



St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

This has been a long and eventful academic year, yet it's also hard to believe that it is July already!

I am always proud of our wonderful pupils, and this year they have demonstrated tremendous resilience, coping with lockdowns and school closures, whilst working so hard on their learning, whether remotely or in school, and they have continued to bring us much joy. Today our Year 6 pupils have left for Sayers Croft and we hope they have a well-deserved fabulous time.

Our parents have demonstrated once again the strength of the partnership between home and school, and even though communication channels have needed to adapt, we have stayed connected. The participation during remote learning was brilliant and this has continued as children need to isolate for periods of time. Well done all of you and thank you for your support. This amazing support was evident on Friday at our first virtual auction, which was a really fun evening and raised an incredible amount of money for the school!

The St. Vincent's governing body continues to work hard behind the scenes. As well as providing guidance through the pandemic, the governors continue to help us manage the many building developments within surrounding the school and have a great understanding of the financial challenges facing education at present. Thank you for your support and challenge of the school.

Finally I would like to thank the staff team who have continued to deliver a high quality of education throughout the pandemic as well as ensuring that the pupils are happy at school. We are fortunate to have such a committed team who work so hard and are always so positive.

We do not yet know what the guidance for schools will be in September but we will be in contact by email as soon as this is confirmed. Regular updates will also be posted on the school website.

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Until then we want to make the final few weeks of school as enjoyable and educational as possible.

Please remember that you are not alone and we are still very much a school family. If you have any concerns or need any support please do get in touch and we will arrange a virtual meeting.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Warm wishes,

Miss Coleman, Headteacher

STAFFING UPDATES

We are sad to tell you that some of our teachers will be leaving at the end of this year.

Miss Gorick, Year 6 teacher, Maths & P.E. Coordinator and member of the Senior Leadership Team, is getting married and moving to North Yorkshire with her new husband-too far to commute! Miss Lee, Year 5 teacher, is moving to a school nearer to her home as she is unable to continue with her long commute. Mrs Avdiu, float teacher, Religious Education & Science Coordinator is taking a career break to spend more time with her family.

The pandemic has made us all reflect and make some lifestyle changes we wish these teachers all the best in their new adventures. Thank you so much for all that you have done for the school. We will miss you!

We are pleased to let you know that we have successfully recruited strong replacements and the staffing arrangements for next year will be announced in another newsletter later this month, once the children have met their new teachers.

I am also sad to let you know that Rudi, our beloved lollipop man, is still poorly after being ill with covid earlier this year. We wish him well and remember him in our prayers.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

The School Council have been busy working with Harrison Catering to agree the new menu. Now that a full three week cycle has been completed, they will consider some revisions ready for September. Do remember to give them your feedback! We know that a popular request is more jelly and ice cream! The themed days have also been very well received.



GREEN TEAM NEWS

Although we have been working virtually, Green Team have been very busy. Our Wear it Wild Day was very successful, raising a fantastic £355 for the Worldwide Fund for Nature. Thank you again so much for your generosity.

The Green Police have been out in force. Once every half term we conduct an audit to see which class is the best at keeping their room environmentally friendly. This includes turning off lights and interactive white boards when the class is not in use, checking to see if there are any real plants, reporting dripping taps and if the bins are being used correctly (paper in recycling bin, etc.) and anything else that we notice. We are pleased to report that all of the classrooms past with flying colours.

Harrisons, our catering company, kindly donated some seeds and bulbs for our garden areas. This generous gift was gratefully accepted and Green Team had a lovely time planting in the early morning rain. It was lovely to be back together face to face, although socially distanced. One Year Six member said, "Miss, this is the best morning!"



ST. VINCENT'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (S.V.P.A.)

Thank you to the brilliant S.V.P.A. for their terrific work this year. The focus throughout the year has been on wellbeing and connection-and we have been so blessed to continue many of the traditional fun events, adapting to the different restrictions in these difficult times but still providing wonderful experiences for the children attending our school. The Christmas and Easter Fairs were so enjoyable.

The highlight of the year has to be the auction. This was our first virtual fundraising event and it was a great success, raising over £32,000!

Thank you so, so much to everyone who contributed.

The money raised will be used for improvements to the school building (Summer 2022 courtyard development) and to further enhance our curriculum with memorable learning experiences such as trips and visitors.

IMPORTANT DATES IN JULY

- **Parents meetings:** Times have been booked using SchoolCloud. Please remember to sign in at your allocated time and then to press 'Start Meeting'. This is a trial but so far feedback has been positive.
- **Move Up Day Monday 12th July** Children will 'move up' to their new classes and meet their teachers for next year.
- **Sports Day Wednesday 14th July:** Thank you for signing up to your class group of 30 adults and for keeping to this on the day. It will be different but hopefully just as much fun as usual! We look forward to seeing you at Paddington Recreation Ground at 9:30a.m.
- **Year 6 Production Tuesday 20th July 19:00** We are hopeful that the easing of restrictions will mean we can have a live audience of Year 6 parents and carers. If not, don't worry-we have a range of different back up plans!

Thank you for your understanding of the modifications needed for the different events. We are looking forward to when we can return to seeing our school family together in person.

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