



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first half term, I would just like to say thank you to all our children for their continued hard work, enthusiasm and high standards of behaviour, to all the staff for the teamwork and dedication they show each and every day and to you, our parents and carers, for working with us and supporting us for the benefit of all our 'little treasures'. Have a fantastic week off, relax and recharge those batteries and we will see you on Monday 5th November.

Spotlight on... Harvest Festival



On Tuesday we gave thanks for the many wonderful gifts of God's world. Thank you all so much for your exceptionally generous support of our Harvest Festival – both in your provision of gifts and your attendance at the Harvest Festival itself. We really do need a bigger school hall!

The children participated with enthusiasm and their performances were of a very high standard indeed – it was a great treat to be entertained by them all. The values we instil in our children was most certainly evident throughout the afternoon. Well done to all our children and, of course, to our hard-working staff who, despite the many pressures placed on them, always give of their very best! We have already had some thank you messages; one lady said to pass on her blessings to the children and their families - she was most grateful. What a difference we make – it makes me feel very proud indeed.

Time to reflect...

IT'S NOT HOW MUCH
WE GIVE, BUT HOW
MUCH LOVE WE
PUT INTO GIVING.

MOTHER TERESA



Thank you

A big thank you to all our parents and staff who gave up their time last Friday night to ensure that our first school disco ran smoothly. It was a great success and a wonderful start to our PTA fundraising. Well done everybody!

School Photographs

The proofs for the school photos were sent home yesterday with your children. All orders must be in by Friday 9th November at the latest please. After this date

Absences

Please remember to contact school by 9.30am if your child is unable to attend school. Please also remember to send in a note on your child's return, to explain such absence. All such correspondence is kept and we may be asked to produce evidence for absence when registers are checked by Cheshire East.

Lining Up

In the mornings could we please ask that once the whistle has been blown parents and carers move back from the lines so teachers can ensure children gather all their belongings and line up in preparation for an efficient start to the school day. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all of you for your support of our Parents' Evening sessions. It is lovely to see you all and to share with you your children's many successes! As ever, we had an excellent turnout, if you have not yet spoken to your child's teacher then please make arrangements to speak to them. Working in partnership is key to each individual child's success.

Yellow/Cream forms

Earlier this week children brought home a 'Home School Agreement' and an 'E-Safety and Acceptable Use Agreement for Parents and Pupils'. Thank you for all the yellow and cream slips returned so far. If you haven't yet returned yours, please do so as soon as possible.

Swimming

Year 3 and Year 4 will be swimming next term, starting on Monday 5th November – please remember swimming kits. Letters requesting payment for lessons have been sent home today.

New menu

The new dinner menu is attached to this newsletter. This will start from Monday 5th November.

Parking

I have received a number of complaints both from our local neighbours and our fellow parents about the dangerous parking around school, especially near Rockford Lodge. Please do not park up on the pavement or at the junction of roads. The safety of our children is everyone's responsibility. Thank you for your continued support.

Poppy Appeal

After half term we will be selling poppies and items such as snap band rulers, bracelets and key rings. All proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Larger items are priced at £1 and smaller ones at 50p.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Tonight children will bring home leaflets for this charity appeal that we support every year. This half-term break will be an ideal time for you and your children to prepare a box that will bring such joy to a child less fortunate than our own. If you do not have a leaflet you can always pick one up from the office. The boxes must be returned to school by the morning of Friday 9th November at the very latest.

For more information visit:

www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

Great Britain Women v Greece Basketball Game – free tickets

We have been given 30 free tickets for pupils and their families to attend the Great Britain Women v Greece basketball game on Saturday 17th November at 7pm at National Basketball Performance Centre, Manchester. If you would like any of these tickets, please email the school office. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

St Vincent's Pre-school

If any parents have a child who is due to start pre-school in September 2019, please ensure that their name is on the pre-school's waiting list by completing an application form as soon as possible. For further information please contact the pre-school manager Cath Davies on 01565 651948 or visit their website at www.stvincentspreschool.co.uk.

Pre-school Event

Pre-school will be holding a 'Rudolph Hunt' on 15th December 12.00pm - 3.00pm. There will be various stalls and crafts, a raffle with some fantastic prizes, bacon sandwiches, mulled wine, winter pimm's, mince pies etc. Tickets are available from the Pre-school office and cost £5.00 per family (including craft making). Please keep the date free in your diary, it would be lovely to see past families there.



Coach Dave after school clubs (D.R Sports)

Bookings are now live @ www.drsportsclubs.co.uk you can also find all the information about the clubs on the website by clicking the school tab and learn more! Places are first come first served!

Coach Dave



Dates to diarise...

Wednesday, 7th November @ 7:30pm - Please join us for our next PTA meeting at The Angel in Knutsford to find out what we're up to. We will meet for an hour. Both mums

and/or dads are very welcome.

Saturday, 17th November from 1pm-4pm – please come along to our Pre-loved Children's Christmas Sale, held in the St. Vincent de Paul Church hall.

- If you're interested in taking a table to sell your own items, it will cost you £12 and you can start setting up at 12pm.
- If you have baby/children's goods to donate to the PTA to be sold, then please bring these items into school, week of the 12th November.
- If you can't support the event, please do buy a raffle ticket. We've secured some fabulous prizes.
- Come along and find a bargain.

Saturday, 1st December – Block off the morning folks because it's Breakfast with Santa! This is a not-to-miss event, one of the biggest in our school calendar and it's going to be magic! Details to follow after half-term.

Thank you...We are enormously grateful to everyone who helped out at our FS/KS1 & KS2 Disco and to everyone who bought a ticket. Such a fun night! We made an impressive £647.10! Another big thank you goes out to everyone who filled their bags and brought them in for Bags2School. We made £120, which is brilliant.

The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 5th November 2018		
Back to School	8:55	
Swimming – Years 3 & 4 remember swimming kits!	AM	
Y5 & Y6 Wider Opportunities Music – please remember instruments		
Multisports – All Years (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
Mad Science	15:15	16:15
Tuesday 6th November 2018		
Y2/Y3 Recorder Club	15:15	16:00
Y1/Y2 Christmas Crafts Club – (please email Mrs Watson if you wish to join)	15:15	16:15
Wednesday 7th November 2018		
Parent Readers – YR, Y1 & Y2	09:00	09:20
Y3/Y4 Card 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	16:15
KS1 Football (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
Thursday 8th November 2018		
Y5 French Lesson @ St Nicholas'	12:30	15:15
Handball/Indoor Athletics (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15
Netball Match v Manor Park	15:45	16:45
Friday 9th November 2018		
KS2 Football (DR Sports)	15:15	16:15



Mrs G. Davies
Head Teacher

Email: admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk

P.T.A e-mail address: mypta@svdp.org.uk

Website: <http://www.stvincentsknutsford.co.uk>