



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we certainly can't say the ground needs watering; there's been enough rain to last us a while and the grass has most definitely greened up again! Have an enjoyable weekend whatever you are doing.

Spotlight on... new responsibilities



We have now elected our School Councillors, House Captains and Vice Captains. Children in Year 2 to Year 6 are invited to present a speech to their class in order to be considered for the role of School Councillor and Year 5 and 6 for the role of House and Vice-Captain. The children delivered their speeches and were then duly elected by their peers after an official vote and count had taken place. This allows children to see how such a process works in real life and to take on roles of responsibility. They were all presented with their badges today; I am sure they will wear them with pride. Once they have held their first meeting they will share their projects with the rest of the school. Good luck in your new roles everybody!

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	Gianna V	Alice O	Thomas L
Year 1	Connie C	Leland P-A	Eoin K
Year 2	Jamie R	Alice A	Isaac K
Year 3	Jack D	Victoria H	Daisy W
Year 4	Sarah A	Penny C	Cameron C
Year 5	Peace C	Tabitha L	Harry T
Year 6	Aoife J	Jack S	Connor G

Attendance –

Reception	98.3%	Year 4	99.3%
Year 1	99%	Year 5	99.3%
Year 2	98.3%	Year 6	95%
Year 3	97.7%		

Time to reflect...

International Day of Peace

Peace cannot be kept forcefully..... All you need is understanding to keep up peace.



Polite and Safe Parking

Please respect our neighbours when parking and not park in a way that prevents access to and from drives or roads. Also, please do not park or reverse up on the kerb and be extra vigilant at drop off and pick up times when children are walking on the pavement.

Pupil Premium Funding/Free School Meal entitlement

All children in Reception class, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free school meal under current Government policy; this is known as Universal Free School Meals. However, you may be entitled to Income Related Free School Meals if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit shown below. If this is the case, please apply for this even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1. The school can then claim additional funding for resources, known as Pupil Premium, which can be used to help your child when they are in school. The financial benefit of Pupil Premium will remain with your child throughout their school years. Phone 0300123 5012 for further information and help or apply online:

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx

Income related free school meals (IRFSM)

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends our school if you receive one of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67

PTA AGM

We are incredibly privileged to have such an amazing school community and as a result we have an outstanding PTA.

We are now looking to recruit new members for this academic year.

To find out more about what rPTA does why not join us on Thursday 4th October at our annual AGM in the School Hall starting at 6.30pm. We will present you with an overview of our fundraising last year, elect our new officers and committee for the forthcoming year and enjoy some Cheese and Wine in the process. Our Committee will be available to answer any questions you have about what we do to support our school. If you are interested in taking on the role of Chair, Treasurer or Secretary of rPTA or joining our highly successful team please do not hesitate to speak to our outgoing Chair, Fiona Barnes, our outgoing secretary Jac Mansell and our outgoing treasurer Elen Burgess in advance of the AGM.

Invitations will be sent out next week to come along to the AGM. Please do check your child's bag.

Medicines

Can we please ask that any prescribed medication sent into school has the pharmacist prescribed label attached. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

Fluenz Nasal Spray – Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

If you haven't already completed the consent forms that were sent home, please could they be sent back into school by Monday 24th September.

Diocesan Building Fund

Thank you to those families who have made their contributions towards this very important fund. The total amount received to date is £600 out of our optimum amount of £3150. If you do not have the leaflet you can send payment to school in an envelope marked 'DBF' with your child's name. Note that this fund cannot be paid through the online payment system. All Parents are asked to contribute something to this fund to enable us to improve and refurbish our school building. Please remember Catholic Schools receive only 90% funding for building works whereas County Schools receive 100% funding. This fund has allowed us to refurbish our lower KS2 toilets, replace our roof, install a disabled toilet and replace the KS1 external doors 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%. We will be putting in future bids and we will be dependent, yet again, on support from the Diocesan Building Fund to fully fund the work. Please do make a contribution, no matter how small.

Mass

Just a reminder that our Mini Vinnies will be playing a big part in 11.00am Mass this coming Sunday to celebrate the feast day of St Vincent de Paul. There will be refreshments served in the parish hall after the service, with plenty of homemade cakes and other treats to tempt you. The local SVP conference do great work within our community and it would be wonderful to see as many people as possible come and support both the SVP and of course our fantastic Mini Vinnies.

Children's Liturgy

Dates for Children's Liturgy this term (all at 11am Sunday Mass)

30th September

14th October

11th November

25th November

09th December

Children's Liturgy runs every two weeks in term time. It is run entirely by volunteers, and we are looking for new volunteers to help deliver these sessions. If anyone is interested in helping please speak to me, Sharon Dobson, on 07725 844575. Alternatively catch me at the school gates when you see me at drop off or pick up. Full training will be given, and I can honestly say from experience that it is so rewarding and insightful delivering these sessions. We'd love to hear from you!

Lost Property

To prevent items of school uniform from going missing, can we request all parents to ensure that every item of clothing that your child/ren wear to school is named. Please also make sure that your child knows where to find the name label in the clothing.

Parent Volunteers Needed

We are always delighted to have parental help in school, particularly if you can offer such help on a regular basis. If you are interested, please see your child's class teacher in the first instance and then complete a Volunteer and Confidentiality form which you can get from the office.

Holidays during Term Time

Please remember to check the school calendar very carefully before booking any holidays this year. Our School Policy, in line with Government Statute, clearly indicates that holiday absence will only be authorised for exceptional circumstances. Please check the school website to clarify what constitutes exceptional circumstances.



Welcome

rPTA would like to welcome all our new families to St Vincent's. We hope your children have all settled into their new classes and are already feeling part of our special St. Vincent's Community. We would be delighted to invite you as their parents to join rPTA.

Thank You

A massive THANK-YOU to our entire school community for all your support last academic year. Together we raised £13,652 for our children. This is an extraordinary donation which we are able to make to our school, so well done to every parent who helped to make this possible.

Dates for your Diaries:

First School Disco: Friday 19th October

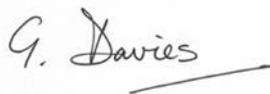
Bags2School: Tuesday 23rd October

Message from the outgoing Chair

May I take this opportunity to thank our whole school community for their overwhelming support over the last 3 years that I have been PTA Chair. I have had 4 children attend St Vincent's and it has been an absolute privilege to chair such a vibrant and hardworking PTA who seek to make a difference to our school and support the outstanding work our teaching staff do. Thank you. Fiona Barnes, Outgoing PTA Chair.

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 24th September 2018		
Swimming – Years 5 & 6 remember swimming kits!	AM	
Y4 Singfest Rehearsal @ Knutsford Academy	9:30	11:30
Y5 & Y6 Wider Opportunities Music – please remember instruments		
Multisports – All Years	15:15	16:15
Tuesday 25th September 2018		
Y2/Y3 Recorders – (please email Mrs Watson if you wish to join)	15:15	16:00
Wednesday 26th September 2018		
Parent Readers – Y1 and Y2 (not Reception)	09:00	09:20
Y3/Y4 Playground Games – (please email Mrs Watson if you wish to join)	15:15	16:15
Y5 Gardening Club – (please email Mrs Watson if you wish to join)	15:15	16:00
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
Thursday 27th September 2018		
Netball/Basketball (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
Knutsford Primaries Y3/Y4 Little Champions Event @ Knutsford Academy	15:45	17:00
Friday 28th September 2018		
KS2 Football	15:15	16:15
Netball (Mrs Davies) – (please email Mrs Watson if you wish to join)	15:15	16:15



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