

### IMPORTANT DATES IN JULY

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Health and Fitness Week  
1<sup>st</sup> Year 3 photography for Tate Project  
1<sup>st</sup> Reports sent home  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sports Day at Paddington Recreation Ground  
3<sup>rd</sup> ADAD Anti-Drugs show for Year 6  
3<sup>rd</sup> 9:15 SVPA Elections-all welcome. Please support!  
4<sup>th</sup> Optional Parents Evening for Nursery, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y6  
5<sup>th</sup> 10:35 Year 1 Assembly-all welcome  
5<sup>th</sup> 14:00 Year 5 End of Project Celebration  
5<sup>th</sup> Optional Parents Evening for Reception, Y4 and Y5  
8<sup>th</sup> 'Move Up' afternoon-welcome to new pupils  
8<sup>th</sup> 15:30 Irish Dancing performance-all welcome  
9<sup>th</sup> Pupil Chaplaincy Team visiting Tyburn Convent  
9<sup>th</sup> 9:15 Year 3 End of Project Celebration-all welcome  
9<sup>th</sup> Final swimming session for Year 3  
9<sup>th</sup> 14:00 Year 2 End of Project Celebration-all welcome  
9<sup>th</sup> 15:00 SVPA Uniform Sale  
10<sup>th</sup> Foundation Stage Open Morning –all welcome  
10<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Meet the Teacher/ Sayers Croft meeting (ready for Y6)  
10<sup>th</sup> Year 4 attending Good Shepherd Mass at Westminster Cathedral  
10<sup>th</sup> Sayers Croft/ Secondary Transfer meeting for Year 5 parents (ready for Year 6)  
11<sup>th</sup> Year 5 attending 'Taster Day' at St.George's Catholic Secondary School  
11<sup>th</sup> 9:15 Year 1 End of Project Celebration-all welcome  
11<sup>th</sup> 14:00 Year 4 End of Project Celebration-all welcome  
12<sup>th</sup> 9:15 Whole School End of Year Mass, St. James's  
12<sup>th</sup> No after school club-apologies for any inconvenience  
16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 Year 6 Production Dress Rehearsal-please see Miss Coleman if you would like to attend  
16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 Year 6 Production-ticket entrance only  
18<sup>th</sup> 9:15 Leavers Mass for Year 6 only  
18<sup>th</sup> 13:45 Instrumental Concert  
19<sup>th</sup> Own Clothes Day (£1 donation please)  
**19<sup>th</sup> 14:00 School breaks up for the summer holidays**



**SPORTS DAY** This year's Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and will be held at Paddington Recreation Ground. A letter containing more details and a map showing the location has been sent to parents.

St. Vincent's is proud of the standard and provision of Physical Education (P.E.). Our Sports Day represents the high standards that we achieve in P.E. and reflects the high profile P.E. and sport has within St Vincent's- as well as being a Sports Day that is lots of fun.

During the day there will be a range of athletics events including javelin (foam) and the traditional fun races such as sack and egg and spoon. The children will have opportunity to run on a real race track. As we will be there for the whole day, the children will be able to have an enjoyable picnic packed lunch with their class and families. To aid the organisation of the day, children are to come directly to the venue and not go to school, unless parents would like to the staff to escort their children. Parents are welcome to stay all day if they wish, or return to collect their children at the end of the day. We look forward to many parents coming along on the day and supporting this event. Please bring a picnic and have a fun family day out! The weather forecast is hot so is essential that children arrive wearing adequate skin protection, a suitable hat and with plenty of water to drink. Thank you. We will have fun whatever the weather!

**ATTENDANCE AND TERM DATES** The Summer Term finishes on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 14:00** All pupils are expected to attend until the end of term and no absences will be authorised for early holidays or attendance at Summer Camps/Summer Schools.

The Autumn term commences on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019** (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 13:00 for Year 6 when they will be departing for Sayers Croft and 9<sup>th</sup> September onwards for Nursery, who have a staggered intake). It is essential that all children are present on the first day to meet their teacher and settle in to the new routines with their class. No holidays will be authorised during this time so please book holidays in advance. Any children absent on the first day of term are in danger of losing their school place. The absence will be marked as unauthorised and families booking the holiday may face court action.



## St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

TOGETHER, THROUGH CHRIST, WE GROW AND LEARN.



# NEWSLETTER JULY 2019

Dear parents/carers,

Unbelievably, another academic year has almost passed. It has been a really positive year for St. Vincent's and we are proud of the progress the pupils have made, especially our Years 6 pupils, who are now ready for the next phase of their education. We will miss them greatly but wish them well for their transition to secondary school.

I am very pleased that, in the current difficult period of recruitment and retention of teachers, with many leaving the profession, we have retained all our teachers for next year. We are fortunate to have such a committed team who work so hard to deliver a high quality education to our pupils, with a great range of exciting learning opportunities across the whole curriculum and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their tremendous work.

Our governors have also shown true commitment this year, especially with their focus on the many building projects surrounding the school and understanding of the financial challenges facing education at present. We are pleased to have recruited new governors to the board this year, including two elected parent governors. Thank you for your support of the school.

Finally I would like to thank all of our parents for working in partnership with the school to ensure the best experiences for our children. 'Together through Christ we grow and learn' St. Vincent's truly feels like a family and I feel privileged to lead such a fabulous school. I wish you all a productive and enjoyable final few weeks of term before we can all enjoy a wonderful summer and a well-deserved rest.

Yours sincerely,

M. Coleman, Headteacher

**ST. VINCENT'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS** We are so lucky to have such incredibly supportive parents who work tirelessly to support the school. The St. Vincent's Parents' Association (S.V.P.A.) has organised wonderful social events which also raise much needed funds for the school. Thank you so much to everyone involved.

A special thank you is given to Carolina Linares who has been the Chairperson of the S.V.P.A. for over five years. Carolina has been truly dedicated and has helped the S.V.P.A. to go from strength to strength, culminating in the most recent auction which raised over £50,000! This is an amazing achievement. We are truly grateful and appreciative of your support. After many years of dedication, Carolina is now stepping down from this role and so we are looking for a new person to step up and help to make a difference by leading a strong, committed team. If you are interested, please speak to Miss Coleman. **Elections are being held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 9:15 a.m.** Please do join us. This is your chance to help to make a difference!

*Dear Parents, I wanted to thank you all for your support over the last 5 years, I have had a great time as Chair of the SVPA as it has enabled me to work with many wonderful parents throughout all the year groups.*

*After 5 years I feel its time for a change and I am therefore stepping down as Chair of the SVPA and will not be up for re-election.*

*There is an amazing team of very involved and highly capable parents and I urge all of you to consider stepping forward to lead the team. Please do contact me if you have any questions. Many thanks, Carolina*



**SCHOOL LEAVERS** A fond farewell is given to all children leaving St. Vincent's at the end of this year to move onto pastures new. We wish the children and their families all the best and hope you will stay in touch. Do come back and visit us! Please remember to confirm your departure in writing with the name and address of the new school, even if you are moving to another country.

**YEAR 6 LEAVERS** As we come to the end of the school year it is the end of an era for our Year 6 children. There are a number of events to celebrate their time at St. Vincent's. On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 19:00 there will be a production to which year 6 parents are warmly welcomed (ticket only) and on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 9:15 a.m. there will be a Farewell Mass for Year 6 only followed by morning tea for the families attending. We thank year 6 for their contribution to school life at St. Vincent's and wish them well for their future and their new Secondary Schools. Parents from other year groups or family members who have been unable to secure a ticket are welcome to watch the morning Dress Rehearsal at 10:00 on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Please see Miss Coleman if you would like to attend.



## ASTHMA AT SCHOOL

St. Vincent's is an inclusive school with a strong Christian ethos which values the unique worth of every individual. We believe every child has a right to education, irrespective of any medical condition they may have. The school will do everything reasonably and practically possible to ensure that pupil's with medical conditions have full access to the curriculum and all the normal school activities including school trips and Physical Education. Through co-operation with health professional, parents and the delivery of appropriate training the school will develop an understanding of how a particular medical condition impacts on a child's ability to learn, including the social and emotional aspects of having a medical condition. At the same time every effort will be made to increase the confidence and independence of children with medical conditions and promote self-care.

An increasing number of pupils are being diagnosed with asthma and it is really important that the school is fully aware of their condition and can work together with parents to support the needs of the child. The key points below have been compiled from guidance by Asthma UK and incorporating the principles of the St. Vincent's Supporting Medical Needs Policy.

**1. Share responsibility for your child's asthma** The lead person for health conditions at St. Vincent's is Miss Coleman, supported by Mrs Lynch and we work very closely with our school nurse, Karen Atkins, who visits the school on Monday mornings. Together with parents we write a Care Plan for every child at our school with asthma. All staff receive training at least annually.

**2. Book a meeting and share information about your child** If your child has asthma or viral wheezing, or needs an inhaler for any other condition such as a virus, please inform Mrs Lynch immediately and make an appointment to speak to Miss Coleman and the school nurse. Talk staff through your child's asthma action plan, and give them a copy to keep. A written asthma action plan explains clearly what to do if your child has asthma symptoms, which can give both you and school staff peace of mind. Explain how asthma affects *your* child – their usual symptoms, and the signs that indicate they may need to use their reliever inhaler (usually blue). You could explain that sometimes symptoms may not be obvious – for example, if your child seems sleepy or cannot concentrate, that may be a sign symptoms are keeping them awake at night. Asthma affects everyone differently so the teacher needs to know that your child's situation isn't necessarily the same as that of other children with asthma. Discuss how teachers can let you know if your child has any asthma symptoms at school or has used their reliever inhaler during the day. Ask how the school would prefer to get any updates about your child's asthma.

**3. Manage your child's medicines** The school needs an inhaler and a spacer for your child (we encourage children to use this as it helps make their inhaler more effective, especially in an emergency situation). Make sure your child's inhaler is labelled. Ideally, keep it in the original box with the prescription label, stored with the cap on. Also, check the inhalers regularly to make sure there is plenty of medicine in them, and to make sure they're still in date. Although the school will endeavour to remind you of this, it is ultimately the responsibility of parents. St. Vincent's has Emergency Inhalers in the school office in case a child cannot access their own inhaler for any reason but consent is needed and this is not a substitute for their own inhaler.

If your child needs to take any extra medicines during school hours, please give the headteacher a guidance note from your GP.

**4. Plan for emergencies** Your child's teacher, and other key school staff, need to know the signs that your child may be having an asthma attack, and when to call 999. All staff understand that your child must not be left alone without an adult present until they are feeling better.

**RECEPTION-YEAR 1 UNIFORM** A reminder to all Reception parents that your child will be wearing a different uniform from September when they leave the Foundation Stage and start in Key Stage 1. This transition to more formal teaching in Year 1 is marked by a more formal uniform, with a shirt, tie, trousers or skirt and cardigan or jumper. Shoes will be required to be worn; not boots, sandals or trainers. Reception and Nursery children in September continue to wear the same plain tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt with school logo. To support parents a Second Hand Uniform Sale will be held in the school hall at 15:00 on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Please collect a Uniform leaflet from the school office or check on the school website if you would like further detail or need to clarify any of the uniform requirements.

## REPORTS AND PARENTS EVENING

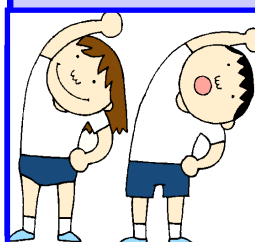
Reports will be sent home on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July. These will confirm whether a child is working at the expected standards for their age, with celebration of their achievements this year and details of the next steps for them to continue to make progress. If you wish to discuss the content of the report please inform your child's classteacher and an appointment will be arranged for Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July (Nursery, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y6) or Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July (Reception, Y4, Y5) when Optional Parents Evenings will be held.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GREEN TEAM 2018-19** It has good news all round from Green Team this year! As you know, for the past two years Mr Lee has organised for Green Team to put up pollution collection tubes in strategic places around our local area. We put up the tube, wait two months before sending them to be analysed. This year the results have been far more positive. Taking in into account the results from last year and comparing the two, the pollution levels have reduced: not vastly but they are heading in the right direction. This may be because of the lack of car park and the introduction of the Ultra Low Emission Zone. This news is fabulous; hopefully the levels will continue to decrease even more over time.

Green Team again had the opportunity to attend the We Day concert. This event is organised as a thank you to the young people that have made a difference both locally and globally. Thank you everybody for helping us raise funds for both Great Ormond Street Hospital and the World Wide Fund for Nature. Your generosity meant that we gave over £3000 for these very important causes. We felt very proud of ourselves in Green Team and had a lot of fun dancing in our pyjamas and wearing our wild clothes. Another trip was our World Recycling Day trip to The West One shopping Centre. The activities were fun and we felt like VIP's.

Around the school, we continued to carry out green audits, watered and weeded our rooftop gardens and had meetings to discuss any issues we have been concerned about. We hope you have a lovely, green summer.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PUPIL CHAPLAINCY TEAM 2018-19** We have been sharing our new Pupil Chaplaincy box with the children at break time and it's very popular! Everyone loves the scratch art crosses and sewing the fish. We have also enjoyed teaching children how to be calm and peaceful at break times. One of our most important roles has been to encourage the children to reconcile; to say sorry and ask for forgiveness. We also remind them of good manners. We have had a great year and we really look forward to our trip to Tyburn Convent!!



**MESSAGE FROM OUR RIGHTS RESPECTING SPORTS AMBASSADORS** Health and Fitness Week will take place between Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. We will be leading fitness challenges during lunchtimes and helping to organise class tournaments within our weekly PE lessons. We would like to wish everyone the best of luck on Sports Day and encourage you to demonstrate good sportsmanship skills.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL 2018-2019** This year has passed by so quickly, School Council have loved representing each class and it has been a great privilege helping and improving our school. We want to say thank you to everybody who participated in raising their issues and councillors who tried to solve it out. We are very grateful to be helping to sort out all of your suggestions. School Council gives children the opportunity to say what they want to improve the school.

We are very happy with the amount of money raised, which went to great Ormond Street Hospital through Pyjama Day; we hope the next year School Council carry on our cause. We have been empowered by the amount of faith you have put in this year's School Council. We are leaving the School Council with new skills such as involving and organising things efficiently, public speaking, coming up with amazing ideas and identifying unrealistic ones, we also learned how to spend money wisely and how to listen to others.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to our chairperson, Leonard and Shamira the deputy chairperson, wishing them good luck for their new secondary school. We hope you will have a wonderful summer break.

**PARENTS QUESTIONNAIRE** Thank you to all who completed the Parents Questionnaire. The results of these will be analysed and the areas for development will be used to inform our School Development Plan for next year. Opinions have also been collected from the children via a Pupil Questionnaire and staff and Governors have had meetings to offer their own contributions. The first newsletter of the Autumn Term will include a summary of priority areas of focus in the School Development Plan 2019-20. If you have any further constructive ideas about how the school can continue to be improved please let us know!

**CLUBS** There will be no after school clubs on Sports Day, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The last day for clubs will vary. As there are so many after school events on, all teacher led clubs will stop on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Please check with the Club Leader to confirm the final day for each club. **Unfortunately there will be no After School Activity Club on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> or Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July which is the last day of term, and school will be closing at 14:00 on this date. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.**