

Friday 6th October 2017

NEWSLETTER No. 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our fifth week of the first term, it's good to reflect on how things are progressing so far. To begin with, it's good to see how hard the children are working in class, walking around classrooms this week it has been wonderful to see the high quality work in children's books and on the displays.

The behaviour and manners of our children continues to be exemplary and their attitude towards each other certainly does make us proud.

Finally, I am delighted to see what excellent attendance figures we have so far this term with quite a few classes already 'notching' up 100% attendance for at least one week. Keep up the good work, everyone.

Spotlight On... Singing in our community



This week we received an invitation to sing at the grand opening of a local store. Our Year 5 children were full of enthusiasm and persuaded their parents that this would be a fantastic opportunity to showcase their talents, the start time of 7.30am certainly didn't bother them! They did an amazing job of entertaining shoppers and sang 'Food Glorious Food' and 'Harvest Samba'.

Thank you to all our parents and to Mrs Holland who got up extra early to enable this to happen. Our Year 5 children are now thinking of ways we can spend the £500 donated to us as a thank you for all our efforts. Look out for them in the local papers!

Awards

Courtesy Award – Good manners and polite behaviour.

Merit Award – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

Good Conduct Award – Excellent attitude in all aspects of school life.

Year Group	Good Conduct Award	Courtesy Award	Merit Award
Reception	Harvey D	Lexi Mae C	Jacoby W-W
Year 1	Evan H	Elysia C	Ted H
Year 2	Charlie R	Will H	Hester H-S
Year 3	Lilliana B	Aodhan M	Rosie E
Year 4	Bethany R	Johan V	Harry T
Year 5	Hannah R	Joseph C	Ollie K
Year 6	Katharine K	Charlotte F	Imogen D

Attendance – Well done Year 1!

Reception	90.3%	Year 4	99.3%
Year 1	100%	Year 5	92.3%
Year 2	98.7%	Year 6	98.2%
Year 3	97.3%		

Year 6 Prefects

Our Y6 Prefect badges have finally arrived! These will be presented at next Friday's assembly at 9.15am. You are all welcome to join us.

PTA – more officers needed!

We were delighted to welcome our new parents to our AGM held on Tuesday in the school hall. Thank you to all those parents and teachers who attended and enjoyed wine & cheese after the meeting. A big thank you must also go to those parents who put their names forward for the roles of officers.

We still need to fill the position of Chair and Vice Chair. Fiona Barnes has done an amazing job for the past two years as Chair of our PTA and is more than happy to work alongside another person to guide them in these roles. Our PTA is made up of such a dedicated group of parents the different jobs needed for specific events are always shared out – it really is a case of many hands make light work! The money raised is for the good of all our children so if you would be willing to continue this wonderful work please do come and speak to myself or Fiona Barnes. If you would like to share one of these roles with another person then that would also be acceptable.

You certainly won't be on your own; there will be plenty of support from the rest of our PTA and parents. **Our school needs you!**

Diocesan Building Fund

Thank you to all the parents who have contributed towards the Diocesan Building Fund so far. However, we are still short of our target amount of £3195. This is an extremely important fund to us as it allows us to complete many building projects. We have benefitted from this in recent years, for projects such as the new heating system and replacement of parts of the roof. The Diocese request a voluntary contribution of £15 per child per year and each school is given a target income based on the number on role. When the income from parents falls short of the target the school has to make up the difference from its own budget thus reducing money that goes directly to the children. The contribution is a small price to pay for such a fantastic school!

School Photographs

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 25th October. Individuals and Siblings will be photographed. If you have children in pre-school and you would like them to be included in the sibling photo, please make your way to the hall at 8:30am.

Applications for Secondary School Places

Please note the deadline for all Year 6 applications is 31st October 2017, apply online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk. If you need assistance applying for a place then pop into the school office and Mrs Corrigan will gladly assist.

Final Call for Choir Practice! Year 4 now invited!

At the moment there are only 8 names on the list – if we do not have more (aiming for 20!) then we will sadly be unable to run a choir this year and will therefore be unable to attend the Young Voices Concert. Letters for parent ticket orders will be sent out on Monday 9th October (pending sufficient numbers). We have recently been notified that the 'Young Voices' concert is taking place earlier this year, on Wednesday 24th January 2018. Mrs Cox will be starting choir after half term on a **Tuesday** (please note this has changed from Friday) at 3.15 to 4.00 in the hall. Choir is now open to Year 4, 5 and Year 6 students. If you are interested in joining the school choir then please email Mrs Corrigan so we can get approximate numbers. Please note that there will be no netball on a Friday after half term.

Spare socks, tights and underwear

We are running low on spare socks, tights and underwear for school, any donations will be greatly received!

Term Ahead

Today all children will bring home a list of significant events and dates for the coming term, if any dates change or any events need to be added we will notify you in advance. I do hope you find this information useful.



rPTA AGM

Our AGM took place on Tuesday and we were delighted to welcome so many parents, teachers and committee members to what was a very productive meeting and enjoyable cheese & wine evening. Fiona Barnes provided an overview of the many Events hosted by rPTA last year which raised £15,829 for our pupils. Mrs Davies outlined how the money raised has been spent. Items purchased include a new school marquee, Artis provision for our KS1 pupils, 'Leavers Hoodies' & 'Gifts' for our Y6 pupils, reading materials & bookcases for our KS1 pupils, musical instruments, funding for our school council, 6 iPads for our reception class, classroom resources for every class, reading material for our KS2 pupils & 'Golden Jubilee' commemorative china mugs for all our pupils and teachers.

Election of New Officers

We also elected our new officers to rPTA and are delighted to announce that Jac Mansell will continue to be our Secretary supported by our new member Zoe Paul as Vice Secretary. Elen Burgess was re-elected as Treasurer and this year will be supported by another new member to rPTA, Helen Gradwell as Vice Treasurer. We are delighted that Emma Lees will represent us again on the Knutsford Primary School's Ball Committee and will be supported by Angela Nield. Angela was also elected as our new Trustee. We would be delighted to welcome nominations for the roles of Chair and Vice Chair. If you are interested in becoming part of a very successful team and would like to have a 'chat' or find out more about either of these roles, please contact Fiona Barnes, Mrs Davies or any member of rPTA. We would be only too delighted to welcome you on board!

Knutsford Primary Schools Ball

The illustrious annual Knutsford Primary Schools Ball will be taking place on Friday 22nd June 2018 with a magnificent marquee at Toft Cricket Club. It's going to be bigger and better than ever before, the committee have a few surprises up their sleeve, theme and band to be announced shortly. We'd love a fantastic turnout from St Vincent's parents as always. Get the babysitters booked! This year four primary schools in Knutsford will be taking part - St Vincent's, Egerton, Bexton and Manor Park so if you have parent friends at other schools you can mix up a table of 8-12. Save the date, it's going to be a fantastic, stylish and fun event.

School Disco Poster Design Competition

Our first school disco will take place on Friday 20th October. We are inviting all our pupils to enter a competition to design the '**School Disco Poster**' again this year. The winner will receive two free tickets to the disco. The KS1 disco will take place between 6.00pm and 7.15pm and will be followed by the KS2 disco between 7.30pm and 8.45pm. Hot dogs and juice will be provided at both disco's. Poster entry forms will be sent home in school bags today. Please return your entry by Thursday 12th October.

Dates for your Diary

School Disco: Friday 20th October

Bags2School: Friday 17th November

Breakfast with Santa: Saturday 2nd December



By Coach Dave

Year 1 and 2 Little Champions Event

Last night we took some of our year 1 and 2 children to Knutsford Academy for the latest event in the new Knutsford primary schools programme. The competitors are split into teams with children from other schools in the cluster and then they took part in 10 different activities based around running, jumping and throwing. The St Vincent's team had a great time and all received a certificate for their excellence! Next week both the football and netball teams travel to Egerton primary school hoping to extend our unbeaten records.



The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 9th October 2017		
Y4 & Y5 – Remember musical instruments		
Multisports – All Years	15:15	16:15
Swimming – Years 3 & 4 remember swimming kits		
Judo – Pick up from Manor Park	15:15	16:30
Tuesday 10th October 2017		
Mad Science	15:15	16:15
Wednesday 11th October 2017		
Parent Readers (Year 1 & Year 2 only)	09:00	09:20
Y6 Gardening Club – please email Mrs Corrigan if you wish to join	15:15	16:00
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
Y3 & Y4 Playground games – please email Mrs Corrigan if you wish to join	15:15	16:00
Streetdance	15:15	15
Thursday 12th October 2017		
Tag Rugby/ Basketball (Rec – Y4)	15:15	16:15
Football at Egerton	15:15	16:30
Netball at Egerton	15:15	16:30
Friday 13th October 2017		
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15
Y4/5 & 6 – Netball – please email Mrs Corrigan if you wish to join	15:15	16:00

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