

Last Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, was the feast day for St. Vincent de Paul. It also marked the final Mass said by Father John before he took his well-deserved retirement. After mass, we presented Father John with a picture from all the children and staff at St. Vincent's, created by everybody's unique finger prints with the message - 'You left your prints on our hearts and minds, now we leave ours with you.' We also gave him a cheque for £720 from the generous donations of the staff and families of St Vincents. We all have fond memories of his sermons, his words of wisdom and his mischievous nature! He gave his final message as our parish Priest on Sunday which we have attached to this email and also saved on the homepage of our website. He will be greatly missed by us all.



*Emailed received from Father John.:-*

*To the Community of St. Vincent's School,*

*I was so touched by the generosity of school. Would you please convey my gratitude to everyone for their thoughtful and generous gifts marking my retirement.*

*I will miss school very much and of course, have missed it already during the period of required isolation. It is such a wonderful community and I felt privileged to witness and share in it over the years.*

*My love to all the children, staff and parents.  
God bless you all*

*Fr John*