

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
**NEWSLETTER No. 1**



Dear Parents and Carers,  
Happy new school year! Welcome back, I hope you had a relaxing summer and enjoyed making happy memories with your family. It was such a delight seeing the children on Tuesday; they were full of enthusiasm for the year ahead and all looked very smart in their uniform. Thank you for ensuring that your children have arrived promptly and dressed so smartly in school each day.

*Spotlight On... First Week Back*



What a great start to the year! Our school is centred on Christ's teaching that we should love one another. This has certainly been evident this week in all aspects of school life. The children have settled in very well to their new classes, setting very good first impressions and trying their very best. I'm sure we have another fantastic year ahead of us!

**Awards**

This morning we gave out our first set of badges, well done everybody!

\*Reception will be included next week once they are all in and settled.

**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
Year 1	Harry P	Alice W	Casper O
Year 2	Beatrix G	Theo B	Joe C
Year 3	Joe V	Alexa L	William H
Year 4	Aodhan M	Imogen W	Alice H
Year 5	Theo B	James S	Kelsey B
Year 6	Catherine Mc	Leon M	Martha C

### Thank you

Thank you from myself and all the staff for your kind words, cards and gifts of thanks at the end of last year, it was much appreciated.

### Welcome

This year we welcome 30 new children to our Reception class. So far 16 have started and they have settled in beautifully and have been very happy in school. Our older children have been excellent role models and have certainly looked after the new members of our St. Vincent's family. We also welcome three new families to Year 1, 2 and 3. I am sure you will all be made to feel very welcome and part of the special community of St. Vincent's.

### GDPR

If you have not already done so, please sign the GDPR permission slips as without these we are not able to put pictures of your child on our weekly newsletter.

### Punctuality

At St. Vincent's we pride ourselves on our high attendance levels and punctuality. The whistle is blown at 8.55am and all children need to be ready in their lines for the start of the school day. If you arrive after the children have gone in, please go to the main entrance. Starting on Monday, any children who are late will need to be signed in at the school office. Thank you for your support in ensuring an efficient start to the school day for all.

### Allergies

We have a child in school who has a severe allergy to nuts. For that reason, we kindly ask that you do not send in any food in lunch boxes or for morning snacks which contain nuts.

Should your child have a medically diagnosed allergy to any foods, please send in a copy of such advice so that the catering company can provide appropriately.

### Healthy Snacks

Please remember to send in only fruit or vegetables as a healthy morning snack or your children may purchase healthy snacks from the kitchen: Toast 20p slice, bagel 25p, crumpet 25p, fruit teacake 25p, pure apple/orange juice 30p and Aqua fruit juices 35p. Please see our Healthy Eating Policy attached as a reminder of 'do's and don'ts.

### Uniform Reminders

Thank you for sending your children in to school looking so smart in their new school uniforms (it's certainly getting quite expensive these days) – let's hope such high standards continue. Please remember:

- All uniform items should be clearly named.
- Children should not wear ear-rings for P.E. – preferably they should not wear ear-rings to school at all.
- P.E. kits must be brought in each week. Full P.E. Kit includes: White t-shirt, green shorts and pumps for indoor use and additionally black track-suit bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers for outdoor use.

It is so much easier to return lost property to the rightful owner when it is clearly marked.

### Academic Year Mass

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30pm we will be joined by over 100 teachers and teaching assistants from other schools for the Academic Year Mass. The Diocese has chosen our school to host it this year and I look forward to welcoming them all to our wonderful school. This Mass is for staff only. Please read the Celebrations Overview (sent out today) for dates of our School Masses to which you are all welcome.

### Swimming

As part of their PE curriculum, Years 5 and 6 will be swimming every Monday from 10<sup>th</sup> September. Please remember kits.

### Parent Readers

Parents and carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings from 9.00am to 9.20am to spend time in class reading with their child. This has always been very well attended. Please come in to school via the main entrance once you have dropped your child off in the playground.

**Please note:** The Reception reading time will start once the children are all settled. We will inform you of the start date in future newsletters.

### Bikeability – YEAR 4

Year 4 will be taking part in Bikeability (Level 1) on Tuesday and Wednesday after school. The course will run from 3.15pm until 5pm. Please ensure that you send your child to school with their bike and helmet on Friday. The Year 4 children should wear their 'Outdoor PE Kit' – which consists of jogging bottoms/ leggings and school PE T-shirt. Please note which day your child will attend below:

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>
Sarah A	Isla O
Nancy A	Cait F
Thomas F	Luca F
Lilliana B	Lucy D
Adam H	Penny C
Georgina M	Alex S
Evangeline G	Imogen W
Emilia R	Cameron C
Rosie E	Jack W
George C	Giorgio V
Aodhan M	Tedd N
Thomas H	Tabitha H
James G-B	Millie C
Alice H	Daniel H
Charlotte M	Juliette N

### Bikeability – YEAR 6

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week, Year 6 will be doing the road safety Bikeability course during the school day. Please ensure that you send your child to school with their bike and helmet on these days. The Year 6 children should wear their 'Outdoor PE Kit' – which consists of jogging bottoms/ leggings and school PE T-shirt to school on these days.

### Playground Routines

- The inner gate leading on to the playground will be locked at 9.10am. The gate will remain locked until 3.05pm. Pre-School staff will have a key to the lock so they will be opening the gate and supervising entry and exit on to and from the site for parents and children attending Pre-School.
- The whistle is blown promptly at 8.55am – please ensure your children arrive on the playground earlier than this. The playground is supervised from 8.45am onwards – children should not be on the playground before 8.40am.
- Please note, children are not allowed to play on any climbing equipment at the beginning or end of the day. Should you have pre-school aged children on the playground please ensure you supervise them appropriately and be aware that the school equipment is not appropriate for their use.
- Footballs are not allowed at the beginning or end of the day as it is not safe to use them.
- All bikes and scooters must be left by the racks at the front of school and not brought onto the playground.

We would be grateful for your support in these matters to ensure that all our children are kept safe.

### After School Clubs

You will see that there is quite a selection of After School Clubs to choose from; we are very lucky here at St. Vincent's as many staff do this in their own time. I therefore ask that you talk to your children about the importance of committing to a club as numbers are limited and it would be a shame for a place to go to waste. If your child wants to attend any of the clubs below, please inform the school office.

Day	Afterschool Club	Years	Price	Finish
Monday	Multisports	All Years	£4.00 per session	16:15
Tuesday	Recorders	Y2 & Y3	£1.00	16:15

<b>Wednesday</b>	Playground Games	Y3 & Y4	£1.00	16:15
	KS1 Football	Rec/ Y1 & Y2	£4.00 per session	16:15
<b>Thursday</b>	Netball/Basketball (DR Sports)	All years	£4.00 per session	16:15
<b>Friday</b>	Netball (Mrs Davies)	Y4, Y5 & Y6	£1.00	16:15
	KS2 Football	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	£4.00 per session	16:15
(From 28/09)	Table Top Games	Y5 & Y6	£1	16:15

The table above shows the afterschool clubs for this half term; there will be additional clubs after the holidays.

#### Dads Football Team

Fans of football will be concerned to hear that SV Mercury are set to renew their assault on the 'beautiful game' in a new 6-a-side Monday night league at Egerton. If you are interested in joining the squad please contact Alex Culshaw at awculshaw@gmail.com. Matches are 30 minutes long with kick off times between 8 and 10pm.

#### The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>		
New Reception Intake – Group 3	08:55	
Multisports – All Years	15:15	16:15
Swimming – Years 5 & 6 remember swimming kits!	AM	
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>		
Year 6 Bikeability – remember your bikes & helmets!	08:55	15:15
Year 4 Bikeability – please check list which day you are to attend	15:15	17:00
Y2/Y3 Recorders	15:15	16:15
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>		
New Reception Intake – Group 4	08:55	
Parent Readers Y1 and Y2 (not Reception)	09:00	09:20
Year 6 Bikeability – remember your bikes & helmets!	08:55	15:15
Year 4 Bikeability – please check list which day you are to attend	15:15	17:00
Y3/Y4 Playground Games	15:15	16:15
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>		
Netball/Basketball (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>		
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15
Netball (Mrs Davies)	15:15	16:15



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