	15:30	18:00
Year 5 Parents Evening	16:00	18:00
Year 5 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Friday 23rd October 2020		
<i>INSET day – NO SCHOOL – HALF TERM</i>		
Monday 2nd November 2020		
Back to School		

Sport by Coach Dave

D.R Sports Holiday Club October Half Term - The Holiday club will be open and running on Monday 26th October, Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th. Bookings close on Wednesday 21st October at 6pm so that staff can be allocated and cleaning schedules can be planned.

The club is open from 8am till 4pm.

Booking options are:

You can book two days together or all four days - you cannot book single days so that the groups can be kept as consistent as possible.

Monday and Tuesday (Booked together) Wednesday and Thursday (Booked together)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (Booked together)

After School Clubs - After school club bookings can be made at www.drsportsclubs.co.uk for after October half term. The clubs are the same as last half term. All clubs are multi sports. Monday - Year 2 / Tuesday - Year 3 / Wednesday - Year 4 / Thursday - Year 5 / Friday - Year 6

Free kit giveaway- Thanks to our friends at Barrow-Mix we have some free sports kits to giveaway to the children. To book your free kit please visit www.drsportsclubs.co.uk, click book now then 'Free Kit'. Once you have paid your £30 it will be refunded to your wallet for future D.R Sports bookings and your kit will be ordered.

Have a great weekend. Coach Dave