



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we only have four more days until half term, the weeks are so busy they certainly do fly by! Have an enjoyable weekend with your families.

Spotlight on... Multicultural Week



Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for assembly this morning – a lovely occasion with lots of interesting facts shared. As a school community we pride ourselves on how much we celebrate and respect the uniqueness each child brings with them to our St. Vincent's family. This week we have been looking at the different languages, traditions, arts and foods of some of the many cultures we have within our school. The following countries are represented here in St. Vincent's: India, Philippines, China, U.K, Malawi, Kenya, Ireland, U.S.A, Belgium, Brazil, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Italy and Czech Republic. The flags are on display in our school hall.

Thank you to our parents who sent in artefacts or came in to talk to the children.

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	Harry S	Sofia G	Daniel S
Year 1	Isla T	Esti M-R	Finley H-D
Year 2	Ava B	Louie F	Aadhya N
Year 3	Cahir J	Tom N	Patrick C
Year 4	Charlotte M	Adam H	Cait F
Year 5	Natalia L	Johan V	Zack C
Year 6	Joseph C	Aurora M	Eabha L

Attendance –

Reception	99.7%	Year 4	98.7%
Year 1	95.7%	Year 5	99.3%
Year 2	100%	Year 6	97.5%
Year 3	95.8%		

Time to reflect...

“Like Branches On A Tree,
We May Grow In Different
Directions, Yet Our Roots
Remain As One.” -Unknown



Mass

Thank you to Father John for celebrating Mass on Tuesday and to all of you who were able to join us.

Prayer Leaders

On Wednesday our Prayer Leaders; Beth, James, Matilda, Molly, Peace, Praise, and myself, attended a meeting with Prayer Leaders from our feeder primaries – St. Bede's, St. Joseph's, St. Luke's, St. Mary's and St. Wilfrid's. The meeting was a great success and provided an opportunity for the children to share the many ways they lead or enhance aspects of the Catholic Life of their school. Our children were excellent ambassadors for St. Vincent's and I was incredibly proud of how they engaged in all of the activities.



Mission Statement

Tonight children will be bringing home a letter asking for your thoughts and comments as we review our school mission statement. As a Catholic primary school our mission statement is woven into all that we do. Please do send the slips back, even if it is just to say something positive about the statement.

Harvest Festival – volunteers needed

We still need some more volunteers to deliver the harvest gifts after our Harvest Festival on Tuesday. These gifts do make a real difference to the people in our community so if you can spare half an hour please let us know. A smile from a child can change a person's day for the better, and the opportunity to give something back to their own community is an important experience for all children. Thank you for your support.

Harvest Festival begins at 2.15pm on Tuesday 23rd October.

Advance Notice

Wednesday 14th November will be a non-uniform day. We will be asking all children to wear something spotty and pay £1 for the privilege. All money raised will be donated to Children in Need. On the same day the PTA will be holding a cake sale and will be asking for donations of cakes – the bakers amongst us may even like to add a Children in Need (spotty) theme to them! Children can bring money in to buy cakes and all money raised will go to the PTA.



Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank

On Wednesday, Year 5 visited Jodrell Bank to complete their space topic. As well as learning all about Tim Peake and the international space station, they also conducted a number of experiments. These included rock classifications, testing the effects of gravity on different planets and measuring craters caused by meteorites. A lot of fun was had by all.

Parents Evening

We have had excellent feedback on our new booking system for Parents' Evening and most people have now been online to book their slot. If you have not already done so, please go on and book by Monday at the latest as after that booking will close and you will be allocated a slot. Thank you for your support.

School Photos

The school photographer will be visiting St. Vincent's on Wednesday 24th October to take individual and family group photographs. Any parents who would like their pre-school children to be included in the family group photo, please come along from 8.30am. Hairbrushes at the ready!!

Year 6 High School Applications

Please note, the Local Authority do not send individual reminders about applications to High School. If you have not already applied for a place at High School then you have until 31st October to do so. Anyone who would like a prospectus for St. Nicholas Catholic High School please call into the office.



Netball

"On Wednesday 17th, the year 5 and year 6 netball team went to Mobberley Primary School to play a match of netball. We did not win but for the first time we scored two goals! We were all very pleased for Mobberley and this was our favourite bit about the match....we got biscuits!" – Aiofe J and Beth B.

Football

'On Thursday 18th October, we played Mobberley Primary School. It was a very good game in the sunshine and we drew 0-0 but it was great fun' – Mikey O'D



A new PTA Committee has been appointed for 2018/19:

- Zoë Paul and Kirstie Drake to share the Chairlady role.
- Emma Lees and Becky Fairhurst as Secretary and Vice-Secretary.
- Chrissie Strong and Maria Slaymaker as Treasurer and Vice Treasurer.

We are very excited to continue the good work of the PTA and have lots of lovely new and creative ideas of how we can get both children and families involved in raising funds for our school over the coming year. We've started on a very positive note with a lot of interest and offers of help. We are very grateful and hope this continues. Please come along to our meetings if you're interested to find out more and get involved.

Dates for your diary...

1. We are holding our first *Previously-loved Children's Christmas Sale* to raise funds for our PTA. The event will take place on **Saturday, 17th November** at St Vincent's Church Hall, Knutsford from 1pm-4pm. Details to follow.

2. Christmas is round the corner folks, which means *Breakfast with Santa* in on our doorstep! This very festive and joyous morning for our children will be held on **Saturday, 1st December** in the school hall. Please join us in celebrating the magic of Christmas. Details to follow.

KS1/KS2 Disco tonight

Disco tickets have been issued and will go home in bags today. If your children are attending, please can you make sure they hand their tickets in on arrival.

Bag2School

A reminder to all that next Tuesday, 23rd October is our Bags2School collection deadline. Can we please ask you to have your bags at school by latest 9am on Tuesday. Alternatively, if you have your bag ready, please feel free to drop it off at the school office sooner.

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 22nd October 2018		
Swimming – Years 5 & 6 remember swimming kits!	AM	
Y5 & Y6 Wider Opportunities Music – please remember instruments		
Multisports – All Years	15:15	16:15
Mad Science	15:15	16:15
Tuesday 23rd October 2018		
PTA Bag2School Collection	9:00	
Harvest Festival	14:15	
<i>No Recorder After School Club</i>		
Wednesday 24th October 2018		
School Photographer (Individual & Family Groups)	8:30	
<i>NO Parent readers</i>		
<i>NO Playground Games</i>		
Y5 Gardening Club – (please email Mrs Watson if you wish to join)	15:15	16:15
KS1 Football	15:15	16:15
Knutsford Primaries Y3/Y4 Tag Rugby Taster		
Parents Evening	15:40	18:00
Thursday 25th October 2018		
Netball/Basketball (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
Parents evening	17:00	20:00
Friday 26th October 2018		
INSET day		
Monday 5th November 2018		
Back to School	8:55	



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