

Friday 26th May 2017

NEWSLETTER No. 32



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that it's half-term already, however having packed a lot in during these last few weeks I think everyone is ready for a break. Let's hope this beautiful weather continues and we all enjoy some rest and relaxation in order to recharge those batteries in preparation for the final half-term. I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 6th June.

Spotlight On... Love

Love

Love is the home that cocoons the butterfly;
Love is not something that you can buy, but something you earn;
Love will be the soil that sprouts a flower;
Love is the spark in your life that helps you to keep going;
Love is the hug that warms your heart;
Love is a dream that stops you being lonely in your sleep;
Love is a blanket that keeps you warm at the coldest times;
Love is your bed at the end of the day, but not the alarm that wakes you in the morning;
Love will catch you if you fall;
Love is like a winning goal in a football match;
Love is the thread that sews our lives together
Love is a rollercoaster ride that you'll never forget;
Love is the tree that sends out roots to bind everyone together;
Love will never spread lies like butter on toast;
Love is the power of all holiness;
Love is the medicine to cure a lonely heart;
Love is always merciful;
Love won't let you down;
Love is like your hair: it never stops growing;
Love is the fire that melts my marshmallow;
Love is an ocean of possibilities;
Love is the sun smiling upon us;
Love is a circle which has no beginning and no end;
Love is the key to unlock all your answers.

Love can bring people together;
Love can bring unity to a troubled world;
Love will never let us down.

Love follows the right path;
Love is eternal.

Love is life;
Love matters.

By Year 6 2017

The Lord Bless Them And Keep Them



*God of infinite mercy, we pray for the
victims of the Manchester attack.*

*Comfort those who mourn and give
strength to the injured.*

*Deliver those whose hearts are
hardened by hatred.*

After all the terrible events and atrocities this week it is even more important we recognise the significance of the power of doing good both individually and together as a community. On Tuesday morning we gathered together for Mass and remembered all those involved in the Manchester attack in our prayers. Thank you to all of you who joined us – it's times like this we know what a real privilege it is to be part of St. Vincent's. This week our Year 6 children have been looking at some of St. Paul's letters. They have worked together to create their own poem about love. A more fitting end to this week...

Awards - Congratulations to our weekly badge winners.

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	Aadhya N	Evan H	Alanna J
Year 1	Will O'R	Jonathan B	Rafael M
Year 2	Giorgio V	Charlotte M	Penny C
Year 3	Harry M	Timmie J	Theo B
Year 4	James W	Catherine M	Archie G
Year 5	Imogen D	Jessica F	George O
Year 6	Louise F	Eli W-R	Lily B

Attendance

Reception	98%	Year 1	97.2%
Year 2	99.3%	Year 3	90.3%
Year 4	93.5%	Year 5	98.8%
Year 6	96.7%		

Reading Challenge

All children from Year 1 to Year 6 were invited to take part in a six book reading challenge back in April. We need the names of all children and either the titles of the six books that they have read or the completed 'Reading Challenge' diaries on Tuesday 6th June. Please hand these to your child's class teacher. Half term is the ideal opportunity to enjoy a good book or six! Every child who completes this challenge will be presented with a special certificate from the Manchester Airport Community Team during a special assembly.

Hot weather reminders – KS1 & KS2

With the weather becoming increasingly warmer and sunnier, can we remind you to ensure that you apply sunscreen to your children before they come to school in the morning – teachers and teaching assistants are not able to do this. Also please ensure that they have sunhats and water bottles with them every day.

PE kits

All children will be bringing home their PE kits today. This is the ideal opportunity to check pumps and trainers. Please ensure that they bring them back in on the first day back. Thank you for your support.

Dates for the First Week Back - Reminder

Due to the recent announcement of the General Election we need to make a date change as follows: After the May half term children will be off school on Monday 5th June as originally planned but will now be in school on the 6th June and off on the 8th June instead. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause but we have taken advice and feel this is the best option. Thank you for your understanding.

Road Safety Poster Competition

We are taking part in a national road safety poster competition, run by Brake, the road safety charity. The children will be designing posters about the need for drivers to slow down so children can walk and cycle to school safely. Winning entries will be made into big banners and displayed in the local area and the children can also win vouchers and a school visit from Brake's mascot, Zak the Zebra. To enable us to enter Brake's road safety poster competition we need your child's design submitted by Friday 9th June.

School Uniform

We have had a number of items handed into lost property without names. During the half term could you please check that your child's name is on all items of school uniform, this would make Mrs Walker extremely happy!

Year 4 - Miss Sharratt

The children and staff presented Miss Sharratt with flowers and cards in assembly this morning as today was her last day teaching at our school. We would like to thank her for everything she has done and wish her all the very best for the future.

Drama - Due to the General Election taking place on Thursday 8th June, Drama will now take place on Tuesday 6th June from 3.15pm until 4.30pm.



Cricket

Years 5 and 6 cricket team won the 'MCC Spirit of Cricket' trophy (for the second year running) after being crowned the tournament winners at the Knutsford Interschools' competition. They will now progress to the Macclesfield final. Thank you to Mr Keighran, Mrs Hales and Mr Moores for their help on the day.



School Disco

Thank you to all our little guests who supported our school disco last Friday. Thank you also to Pete Deane (Cheshire Discos) for entertaining our children so magnificently. We are indebted to all our parent and teacher volunteers who so willingly gave up their Friday evening to ensure our guests had a fantastic night! Our treasurer Elen Burgess has confirmed that **£664.54** was raised for rPTA.

Dads Golfing Day Out

A massive thank you to all our Dads who donated **£610** to rPTA following their Golfing Day Out last Friday. Hopefully this will become a yearly event!

Party in the Park - Saturday 8th July

Preparations for PIP are well under way. There are a number of items which we are collecting prior to the Event. If you have any spare Jam Jars, Tea Lights, Toilet Roll Tubes, Jewellery Beads, Children's Toys & Books, Adults Books or School Uniform that you are happy to donate, we would be most grateful. There will be a collection box in the School Reception for any donation. Thank you to all those parents who have already donated. If you would like to donate a raffle prize for our PIP raffle we would be delighted to hear from you. If you would like to be involved in planning the Event please approach any member of the Committee or join us at our next PTA Meeting on Monday 12th June from 7.30 at the Legh Arms.

Barclay's £4£

If any parent or grandparent who currently works for **Barclays** would like to consider using their £4£ Scheme Entitlement to benefit rPTA, please contact Fiona Barnes (fionabarnes@me.com or 07901 558338). We would be delighted to hear from you. Thank you in advance.

Knutsford Primary Schools Ball

Final preparations are underway for this year's huge fundraiser for our school, the Knutsford Primary Schools Ball on Friday 16th June. If you are not attending the event this year, you might be interested in entering our charity auction in advance. For the first time this year we are welcoming 'silent bids'. We will inform you after the event if you were successful in winning the prize. This year's auction prizes are:

- '**Date night in York**' - Dinner, bed and breakfast for two in the sumptuous 4* Principal Hotel in historic York, the hotel is just steps from the train station and a hop, skip and a jump from the cultural heritage and up market boutiques in this beautiful city. (Thank you to Jac and Rich Mansell for this prize.)
- '**Drive of your life**' - Own an Audi R8 for the weekend! Worth around £150k, you can experience and drive this much admired 'super car' from Friday night until Sunday night. Insurance will be arranged, mileage is limited.
- '**Mere Golf & Spa package for 4**' - Start off the day with coffee and bacon sandwiches in the club lounge, ease into 18 holes of golf and then relax in the award winning spa taking advantage of all of its facilities.
- '**Signed MUFC shirt**' - Grab yourself a signed football shirt by up and coming striker Marcus Rashford.

Please email bids in confidence to Emma.lees78@gmail.com before midday on Friday 16th June with details of the prize you are interested in, your bid amount and your contact details. We welcome bids from parents, family members and friends. We want to raise as much money as we can for our fantastic PTA! Thank you.

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 5th June 2017		
School Closed		
Tuesday 6th June 2017		
School re-opens at 8.55am		
Drama	15:15	16:30
Wednesday 7th June 2017		
Parent readers – R, Y1 & Y2		
Nature Explorers Club	15:15	16:00
No Streetdance		
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
Thursday 8th June 2017		
School Closed – INSET day – General Election		
Friday 9th June 2017		
Y4 Remember Musical Instruments		
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15
Saturday 10th June 2017		
First Holy Communion at St Vincent's Church	11:00	12:00
Sunday 11th June 2017		
Presentation Mass at St Vincent's Church	11:00	12:00

Please check our online calendar for all future dates / events.

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