

Focus on.....Reception

What a fantastic first week back it has been.

This week in Reception we have been learning the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. The children really loved this story and have enjoyed role playing the different characters from the story. During Topic time we decided we could be just like the Little Red Hen and make our own bread. The children all helped to carefully follow the recipe and helped to weigh out all the ingredients to make our dough. We loved seeing how the children all worked together as a team to do this. We all then had the opportunity to knead the dough to get it ready for the oven. Miss Quinn baked the bread and then this morning we all tried it with butter and jam - we can confirm it was delicious!!



In our R.E. work, we have been thinking about how God made us special and unique. During our Class Prayer and Liturgy, the children passed around a special box. Inside the box was 'God's treasure'. The children discovered a mirror in the box and realised that this meant they are God's treasure!!



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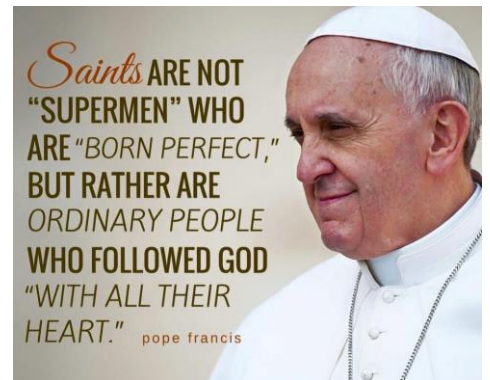


Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Time to Reflect

by Mrs Davies

On Wednesday 1st November, All Saints' Day, Father David celebrated Mass with us in school and we were joined by members of our parish community. On this day we honour not only the saints we know by name in Heaven, but also any saints whose names we don't know!



Behaviour Awards

Good Conduct Award – Excellent attitude in all aspects of school life.

Courtesy Award – Good manners and polite behaviour.

Merit Award – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

Year Group	Good Conduct	Courtesy	Merit award - comment
Reception	Patrick	Aurora	Sylvia – for settling into school so well.
Year 1	Jude	William	Narla-Rae – brilliant effort with handwriting.
Year 2	Kian	Edward	Lola – trying really hard in maths and helping others.
Year 3	Loughlin	Oliver C	George – wonderful comprehension.
Year 4	Grace C	Judy	Zachary – working hard in all areas.
Year 5	Malachy	Emma	Harry – fantastic maths effort in all lessons.
Year 6	Lexie-Mae	Alice	Audrey – fantastic, confident arithmetic work.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all refreshed and recharged after half term, ready for one of the busiest times of the school year as we journey towards the festive season. In school, we have had a very busy time even though the children have only been in for four days. The children have settled back into the routine very quickly. We had mass on Wednesday celebrating All Saints Day; thanks to Father David and all the parents and friends of St. Vincent's who came to celebrate with us. As usual, the children sang beautifully, spoke well and were very well behaved.

In assembly today, we talked about firework safety and keeping ourselves safe on these dark evenings. To start a very busy weekend we have our first school disco tonight for this academic year. We are looking forward to seeing the children later with their disco outfits on and watching their moves!

Have a lovely weekend and keep safe,

God Bless,

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent's



Non-Uniform Day – Friday 17th November

The 13th November will see the start of anti-bullying week in school. Anti-Bullying Week 2023 – focus is 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. During this week we will be looking at what makes us unique and we will be working with our buddies within school on fun activities. Friday 17th November will be 'Friendship Friday'. This is also Children in Need Day when we think of others less fortunate than ourselves. That day, the children can come to school in their own unique clothes. If you are able to, we are asking you to pay for this privilege via the Children in Need account via ParentPay.



Odd Socks Day



Also to start anti-bullying week off, the School Council are asking everyone to wear odd socks on Monday 13th November. We celebrate Odd Socks Day to fight bullying and to highlight that our differences are also our strengths and individuality is what makes us all special. Odd Socks Day is always the first day of Anti-Bullying Week in the UK.

Diocesan Building Fund

So far, we have collected **£570** on ParentPay for this year's Diocesan Building Fund. Thank you to all that have contributed so far. Our optimum amount is **£2805** if everyone contributed. If you are paying by standing order, please let the office know. Any shortfall must be made up out of the school budget, which has a direct impact on the school finances. Please contribute, no matter how little.

KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts)

All children in Years 1 to 6 will bring home their second sheet of KIRFs today. There will be a different sheet each half term. These facts are a very important part of the Maths that they will be learning this year. It is expected that all children will learn these and be able to apply them to their work in class.

Poppy Appeal

We are selling Royal British Legion Poppy merchandise via ParentPay again this year.

Suggested donations:

Poppies – donation; Wristbands – £1; Snap Bands – £1.50; Reflector Poppies – 50p; Zip Pulls – 50p.

House Points

House points are awarded throughout the week for all kinds of achievement or for good behaviour in all classes. The house point totals for this week were as follows:

St. Andrew	St. David	St. George	St. Patrick
22	19	13	24

Well done to this week's winning house – **St. Patrick**

Attendance

Reception	91.7%	Year 4	96.8%
Year 1	97.4%	Year 5	99.2%
Year 2	97.5%	Year 6	93.3%
Year 3	94%		

WELL DONE YEAR 5 – AMAZING ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK!

Knutsford Leisure Centre

Cheshire East Council has issued a proposal to remove funding from four local leisure centres, potentially leading to the permanent closure of the leisure centres in Holmes Chapel, Knutsford, Middlewich, and Poynton. In a mission to align future investments in leisure to where demand for services is the greatest, a Strategic Leisure Review (SLR) has been undertaken and the results have led to the proposed report. You can read the details of Cheshire East Council's report and the proposals

<https://moderngov.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ecminutes/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=962&MId=9858>

The proposal is Knutsford Leisure Centre – located at Knutsford Academy school site to be closed as leisure centre from 1st April 2024, full handover following any decommissioning activities in mid-2024/25. (page 617 on proposal). This would dramatically affect your children at St. Vincents. We use the leisure centre for swimming lessons in Year 3 to Year 6 and for all the joint activities with the other Knutsford schools. We need all parents and families to read the proposals and register. The town council are having a meeting with Cheshire East Council Environment and Communities Committee on Thursday 9th November at 10am and if they have enough public backing from people in Knutsford, they might be able to stop the process.



PTA Fun Ball Friday Lottery

Today was the first PTA Fun Ball Friday draw of the autumn term. Today's lucky ball was number 3. Congratulations to the Parents of Martha and Henry (Year 4 and Reception). Staff, parents, governors and relatives aged 18 and over are all eligible to join. Each week in Friday Good Work assembly the child or grandchild of the lucky winner can choose a ball!! Each lotto number costs £2 a week and is purchased via ParentPay before 5pm on the Thursday before the draw. Don't forget you have to be in it to win it! GOOD LUCK!

Back by popular demand, we will be holding our **Christmas Jumper Swap/Sale & School Uniform Sale** on Tuesday 7th November in the school hall. If you have any pre-loved Christmas tops/jumpers/pj's (or any accessories) that you've grown out of and are happy to donate, we'd be delighted to have them to pass on to other families who can continue to enjoy them. You are welcome to swap your items for other items too.

Birthday Wishes!

Many happy returns for this week:





Father David and St. Vincent's Church

Masses at Knutsford: Sunday – 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

Masses at Lymm: Mass at Noon on Saturday at St Winefride's Booths Hill Rd Lymm, WA13 0DL

OUR PARISH DINNER will be at Knutsford Golf Club on **28 November** 6.30pm for 7pm. The cost will be £20 for a 2-course meal payable on the night. Roast, beef, lamb or pork or salmon with seasonal veg followed by a choice of Sticky toffee pudding, Bakewell tart, fruit crumble or chocolate torte. If you want to come email events@stvincentsknutsford.org or speak to John Long.

THE LADIES GROUP will hold their Coffee Morning and cake sale this Friday, 3 November after Mass until noon. There will be a mini sale of Christmas cards, calendars and diaries from the Piety Stall. The Ladies Christmas Lunch is planned for Tuesday, 12 December at 1pm in the Church Hall. The cost is £12 payable by 30 November. Forms available after Sunday Mass from Sheila Flynn or Andrea Ross.

MUMS AND TOTS AT ST. VINCENT'S PARISH CENTRE All preschool aged children and parents/carers are welcome every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at the Parish Centre from 10am until 12.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS each Saturday from 11.30am-Noon.

CLOTHES FOR REFUGEES: We would welcome donations of Autumn and Winter men's clothes particularly jumpers, socks and footwear. Leave at back of Church.

The Week Ahead

Start Time **End Time**

Monday 6th November

Year 6 Forest Schools		PM
Year 4 Wider Opportunities Music – Love Music Trust - remember instrument		PM
Year 1-6 After School Sports Club – Multi sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30

Tuesday 7th November

Y3 visit to Whitworth Art Gallery	ALL DAY	
PTA Pre-loved uniform and Christmas Jumper sale, School Hall	8.30	9.30
Y6 'Chemistry with Cabbage' Workshop	ALL DAY	

Wednesday 8th November

R/Y1/Y2 Stay and Read Session	9:05	9:20
KS2 Choir after school	15:30	16:30
Mad Science After School Club	15:25	16:25
D.R. Sports After school Club	15:25	16:30

Thursday 9th November

Rock Steady Music	ALL DAY	
Some of the Mini Vinnie's visit to Sharston House		PM
Netball match v Bexton	15:45	16:15
Y1/Y2 Dance taster at Knutsford Academy	16:00	17:00

Friday 10th November

Y5/Y6 Swimming – payment via ParentPay		PM
D.R. Sports – KS2 Football	15:30	16:30

* DR Sports After School Clubs are booked directly through their website at www.drsportsclubs.co.uk