



Dear Parents and Carers,  
 I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy 2018, the children all seem refreshed and full of enthusiasm for the year ahead. Thank you for your beautiful gifts and kind wishes before Christmas, you are very generous and we all appreciate your kindness.

## *Spotlight On... First Week Back*



We've had a very busy first week and our children have started back with extremely positive attitudes for the year ahead – long may it continue. For some of us it's been quite a shock to the system getting back into the school routine – I'm sure there will be some very tired children (and adults) this weekend!

### Attendance –

<b>Reception</b>	99.1%	<b>Year 4</b>	96.6%
<b>Year 1</b>	95%	<b>Year 5</b>	97.6%
<b>Year 2</b>	90.8%	<b>Year 6</b>	97.8%
<b>Year 3</b>	98.4%		

## Attendance

Regarding absence, please remember that should your child be absent from school because of illness parents are required to inform the school on the first day of absence by telephone or email. Please also note that if you wish to take your child out of school for any reason then you must first seek authorisation, in writing, from me at school. Many thanks.

## Awards/ Merits

**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	Douglas C	Erin C	Harvey D
Year 1	Ted H	Annie B	Beatrix G
Year 2	Max W	Isabella M	Joe V
Year 3	Adam H	Jack W	Mimi R
Year 4	Tabitha L	Corey W	Harry M
Year 5	Edward H	Michael O'D	Evie Mc
Year 6	Duversa K	Kate B	Archie M

## In our prayers

I am sure you will join with us in offering our condolences to Kayla, Owen, Kane and family following the very sad news of the death of their husband and father Liam. Michaela and Liam have been parents at our school for many years, I know that you will remember the family in your prayers and together as a community we will 'wrap our arms' around them all.

## Welcome

We welcome the O'Mahony family to our school this year, Isla has joined Y3 and has already made lots of new friends. I am sure the family will feel part of our fantastic school community very soon.

## PE Kits reminders

Please ensure that your children have their full indoor and outdoor P.E. kits in school for their P.E. Lessons. It is really important that children are properly equipped to make full use of the specialist teaching provided. Your children will know which days their kits are required.

## Drama Club

Mrs Moores will be starting Drama Club on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. Please note Drama Club will be for a maximum of 30 Y5 and Y6 children but will be opened up to Y4 if fewer than 30 wish to join. Children will be expected to commit to Drama if they sign up, next term we hope to change the day to a Wednesday to avoid sports' clashes.

## New Roof

I am sure will have noticed the scaffolding around school at the moment – we are having the second of our three phases of roof replaced. Please do be extra careful when you are on the school premises.

Large building projects such as this are made possible by the support of the Diocesan Building Fund. In the past this fund has allowed us to refurbish our Lower KS2 toilets, update our heating system, replace the first phase of our roof at no cost whatsoever to our budget as we received a 90% grant for the works and the Diocesan Building Fund paid the remaining 10%.

The same has happened with this phase of roof replacement, the Diocesan Building Fund has been paramount in ensuring we maintain the fabric of our school.

Each academic year 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!

## Looking Further Ahead

Next week we will be sending out our usual 'Looking Further Ahead' document which lists all the key dates for this term including parents' information evenings on the various residential trips and Parents' Evenings.

### **Swimming**

Year 6 and Year 5 will be swimming this term, starting on Monday – please remember to send in those swimming kits. Letters requesting payment for lessons have been sent home today.

### **KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts)**

The Spring KIRFs will be sent home tonight, please pin them up 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.

### **Lost Property**

We have an ever-increasing amount of lost property in school including trainers, shoes, PE kits, jumpers, gloves and much more. This will be put out on the playground next week in the hope that it can be returned to its rightful owner, after that it will be given to charity as we do not have the space to hold it in school. Please make sure names are on items of clothing and encourage your child to look after their own property. Thank you for your support.

### **Boreatton Park and SATs Information Evening**

Each year we provide a Parents' Information evening for parents of pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 who will be doing their SATs later in the year and for parents of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who are participating in the Boreatton Park residential trip. These sessions are held on the one evening and this year they will be held on **Monday 22nd January** as follows:-  
6:15pm – Boreatton Park Information and KS1 SATs Information  
7:00pm – KS2 SATs Information

### **Young Voices**

If you ordered tickets through school they have now arrived. Please collect your tickets from Mrs Corrigan in the school office.

### **Dates for Children's Liturgy this term**

14<sup>th</sup> Jan, 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> March.

(No liturgy on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan due to enrolment Mass for this year's First Holy Communion group.)

### **A little bit about Children's Liturgy....**

Children's liturgy runs every two weeks in term time during 11am Mass, and is run by volunteers, all of whom are St Vincent's parents.

Children will be invited into the parish rooms after opening prayers, to learn about the weeks Gospel and its meaning, in an age appropriate way. The Gospel is followed by reflection, a prayer and a related activity, after which children rejoin the main congregation for the rest of Mass (including Communion) and volunteer readers explain what they have been doing (don't worry no-one will be asked to read if they don't want to!)

Children's liturgy is open to all pre-school and primary school children. Primary school age children are welcome to come in by themselves (although of course parents are very welcome should they want to come in)

We do ask that our pre-school children are accompanied by an adult.

Why not bring your child along to one of our next sessions? Everyone is welcome and we'd love to see more of our children there.

For more information speak to one of our volunteers:

Sharon Dobson, Hilary Heap, Jo Keighran, Becky Ollier and Maria Slaymaker

### **Puppet Skills Workshop**

Knutsford Catenians have once again organised a fun filled afternoon children's workshop. The children are welcome to come along and try their hand at using puppets, making puppets and seeing a show with accomplished puppeteers. The event will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 2pm and as usual it is free to all children. It is available to all children aged 5-12 years and will take place in the scout HQ ON Blackhill Lane. If you would like your child(ren) to attend please email Mrs Corrigan in the school office.

### **In the News**

We were featured in the Knutsford Guardian (dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January) for the reserve advent calendar project we did before Christmas. Please see the following link for more details -

[http://www.knutsfordguardian.co.uk/NEWS/15804471.St\\_Vincent\\_s\\_Mini\\_Vinnies\\_present\\_reverse\\_advent\\_calendar\\_haul\\_to\\_foodbank/](http://www.knutsfordguardian.co.uk/NEWS/15804471.St_Vincent_s_Mini_Vinnies_present_reverse_advent_calendar_haul_to_foodbank/)

## The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>		
Y5/ Y6 Swimming – Remember swimming kits!!		
Y4/ Y5 – Remember Musical Instruments		
Multisports	15:15	16:15
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>		
Choir Practice	15:15	16:00
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>		
Parent Readers		
Gardening Club (Year 6)	15:15	16:00
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
Streetdance (All Years welcome)	15:15	16:15
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>		
Drama (Y5 & Y6)	15:15	16:15
Indoor Athletics/ Dodgeball (Rec – Y4)	15:15	16:15
Little Champions Event - Knutsford Leisure Centre (letter sent to relevant children)	15:15	17:00
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>		
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15

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