



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term, I hope you all had a lovely break. This half term is always an incredibly busy time, so please make sure you read the newsletters carefully and check your child's bag regularly.

Spotlight On... Dee Sign Choir



On Tuesday Year 2 were given the opportunity to learn sign language when they had a visit from Sallie Fletcher. Sallie helps organise 'Dee Sign' Choir; a voluntary run group supporting the Deaf Community in and around Chester. The children enjoyed learning to sign 'Away in a Manger' and asked lots of interesting and thought provoking questions.

Originally formed in 1997 "Dee-Sign" Choir performs in British Sign Language to music. British Sign Language (BSL) is the official language of deaf people in the UK. Dee-Sign translate the words of many popular songs; Pop, Rock and Christmas songs in BSL and perform them at events in and around Chester.

The choir is made up of parents of Deaf children, students of BSL, volunteers and members of the local Deaf Community. As they perform mostly in the Chester area, their name is a combination of the RIVER "Dee" and what they do best "Sign".

Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to Miss Allen – our school chef – Miss Allen has been off for a number of weeks, following a routine operation and we are all pleased to see her return to school. You were missed!

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to all the families that have donated to the shoebox appeal. All packed boxes need to be returned to school by Monday morning (14th November) at the very latest, as they are being collected then.

School Photographs

Please return the photograph order forms to the office by Wednesday 16th November if you wish to place an order.

Mornings

Please remember the whistle is blown at 8.55am (not 9.00am), children line up and start going into school at this time. There are a few children who have to rush in at the last minute; this is not conducive to a calm and efficient start to the school day. Arriving five minutes earlier allows children to have a chat with their peers and to prepare for the day ahead. Please support us in ensuring your children have the best possible start to the day. Thank you.

NSPCC Assembly

I have sent a letter home today with all the children to inform you in depth about the NSPCC assembly we are having in school on 24th November, please take time to read.

Whole School Mass

We will be having the first Mass of the academic year in the school hall on Tuesday morning. All are welcome to join us, Mass starts at 9.30am.

Diocesan Building Fund

Thank you to all the parents who have contributed towards the Diocesan Building Fund. If you have not already returned your form, please return with your payment as soon as possible. We have received £1140 to date, our target is £3165 (£15 per student), any shortfall will need to be paid to the Diocese directly from the School Fund. Further forms are available in the school office.

Unwelcome visitors

Please note that we have some unwelcome visitors in KS1. We ask all parents to check their children's hair carefully this weekend and treat as necessary please.

Year 5 – St Nick's Presentation Evening

A presentation evening will be held here in St Vincent's on Tuesday 22nd November at 6.30pm. A letter in will be sent home next week to Year 5 parents with further details.

Choir

Unfortunately there will be no choir practice next Tuesday, but it will resume the following Tuesday (22nd November), apologies for any inconvenience.

Also please note a date for your diaries – **Saturday 3rd December** – the choir will be singing at 'Knutsford Christmas Lights Switch-on', further details will be sent nearer the time.

Children in Need day – Dress in Spots for £1.00

Next Thursday 17th November, is our Children in Need day and all children are allowed to attend school dressed in 'Spots' to raise money for this great cause. We ask for a donation of £1.00 for this. There will also be a cake sale in the afternoon organised by the PTA. Please see the PTA news for more information.

Swimming – Y5 & Y6 - Polite reminder

Year 5 & 6 Parents - Please remember to send in your child's swimming kit on Mondays. There were a number of children without kits this week, which meant planned activities had to be re-scheduled to accommodate those children.

Drama

Unfortunately, due to other school sports' commitments there will be no drama next Thursday.

Wanted – Children’s paperback books

A parent at the school is returning to Zimbabwe in a couple of weeks and is appealing for donations of children’s paperback books to bring with her. Upon her last visit she took a number of books that were kindly donated by families from the school and took this photograph to give you some idea of their current school situation. Any books for preschool or primary school aged children, stories or educational would be welcomed and ideally paperback, due to weight restrictions. We need all donations in school by Wednesday 23rd November.



School Disco - Friday 11th November

We look forward to welcoming our little guests tonight at our first school disco of the year. Thank you to all our teachers and parents who have volunteered to help this evening. The KS1 disco will take place between 6.15pm and 7.30pm, and will be followed by the KS2 disco between 7.45pm and 9.00pm. Hot dogs and juice will be provided at both discos. There will be a tuck shop open at the **KS2 disco** only. Please ensure your child brings coins only.

PTA Meeting: Please join us in the Legh Arms on **Tuesday 15th November** from 7.30pm for our second meeting of the year. Our focus will be on our ‘Breakfast with Santa’ event and we would be delighted to welcome new parents to our meeting.

On **Thursday 17th November** we will be hosting our first cake sale of the year in the **Lodge** from 2.30 till 4.00pm. We would be delighted if you could bake/buy cakes to support this event. As it is ‘**Children in Need**’ week we will be running a competition for the best decorated cake!

Save the Date: Saturday 3rd December will see the return of our hugely popular ‘**Breakfast with Santa**’. Our event will coincide with the ‘Switching on of the Lights’ in Knutsford. Tickets for this event will go on sale on Monday 21st November.



Reported by Coach Dave

Year 3/4 Boy’s Football

Last night Year 3 & 4 took part in a 5 a-side Football Festival at Egerton, we took 4 teams to play. All the teams were excellent and a credit to our school. Harry Tyrrell received school player of the tournament. Thanks to Mike Richards, Chris Jones and Rich Cocksedge for all their help with the teams.



Netball

On Tuesday, after school, St Vincent's Netball Team played an enthusiastic match against Yorston Lodge. After four well-played quarters, the final score was 8-6 to them. We all enjoyed ourselves but we hope to win our next match.

By

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and

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The Week Ahead Next Week – 'Friendship Week'

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 14th November 2016		
Flu Immunisation for Y1, 2 & 3	09:00	
Multisports – All Years	15:15	16:15
Swimming – Years 5 & 6 remember Swimming Kits!		
Mad Science KS1 & KS2	15:15	16:15
Tuesday 15th November 2016		
Whole School Mass – All Welcome	09:30	10:00
NO CHOIR		
Crafty Kids (Y1 & Y2)	15:15	16:00
Wednesday 16th November 2016		
Parent Reading Reception, Y1 & Y2	09:00	09:20
Streetdance	15:15	16:15
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
Nature Explorer's Club	15:15	16:00
Thursday 17th November 2016		
Children In Need Day – bring £1.00 to wear spots!		
Girls' Sports club	15:15	16:15
No Drama, due to school sports' commitments		
Girls Football Tournament at Egerton	15:45	17:00
Friday 18th November 2016		
Y4 Remember Musical Instruments		
Running Club –Y4, Y5 & Y6	15:15	16:00
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15

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