

Focus on.... New playground

What a difference a week makes! The playground areas have been transformed. The children and staff are all so excited with the new seating areas around the trees, the benches and the outdoor classroom, all look amazing. I can't believe how quick the vision the children and staff had has come into fruition. Please help us keep these areas special by encouraging your children to respect them at all times not allowing the children to play on them outside of the school day.



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*Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to
the full" John 10:10*

The Gospel by Mrs Holland

This weekend sees the beginning of Advent and a change from Matthew's Gospel to Mark's. We spend the period of Advent preparing for the coming of Christ into our world. He is here already of course, but we wait for Him to come closer. The message is: 'Keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.' Jesus has left us all in charge of his affairs by doing our best to live lives of love, of compassion, of forgiveness, of honesty and integrity. We do not know when He will return and so we keep in touch with Him through prayer. Take a moment out of your busy lives to keep in touch with God.

*Oh Lord, help us to recognise
you and respond to you in love
through every person and every
experience of this day.*

Amen

Behaviour Awards

This morning I gave out 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	Loughlin	Noah	Marissa
Year 1	Judy	Grace	Bobby
Year 2	Daniel	Elliot	Michael M
Year 3	Erin	Mikolaj	Daisy H
Year 4	Joe	Rohanna	Ted
Year 5	Cahir	Victoria	Jonathan
Year 6	Tabitha	Alice	Cait

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, the countdown is about to begin – Christmas is coming! This Sunday we begin to celebrate the season of Advent, a time of waiting and preparation. Now is the time to think especially about, and look forward to, the celebration of Jesus' birth and to his return in the future. The junior classes have planned to livestream into Church on Tuesday 1st December and Year 4 have their First Forgiveness in school on 8th December. Father David has visited school and has planned to visit again in Advent to meet the children.

Coming home tonight with the youngest sibling from each family is an Advent candle. These are to be kept at home and burnt daily with an adult. Prayers and activities will also be sent home in the form of a calendar and I very much hope that you take time in your day to be still and reflect. Please email school any photos of your family with the candle reflecting on the true meaning of this time of year.

God Bless

Bernadette Groarke and the St. Vincent's team

We Need Your Help!

To enable Father David to continue to livestream masses he has been advised by YouTube that he will only be able to livestream from 1st December if the church YouTube channel has **1,000 subscribers**. Without this we are unsure whether the Mass can be live-streamed on Tuesday. All you need to do is to click on the livestream and then click on subscribe

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChKP1eSsvfW9Ys7rhUnrYpA/live>

Please share the link with family and friends, let's help keep this important Parish service available.

Father David and St. Vincent's Church

Church will reopen for masses next week on Wednesday 2nd December. It is still restricted on numbers so please book before attending at: <https://www.picktime.com/stvincentdepaul>

The Church website is also being updated so please take a look at it <https://stvincentsknutsford.org/>

Message from our Chair of Governors

Just a brief note to thank the parents & carers who donated to the Diocesan Building Fund. In total we have raised £2,020, which although is still short of our target of £3,000, is a significant increase on last year.

For those of you who donated through ParentPay, if you are eligible, could you please complete the attached gift aid form and drop it off at the School Office. So far £1,350 has been collected through ParentPay, which means the diocese can claim up to a further £337.50 in gift aid relief, which would be most helpful.

Once again, many thanks for your support.

Best wishes, Mike Dobson Chair of Governors

Support at home?

Please remember if you need any financial/food support at this time please come and see me. I can make referrals for support to The Welcome, our SVP at church and Caritas charity so if you are struggling please come and see me.

Also, 'We Are Knutsford' are here to help out local families this Christmas who may have been impacted financially from the pandemic. <https://knutsford2you.org/we-are-knutsford-covid-19-christmas-grant/>

Cheshire East Council's Homechoice and Prevention Team also have staff available to deal with homelessness prevention; the officers can give advice to families on a variety of issues e.g. concerns relating to rent and mortgage arrears, debt and the fear of losing their home. Early intervention is something they encourage. They have leaflets and a website. For a referral into appropriate advice and support Phone: 0300 123 5017 Email: cheshirehomechoice@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Mini Vinnies Reverse Advent calendar

Thank you so much for the very generous donations we have had for our Reverse Advent calendar so far. The Mini Vinnies have chosen to share the food between Cheshire Foodbank and The Welcome as our food banks are desperately short of many items. Every child in each class has been allocated a day to bring in an item of food and place it into a box situated in their classroom, the idea being that they add something to the 'calendar' for the benefit of those in need rather than taking something for themselves. Please ask your child which date they have been given and do try to send in a donation. This year, more than ever before, our help is needed.

Advent Calendars

We have very kindly been donated 2 'Gadget, Gifts and Stationary' advent calendars by Mr & Mrs Grainge. From 1st December, Mrs Watson will be randomly selecting children to receive the calendar gift each day. Good Luck everyone!

Christmas Dinner – Thursday 17th December

The menu for our Christmas Dinner on 17th December was emailed to parents yesterday. Please ensure that if your child would like a Christmas dinner, you email Mrs Watson **by Tuesday 8th DECEMBER** at the latest so that Mrs Freeman can get her order in! It is assumed that all Reception and KS1 children will have the dinner – please email Mrs Watson if this is NOT the case and your Rec/KS1 child will be bringing in a packed lunch.

Birthdays

Birthdays are such an important time in our children's lives but please remember that we can't give out birthday treats. To replace this, we are suggesting that if it's your child's birthday they can donate a book to their class that will be read/shared. This will last a lot longer than sweets!

Can you help?

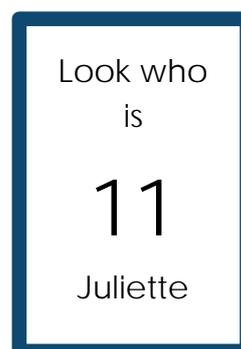
We are looking for advice from anyone with a knowledge of electrics to help us decide which LED lighting would be best in school. If you are an electrician, please contact Mrs Watson.

Year 3 & 4 PE

This half term, Year 3 and 4 are learning the skills and rules of football in PE. This takes place on the field so they will get muddy! They are bringing home their PE kits today to be washed over the weekend. Please send them back into school on Monday with a spare pair of socks and a carrier bag to put muddy trainers in after their PE session. Thank you

Birthday Wishes!

"Happy Birthday" to the following children:-



Residential Trips 2021

We have now booked the residential trips for next year for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Year 4 in March, Year 5 and 6 in April and Year 3 is in May. Details of the Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 trips will be emailed out on Monday, showing the exact dates and costs.

Cheshire East will be under Tier 2 (high alert) restrictions from Wednesday 2 December

We are expecting further updates and guidance from the DfE around this. In the meantime, you can read more information on the tiers and what you can do with your local restrictions on the government website

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109ccea8eae>

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 30th November 2020		
<i>Year 3 & Year 4 – Remember PE kits.</i>		
Year 2 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Tuesday 1st December 2020		
Year 4 – Wider Opportunities Music. Please remember your clarinet.	PM	
Year 3 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Wednesday 2nd December 2020		
Year 4 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Thursday 3rd December 2020		
Year 5 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Friday 4th December 2020		
Year 6 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30