

## Focus on.....Year 2

Year 2 have returned to school, full of energy and enthusiasm!

We began the week with our first Cricket session, provided by Cheshire Cricket Board. Coaching Officer Ben was very impressed with the performance of our Year 2s and we are really looking forward to more sessions over this Half Term!

In Computing we have been learning about pictograms. We used a tally to record information and presented the data visually using a program called J2 data. We created both a pictogram and a block diagram.

In Geography we have begun our new Topic and have been learning about hot and cold places around the world. We used an atlas to find the equator and looked at which countries are on or near the equator. In groups, we researched the animals, plants and weather in countries near the Equator, and thought about the items we would need to take on holiday to a hot and a cold country.

Just before Easter we made our healthy wraps in DT. This week we evaluated the wraps and decided on the most popular combination to include in the wrap. The winning combination was a wrap with cheese, chicken, peppers and cucumber, delicious!

We have also been using glockenspiels to improvise to a new song: 'I wanna be in a band!'

A very busy, first week back!



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

## Gospel Values

Our gospel value this week is  
**Faithfulness**



## 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	Gospel value: Faithfulness	Conduct and Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Annabelle	Albert	Lily – for her amazing independent writing.
Year 1	Milan	Gracie	Freddie – listening attentively and trying his best.
Year 2	Juliet	James	Violet – for super improvising in music.
Year 3	Thomas	Roisin	Ella – working hard with her presentation.
Year 4	Sadie	Freddie	Jane – working hard in all areas.
Year 5	Alice	Ayla	Harrison – fantastic work in maths.
Year 6	James	Maison	Finley – for working with care and enthusiasm in maths.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great seeing the children enjoying themselves outside and taking advantage of our lovely grounds this week. All classes have settled into the new term extremely well and are working hard. The summer term is an exceptionally busy one with residentials, some class trips, external tests, end of year assessments, reports, Sports Day and Leavers activities, to name but a few. Please try to keep well informed by reading the Looking Further Ahead, the weekly newsletters and email communications sent out to you so that you don't miss anything important.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School

## Gospel Values

This term we are having a focus on the gospel values, what they are and what they mean to us. Each week we will focus on a different value and at the end of the week each teacher will award a certificate to a child who has shown an example of the gospel value.

Our gospel value this week is **Faithfulness**. We could define faithfulness as being trustworthy, reliable, dependable and taking responsibilities seriously. This applies to every task or duty and to every relationship we are in. If we had to give it a single word definition, we could say it is 'loyalty'. It means sticking to a task and doing the very best you can with it. The main person with whom you need to be faithful is God. He should be your first priority. But He also wants you to be faithful in every area of your life and with every other person.

## Pre School-Open Morning

Pre School are holding an Open Morning tomorrow Saturday 20th April from 10.00am – 12.00pm, if you know of anyone who is interested to start at the setting, please ask them to come along or contact us either by telephone 0155 651948 or by email [cath@stvincentspreschool.co.uk](mailto:cath@stvincentspreschool.co.uk).

## Art competition

Thank you so much for all your amazing artwork. The quality of the work was excellent! Mrs Speedie and our School Council found it almost impossible to judge a winner for each category. In the end the winners chosen were:

EYFS and KS1 – Sylvia (R)

Y3 & Y4 – Grace F

Y5 & Y6 – Jacoby

Everyone who took part received a treat in assembly this afternoon.



## 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. David	St. Andrew	St. George	St. Patrick
19	17	25	17

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

## Attendance

Reception	98.4%	Year 4	100%
Year 1	97.7%	Year 5	93.9%
Year 2	94.8%	Year 6	97.3%
Year 3	96.8%		

**WELL DONE YEAR 4 – PERFECT ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!**

## Looking Further Ahead

Our Summer 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.

## Extra-Curricular After School Clubs

Some new clubs will start next week. Emails have been sent to the specific year groups - please sign up via ParentPay. Once you have a space in the club you are expected to attend each week. Some Year 6 clubs will only be on for two weeks. The other clubs are for five weeks this half term.

## Curriculum Overviews and KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts)

Tonight, all children will bring home a Curriculum Overview and the Summer KIRFs, 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! Please pin the KIRFs 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.

## Medical Conditions

We have had a few cases of head lice, threadworm, slapped cheek syndrome and scarlet fever in school at the moment. Please check your child over the weekend and get them treated if needed.

Information on signs/symptoms and treatment can be found on the following websites. These websites also advise whether the children need to be kept at home and if they are OK to come into school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/slapped-cheek-syndrome/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

## Artis

We are fortunate at school to have Artis working with us thanks to the donations of the PTA. 'Crunchie' is our Artis leader who creates a different learning experience for all our children. The Artis mission is to transform lives through the arts by creating magical, high quality learning opportunities to help children flourish. To achieve this, they have four key strategic themes:

- Bringing the curriculum to life in schools
- Promoting wellbeing and tackling social issues
- Discovering and nurturing artists as educators
- Advocating the importance of arts in learning.



At the end of last term 'Crunchie' chose a child from each class to receive a personalised award and these were presented last Wednesday. Congratulations children!





**PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery** We're trying to do a bit of a **Fun Ball Friday** revival! It is such an easy way to raise money for our school and demands so little effort. We have started it up again this week and it'll run until summer holidays on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Each number costs £2 a week, purchased via ParentPay. We have a winner announced every week which means you stand to win CASH and your child gets a FREE BALL in assembly. It's a no-brainer guys, come on, buy your ball today! **As a special offer, we are currently offering one free draw with every half-term purchase - £24 for 13 draws.**

Today was the first PTA Fun Ball draw of the Summer Term. Today's lucky ball was number 7. Congratulations to the parents of Patrick (Rec) and Maya (Y4).

We have a **Recycle4Schools collection** coming up on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We are hoping that you've all had a good clear out over the Easter break and have lots of full bags for us! Please feel free to drop your bags off under the lean-to outside the school kitchen. Alternatively, we will open school next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April between 10am-11:30am for any collections. These collections do provide a great source of funding for our PTA and do not require very much effort. Win win!

The **Tuckshop** we held after school on the last day of term managed to raise a totally terrific £240.22!! Thank you so much to everyone that bought sweets and helped us to raise this amount. A big thank you to Kirstie Drake for all the organising that went into making this event a success.

Our next **PTA meeting** will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at The Angel at 7:30pm. It'll be great to see as many of you as possible, especially the reps from each year group, as we will be discussing our summer fair! This is a great opportunity to share ideas and come up with some exciting plans for all our families to enjoy.



### Y3/Y4 Multi Skills Event

Last night the year 3 and 4 children took part in a multi skills taster session which was led by Knutsford High School pupils. The children enjoyed a range of activities including badminton, basketball, rugby and athletics.

**Birthday Wishes!** Many happy returns for this week:



## The Week Ahead

Start Time	End Time
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### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

<b>Cricket Y2-Y6</b>		
<b>Y6 Forest Schools</b>		PM
<b>Y4 Wider Opportunities Music</b> – please remember instruments	PM	
D.R. Sports After School Club	15:25	16:30

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

<b>Y5 Pizza Making</b>	09:00	
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### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April

<b>R/Y1/Y2 – Stay and Read</b>	09:05	09:15
<b>Rec – Love Music Trust ‘Rex the Dinosaur’ Workshop</b>		PM
<b>LMT After School Choir Club – sign up via ParentPay</b>	15:25	16:25
D.R. Sports – After School Club	15:25	16:30
Y3 FHC Parent Meeting, St Vincent’s Parish Hall	19:00	20:00

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April

<b>Y3 Parents information meeting for Delamere/Fox Howl residential</b>	09:05	09:30
<b>Rock Steady Concert – school hall. Parents/Carers welcome</b>	14:30	
<b>Netball v Bexton at St Vincent’s</b>	15:45	16:15
<b>PTA Meeting at The Angel – all welcome</b>	19:30	20:30

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Y5/Y6 Football v Bexton at Bexton Primary School	15:45	16:30
D.R. Sports – After School Club	15:25	16:30

\* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at [www.drsportsclubs.co.uk](http://www.drsportsclubs.co.uk)



## Father David and St. Vincent’s Church

[St Vincent De Paul RC Church, Knutsford \(stvincentsknutsford.org\)](http://stvincentsknutsford.org)

**Masses at Knutsford:** Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:00 am

**Masses at Lymm:** Vigil Mass at St Winefride’s, Booths Hill Rd, Lymm, WA13 0DL at 5.45pm on Saturdays.

**MUMS AND TOTS AT ST. VINCENT’S PARISH CENTRE** All preschool aged children and parents/carers are welcome every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at the Parish Centre from 10am until 12.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS** each Saturday from 11.30am-Noon

**ST VINCENT’S CATENIANS:** Join the St. Vincent’s Catenians for a fun St. George’s “Champagne and Table Games” Fundraising Event for SVP Society on Friday April 26th from 7:30pm to 10pm at St. Vincent’s Parish Hall. Enjoy champagne, table games, soft drinks, and nibbles for just £10. The event is open to all brothers as well as St. Vincent’s parishioners and friends. Feel free to bring other drinks and try your luck at the raffle with proceeds benefiting SVP. Bookings via [events@knutsford.p17catenians.org](mailto:events@knutsford.p17catenians.org) or speak to Felix Martin or Stuart Jones.