

Welcome

This week we welcomed our new Reception class. They had their first full day today, have settled in beautifully and have been very happy in school. Our older children have been excellent role models and have certainly looked after the new members of our St. Vincent's family.



The class have had great fun today with Coach Dave doing different games in the hall.



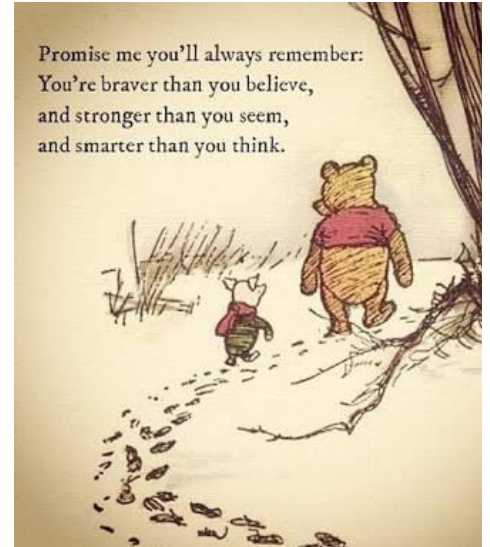
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Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Time to Reflect by Mrs Davies



Happy new school year everyone!

Behaviour 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	Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Welcome to Reception		
Year 1	Jack	Lyra	Tyler – settling well into Year 1!
Year 2	Harry	Ariah	Juliet – already showing signs of becoming an amazing Y2!
Year 3	Jaxon	Oliver T-P	Marissa – outstanding attitude to Y3.
Year 4	Maya	Noah	Freddie – super attitude in all learning.
Year 5	Theo	Imogen	Charley – settling really well into Year 5.
Year 6	Alice	Jacoby	Elliott – for giving his best in all he does and making a fantastic start.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you had a relaxing summer and enjoyed making happy memories with your family. It was such a delight seeing the children on Monday; they were full of enthusiasm for the year ahead and all looked very smart in their uniform. What a great start to the year! As you know our school is centred on Christ's teaching that we should love one another. This has certainly been evident this week in all aspects of school life. The children have settled in very well to their new classes, giving good first impressions and trying their very best. I'm sure we have another fantastic year ahead of us! On Wednesday I had the pleasure of teaching every class and managed to talk to each child in school about their favourite thing on their holidays. What amazing places you have been to and what great adventures your children talked about! On Monday in assembly, I will be announcing School Council results, the House Captains and Vice-Captains results and will be giving out badges. Well done to all the children who stood for these posts. It has been wonderful weather for the first week back, the children and staff have coped well with the heat and have all been working so hard. Please remember if this weather continues to apply sunscreen at home and to bring water bottles and caps to school.

God bless,

Miss Groarke and all the staff at St. Vincent's.

Thank you

Thank you from myself and all the staff for your kind words, cards and gifts of thanks at the end of last year, it was much appreciated.

House Points

House points are awarded throughout the week for all kinds of achievement or for good behaviour in all classes. The house point totals for this week were as follows:

St. Andrew	St. David	St. George	St. Patrick
14	13	15	13

Well done to this week's winning house – **St. George**

Attendance

Year 1	99.3%	Year 4	94.7%
Year 2	97.7%	Year 5	97.3%
Year 3	99.2%	Year 6	93.3%

WELL DONE YEAR 1 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

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 https://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk/serve_file/19729088 **Please note** Cheshire East Local Authority may issue Fixed Penalty Notices to parents who take their children out of school without authorisation. We also ask that an absence request form must be completed and sent into school for each absence request at least 3 weeks prior to the expected absence. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

Playground Routines

- The playground is supervised with a member of staff from 8.45am onwards – children should not be on the playground before this time.
- The whistle will blow at 8.55am – children line up and go into class promptly.
- Children will be dismissed at 3.25pm each day.

Please note, children are not allowed to play in the outdoor classroom, fitness zone or MUGA at the beginning or end of the day. Should you have pre-school aged children on the playground please ensure you supervise them appropriately.

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.

Curriculum Overviews

Tonight, all children will bring home a Curriculum Overview, providing you with lots of information and insight into what your child will be learning about in school, the homework routines and could even inspire some day trips!

KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts)

The Summer KIRFs will be sent home tonight. Please pin them up somewhere visible at home so that your child can look at them each day. The expectation is that children will learn these facts and use them in other aspects of their Maths work in school.

Looking Further Ahead

Our Autumn Term (1) 'Looking Further Ahead' document which lists all the key dates for this half term is attached to this newsletter. Please contact Mrs Watson with any questions.

Data Collection

New data collection sheets were sent out by email to all Year 1 to Year 6 parents yesterday. Please ensure all completed forms are returned to school by **FRIDAY 15th September**. It is important that we keep comprehensive and up to date records on our students and their contact, medical and consent information. This is particularly essential in times of an emergency or where a school wide message requires your attention. Please ensure that you have updated us with any new phone numbers, email addresses and change of home address as soon as possible. The GDPR was designed to keep data collection to the bare minimum. Therefore, all personal data collected must be 'adequate, relevant, and limited to what is necessary concerning the purposes for which they are processed'. Under GDPR guidelines, all schools must be able to justify the amount of data they collect. If you should have any queries, please contact Mrs Corrigan (our Data Protection officer).

Swimming

As part of their PE curriculum, Years 3 and 4 will be swimming every Friday from 15th September. Please remember kits. Payment is via ParentPay.

REMINDER: Dinner Money Increase

The cost of a school dinner for KS2 children is now £2.50 per day. School dinners should be paid for in advance via ParentPay and the maximum in arrears amount you can now be in is one week (£12).

ParentPay

School dinners for the Key Stage 2 children are £2.50 per day (£12 a week). Payment MUST be paid in advance via ParentPay for dinners. If you should have any queries please contact Mrs Corrigan – finance@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk Thank you for your co-operation.

RAAC Update

Richard Crawford, Director of Property at the Diocese of Shrewsbury has confirmed that he has done a review of St Vincent's with the Diocese surveyors and they did not identify any RAAC at St. Vincent's..

Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week to:



Parent Readers

Parents and carers of children in Year 1 and 2 are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings from 9.05am to 9.20 am to spend time in class reading with their child. This has always been very well attended. 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.

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 after school clubs please book in on ParentPay – School Choir, Board games club and Eco club or if it is a Coach Dave club via www.drsportsclubs.co.uk (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) or Cath Davies (Monday to Friday 7.30am to 6pm) <https://www.stvincentspreschool.co.uk/out-of-school-club>

Netball

Netball Practice starts on Friday 15th September (3.30pm-4.30pm) for Year 4, 5 and 6 - boys and girls. Please email the office if you wish your child to attend.

Year 5/6 Walking Home: Please email the school office if your child has permission to walk home.

Y4/Y5/Y6 Cross Country

Coach Dave is running a free Cross Country After School Club on Thursdays from the end of the school day until 4.30pm, on Thursday 14th and 21st September. This is in preparation for the Knutsford Schools Partnership Cross Country event which is due to take place on Thursday 28th September at Knutsford Academy.

This club is open to all children in Y4-Y6 and there is no limit to numbers. **If your child would like to take part, please email admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk**

Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to help in school. If you are able to give up some time every week, please let Mrs Watson know.

Staff Vacancies

We have several staff vacancies currently in school. If you or anyone else you may know would be interested, please check the information on our website [St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School: Vacancies \(stvincentsknutsford.co.uk\)](http://St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School: Vacancies (stvincentsknutsford.co.uk)) or contact Mrs Watson on 01565 633637 or admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk for more information.

Open Afternoon

We will be holding an open afternoon on Thursday 5th October from 2pm until 3.15pm for new and prospective parents of children who are looking to change school or are due to start in Reception in 2024 and 2025. We will send a flyer out with more information next week.

The Week Ahead	Start Time	End Time
Monday 11th September		
Y6 Forest Schools	PM	
Y4 Love Music Trust Wider Opportunities Music Lesson	PM	
D.R. Sports – Multi Sports (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30
Tuesday 12th September		
Wednesday 13th September		
Y1/Y2 Stay and Read Session	9:05	9:20
KS2 Love Music Trust After School Choir - sign up via ParentPay	15:25	16:30
D.R. Sports – Netball/Basketball (Y1-Y6) www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30
Thursday 14th September		
Rock Steady Music		
Y3/Y4 Eco Club with Miss Hyland – sign up via ParentPay	15:30	16:30
Y4/Y5/Y6 Coach Dave Cross Country Club	15:30	16:30
Friday 15th September		
Y3/Y4 Swimming – payment via ParentPay	PM	
Y4/Y5/Y6 Netball with Mrs Davies/Miss Liddy - email School office	15:30	16:30
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football www.drsportsclubs.co.uk	15:30	16:30

* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at www.drsportsclubs.co.uk