

### IMPORTANT DATES

We include the dates for the coming months to try and be helpful. However this list is not definitive- new trips/events may be arranged after the newsletter has been published and some dates are subject to change so please check the school website [www.stvincentsprimary.org.uk](http://www.stvincentsprimary.org.uk) and the noticeboard at the front of the school for the most up to date information

### IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Spirituality Day  
1<sup>st</sup> Midday –deadline for Elected Parent Governor Nominations  
2<sup>nd</sup> 11:00 Year 5 End of Project Celebration, Wallace Collection-all welcome  
2<sup>nd</sup> 14:00 Year 2 Shakespeare Performance / End of Project Celebration, St. Peter's Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> Year 5 Sacrament of Reconciliation with Father Christopher  
3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 SVPA Meeting, Easter Fair-all welcome  
3<sup>rd</sup> 9:15 Year 6 End of Project Celebration -all welcome  
3<sup>rd</sup> 14:00 Year 3 End of Project Celebration -all welcome  
4<sup>th</sup> 13:45 Year 1 End of Project Celebration -all welcome  
5<sup>th</sup> 10:35 Nursery Assembly-all welcome  
5<sup>th</sup> 14:00. Year 4 End of Project celebration-all welcome  
5<sup>th</sup> 15:15 SVPA Easter Fair, school hall  
9<sup>th</sup> 8:00-9:30 Voting for Elected Parent Governors  
9<sup>th</sup> 9:30 Count for Parent Governor Elections  
10<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Sacrament of Reconciliation with Father Christopher  
10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 EYFS Open Morning-all Nursery & Reception parents welcome  
11<sup>th</sup> 14:00 Easter Celebration at St. James'-all welcome  
12<sup>th</sup> Own Clothes day-£1 donation for Catholic Children's Society  
12<sup>th</sup> School breaks up at 14:00 for the Easter Holidays

### 15<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holiday

29<sup>th</sup> Children return to school  
29<sup>th</sup> Clubs start  
30<sup>th</sup> p.m. Swimming starts for Year 3  
30<sup>th</sup> 15:00 SVPA Uniform Sale, school hall

### IMPORTANT DATES IN MAY 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Perform Drama workshops 'Peter Pan'  
2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 Bookstart workshop for Nursery parents  
3<sup>rd</sup> 9:15 Mass to celebrate the New School Term  
6<sup>th</sup> School closed for Bank Holiday  
8<sup>th</sup> 8:30 Disco Ticket Sales  
8<sup>th</sup> 9:15 SVPA Meeting-all welcome  
10<sup>th</sup> 10:35 Reception Assembly-all welcome  
13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> SATS Week  
13<sup>th</sup> Year 3 visiting Roald Dahl Museum  
13<sup>th</sup> a.m. Reception visiting Regents Park allotments  
17<sup>th</sup> 10:35 Nursery Assembly-all welcome  
17<sup>th</sup> 18:30 SVPA Family Disco  
22<sup>nd</sup> 9:15 SVPA Meeting-all welcome  
22<sup>nd</sup> Year 6 attending Firebird Concert  
23<sup>rd</sup> School closed-Polling Day / Inset Day  
24<sup>th</sup> School closed –Inset Day  
27<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> May Half Term Holiday  
3<sup>rd</sup> June-All children back to school

### SPORTS DAY 2019-Save the date!

This year's Sports Day will take place on **Tuesday 2nd July 2019** at the **Paddington Recreation Ground** running track. More detailed information will follow. We hope this advance notice allows parents sufficient notice to arrange to be present with us on the day.



## St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School

# NEWSLETTER APRIL 2019

TOGETHER, THROUGH CHRIST, WE GROW AND LEARN.



Dear parents/carers,

It has been a long and productive term filled with a great range of exciting activities for the children. Please remember to regularly check into the school website [www.stvincentprimary.org.uk](http://www.stvincentprimary.org.uk) where the news feed is updated nearly every day to celebrate the learning taking place, with lots of photographs so you can see your children at school. I have been really impressed with the children's positive attitudes to learning, embodying our school learning powers, but more importantly their kindness towards others both in school and within the wider community, sharing their commitment to our Gospel values. The campaign led by our School Council and Green team to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital raised almost £3,000! Well done everyone who participated in the Pyjama Danceathon!

We are blessed to have such a wonderful group of, parents, teachers and governors working together to provide an outstanding education for our lovely pupils. Please remember that if you have any concerns it is important to address these openly with a member of staff so we can work together to find a resolution. Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a productive, successful final term. Please remember that, as Easter is such an important celebration for our Catholic School, we will be breaking up for the holiday a week later than many other schools. I hope you all enjoy a holy and happy Easter.

Warm regards, Miss Coleman, Headteacher

### CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (WESTMINSTER) LENTEN APPEAL 2019

For many years, the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) Lenten Appeal has aimed to raise awareness of the types of poverty encountered by local children and young people as well as highlighting what our Catholic faith teaches us about the season of Lent. The theme of the 2019 appeal is 'Shine Your Light.' Pupils should be thinking about how they can use their talents to make the world a brighter place. Please remember to send in your child's donation box for this important cause. The last day of term, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, will be Own Clothes Day and school finishes at 2:00p.m. All children are asked to bring in a contribution of at least £1 to be given to support the Catholic Children's Society



Lenten Appeal 2019  
Shine Your Light

### BUILDING WORKS UPDATES

Regular updates about the building works surrounding the school are posted on the school website Community Developments page and we will send home any newsletters from the contractors as they are received. If you have any concerns please speak to Miss Coleman.

#### Howard de Walden Marylebone High Street / St. Vincent Street

The tower crane for this project will be installed on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. 8a.m. -6p.m. The tower crane will be erected with a mobile crane that will be installed within the Moxon Street Car park. Neillcott management and traffic marshals will oversee the works.

**Dorington Marylebone High Street** works are due to start at the beginning of June and are expected to last for 17 months.

The **Moxon Street Car Park Project** is delayed and is not expected to start until June.





### PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

We are delighted that there has been a good response to our request for Parent Governor Election Nominations and there are three candidates for the two vacancies. This means we must now hold a ballot. Every family has been sent home a hard copy of a letter which includes the personal statements for each candidate and a ballot paper for each parent. Each parent may vote for up to two of the candidates. Each parent can submit one ballot paper, regardless of the number of pupils they have attending the school. Votes can be made by placing 'X' on the ballot paper alongside the names of the parents you support. Once you have marked the ballot paper you should seal it in the envelope. This should then be put in the ballot box, which can be found in the school hall on **Tuesday 9th April from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** Ballot papers cannot be accepted before or after that time. The count will then take place at 9:30 a.m. in the school hall. The election will be decided by a simple majority of votes cast. In the event of a tie, lots will be drawn. All candidates are welcome to attend the count. When the election has been completed, we will let you know the outcome.

#### ***The Role of the Elected Parent Governor***

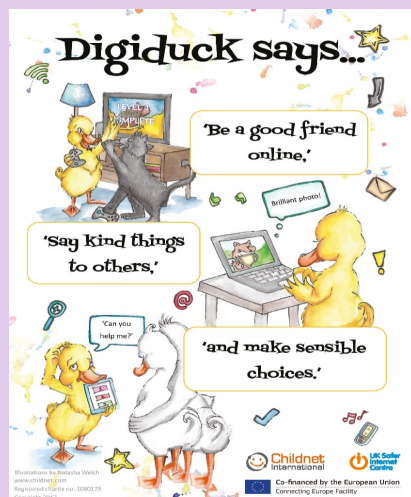
*The governing body, with the headteacher, has overall responsibility for the running of the school. Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:*

- *Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;*
- *Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and*
- *Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.*

*Although elected by the parent body, the parent governor is not mandated to represent their views at meetings and should be alert to the importance of advising parents to contact the headteacher directly in those issues for which he/she has professional responsibility. Like all governors the elected parent governor brings his/her own perspective and experience to the governing body and in company with fellow governors must aim to offer the school the following:*

- an understanding and promotion of the Catholic School's Aims and Identity.*
- time to prepare for and attend governors meetings and other school events.*
- a concern for the whole school and its role in the parish and local community.*
- willingness to learn about developments in education from the headteacher and staff and by attendance at Diocesan and LA training for governors.*
- an understanding of the governing body's relationship with the headteacher.*
- willingness to be a good team member, working harmoniously with fellow governors and school staff.*
- an ability to maintain confidentiality in many areas of governors' work.*

### PARENTAL ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE



As Online Safety is such an important aspect of modern day life, we are always trying to support pupils and parents with their understanding of current issues. Technology is amazing and social media is an excellent way to stay in touch with friends and family but, unfortunately, can easily be misused.

In a recent assembly we read the story of Digiduck's Big Decision and thought about the key messages of being a good friend online, being kind to others and making sensible choices. Please speak to your children to check their understanding of cyberbullying- help them to think carefully about how they behave online and remind them of our Anti Bullying focus earlier this year so they know what to do if they are aware of unkind online behaviour, whether towards themselves or others.

STOP-SPEAK-SUPPORT

### SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

Full details of the school uniform policy and expectations can be found on the school website uniform page.

Please be reminded that in the summer term girls cannot wear trousers and can only wear a navy skirt/pinafore or the summer blue and white gingham dress. Please can all skirts and dresses be knee length as this is more practical and appropriate for school.

As the weather becomes warmer please ensure that your child comes to school with one of the school uniform summer caps bearing the school logo to protect them from the sun when playing outside. These are available from the school office. As with all items of uniform it is essential that these are clearly marked with your child's full name, especially as the children tend to discard clothing during the hotter days!

### CELEBRATING SPORTS AT ST. VINCENT'S

This term we would like to celebrate the specialist PE coaches working with us and highlight some of our phenomenal sporting achievements. We achieved third place in the Year 3 & 4 Athletics Tournament, third place in the Year 5 & 6 Boys Football tournament and third place in the Year 4,5,6 Swimming Gala. All of our sporting partnerships are invaluable in enriching teachers' practice so they can become more specialised in physical education.

#### **Will to Win Tennis Club**

Our tennis lessons are a great way for all ages & abilities to learn tennis whilst having fun. Once a week, Coach Harris works with both Key Stages and organises a mixed Tennis Club after school.

#### **Queen's Park Rangers Football Club**

Coach Ram provides us with a bespoke PE programme based on our school objectives and interests. Over the course of the year, he has worked with pupils and teachers in Key Stage One and Two. In addition to this, he also referees Football matches at lunchtime and run a girls Football Club after school.

#### **Middlesex Cricket Club**

This term, we have continued our long standing partnership with MCC. Coach Harry works with Key Stage Two children on a weekly basis. The aim of the lessons are to keep children engaged in the game, improve their cricket ability, and boost their confidence both on and off the pitch.

#### **Key Stage Two Football Club**

To further develop St Vincent's Football Team, Coach Blake has given up his time to support the school and create a strong team. The children thoroughly enjoy developing and using their skills in after school tournaments. We welcomed students from Southbank International to play a friendly football match against our Football Club team. We won spectacularly which caused great delight for our pupils!

We look forward to future tournaments and hope to win even more certificates and medals!



Coach Harris



Coach Ram



Coach Harry

### SECONDARY TRANSFER MEETING-ALL INTERESTED PARENTS WELCOME

A meeting about the Secondary Transfer process will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 9:15a.m.in the music room. This meeting is open to all parents but is especially important for parents of year 4 and 5 pupils.

This early meeting will allow time for parents to research which schools they would like to visit. The time frame is very short so it is worth doing some preparatory work before September.

Another meeting will be held later in the Summer term specifically for Year 5 parents to distribute the updated information and details for Year 6 and their child's 2020 Secondary Transfer. All parents need to be aware that many popular Church schools are oversubscribed and follow very strict admissions criteria.

### CLUBS

Clubs have now ended for the Spring Term and will resume on Monday 29th April-the first day back at school after the holidays. Please remember that the clubs may change and different children will have the opportunity to participate. Look out for the Summer Term Extra-Curricular Activities newsletter which contains all the details. There will be no After School Activity club on Friday 12th April, when school closes at 2:00p.m. but it will continue to run on all other dates. Breakfast Club will run every day.