



Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful week here in school. It has officially been National Anti-Bullying Week but we prefer to call it Friendship Week. There have been a variety of activities going on in school throughout the week – read on for more news.

## *Spotlight On... Friendship Week*



As you can see from the photographs we have been very busy this week... Playing traditional games with friends in other classes, Operation Christmas Child boxes, trying out the new playground equipment, raising money for Children in Need, friendship questionnaires and lots of work in class with the focus being on Friendship.

### **Children in Need**

We thoroughly enjoyed our 'Spotty Day' yesterday, the children looked fantastic, we have some very artistic children and parents. We raised £194 but hope to be able to top it up with the proceeds from the donated uniform sale. A cheque will be posted off today for this very worthy cause, thank you for all your support.

### **Cake Sale**

Thank you so much to everyone who sent cakes in for our PTA Cake Sale - we had some wonderful creations. Congratulations to Charlie Roberts and Eli Winter-Roach for winning the KS1 and KS2 'Best Cake' prizes. We also had two fantastic cakes baked by Marlene Freeman and Katarzyna Zajac-Sliwinska. These were raffled off and raised £20. I do believe there is a vacancy in 'The Great British Bake Off'!

### **Parking**

We have been contacted by our local neighbours complaining about some inconsiderate parking; blocking access to the cul-de-sac on Higher Downs and parking on grass verges which is causing damage to them. I have contacted our local Community Police Officer to monitor the situation. Please help us to address this problem before there is an accident. Thank you.

### **Mission Together**

On Monday our Assembly focused on the 'Mission Together' charity and the children were given collection boxes to take home. We have asked children to collect what they can and return the boxes to school no later than Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Mission Together focus on children helping children in poorer areas of the world. We ask that children, as well as collecting money, pray using the Mission Together prayer (this is printed on the side of the box).

### **Book Club – Christmas Gift idea?**

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/stvincents> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by November 25th, 2016.

### **Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**

Thank you to all the families that have donated to the shoebox appeal. All shoeboxes were collected on Monday and we had a total of 84 donated from the families at our school. It really is a worthwhile cause and if you get chance watch the children who received their shoeboxes last year - <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/occ-videos/> it is very heart-warming.

### **Year 5 – St Nick's Presentation Evening**

A presentation evening will be held here in St Vincent's on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 6.30pm for parents and children of Year 5 pupils.

### **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. On her last visit she took a number of books that were kindly donated by families from the school. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

### **Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund**

Miss Hughes has applied for funding from the 'Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund' to enhance the outdoor learning areas around school. She is hoping to improve the allotment area, introduce an orchard with apple, pear and plum trees and hopes to buy new equipment for pond dipping, gardening and outdoor nature activities. Please copy this link into his browser and vote for our school : <https://www.galaxyhotchocolate.com/fund/profiles/search/?s=st%20vincent>



### **School Disco**

Thank you to our 170 pupils who attended our school disco last Friday. DJ Pete Deane commented on what a beautifully behaved group of children we have at St Vincent's. We are indebted to our teachers, parents and past pupil Henry McDonald who volunteered for this event and to Pete Deane who entertained our children so well. The profit raised was £625.

### **Cake Sale**

Congratulations to Charlie and Eli who won our 'Best Decorated Cake' competition yesterday. The standard was extremely high and we are grateful to everyone who donated cakes and biscuits. A particular mention goes to Katarzyna and Marlene for their fabulous cake designs. Both cakes were raffled and the lucky winners were Debbie Lever and Toni Friscuolo. Thank you to all those who volunteered to host this event and in particular Ellen and Judith.

### **Breakfast with Santa**

With just 2 weeks to go till our 'Breakfast with Santa' event, preparations are well under way to make this a magical experience for our children. Tickets for this event, which are priced at £5, will go on sale on Monday. Ticket order forms are being sent home in school bags today. The format for the morning remains the same as previous years: our guests will be served a healthy breakfast and then taken to the Grotto by Santa's Elves to meet Santa and Mrs Claus. There will be lots of exciting activities taking place in the school hall, including face painting, writing letters to Santa, creating bird feeders, roasting chestnuts to name but a few. We are reliant on the generous support of all our families and teachers to ensure this is a memorable occasion for everyone. There are a number of ways in which you can support; buy a ticket for the event, volunteer to help on the day, (either preparing or serving food or helping to entertain the children on one of the many stalls) or donate a raffle prize. Please complete the slip below and return it to the school office if you are available to volunteer or help in any way. Your support is very much appreciated.



**Reported by Coach Dave**

### **Year 3/4 & 5/6 Girl's Football**

Last night girls in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 took part in a 5 a-side Football Festival at Egerton, we took 5 teams to play, a total of 34 children. It was a cold night and the teams were superb throughout the festival, well done everyone and a big thanks to Nicola Lambert, Neil Roper, Mrs Petrie and Miss Hughes for their help.



### **Thursday Afterschool Sports Club**

This is now open to both Boys and Girls in Reception to Year 4 – if you wish for your child to have a place please email Coach Dave using the following email address – [coachdave@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:coachdave@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk)

### **SV Mercury see their light dimming**


After a fine run of one draw in one game, SV reverted to type in their most recent game, crashing to a 4-1 defeat. With an attacking trio of Graham Ellis, Phil Raffo and Ian Green, SV took an early lead but from then on the likelihood of more goals fizzled out quicker than a cheap sparkler. With Mike Richards, Rich Cocksedge and Andy Holt also failing to exert any type of control in midfield, a threadbare defence of Matt Strong and Tony Lambert were left as exposed as goalkeeper Lambert's gloveless hands. With no game played this week, SV have take the opportunity refocus minds, rest bodies and refresh palates. Reported by Alex Culshaw

## Pre-School Quiz Night

Pre school is having a fundraising quiz night on Friday 25th November in the school's main hall 7:45-11:30pm. Tickets are available in advance or on the door for £6. All parents past and present, relatives, friends etc are very welcome. No need to get a team together as this can be organised on the night. There will be a well stocked bar serving prosecco, wine, beer etc and a hot meal is included in the price of the ticket. We have some amazing raffle prizes including meals at Gusto, The Lost & Found and Jack Rabbits, Waterstones books, a Yankee candle gift set, a day's free childcare at Learning Lengendz holiday club, a bracelet from Willow Knutsford to name just a few! We will also be auctioning a prize on the night for a fabulous teeth whitening treatment at Mobberley Road Dental Practice worth £250!! If you can't attend but would like to support the cause, you can purchase event and/or raffle tickets from Emma Lees, Kirstie Drake, Amy Hayes or Gina in the preschool office.

## The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016</b>		
Multisports – All Years	15:15	16:15
Swimming – Years 5 & 6 remember Swimming Kits!		
Mad Science KS1 & KS2	15:15	16:15
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016</b>		
Choir		
Crafty Kids (Y1 & Y2)	15:15	16:00
Y5 St Nicks Presentation	18:15	19:15
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016</b>		
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
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b>		
Girls' Sports club	15:15	16:15
Drama		
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b>		
Y2 Class Assembly	09:15	09:45
Y4 Remember Musical Instruments		
Running Club –Y4, Y5 & Y6	15:15	16:00
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15



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