

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope you enjoyed a happy and peaceful Easter holiday and are refreshed ready for the new term ahead. It was wonderful to enjoy the glorious sunshine for the Easter weekend. Let's hope that there is a repeat for the forthcoming Bank Holiday!

As this is a very short term we will be even busier than usual, especially as the children will be completing their assessments. Good luck to you all! You have worked so hard and should be very proud of all your achievements.

As always we will balance the academic focus with a broad curriculum and a strong focus on the arts. Please do join us for the Marian Procession and support us during Art Week. In the past, when we have sent home questionnaires parents have asked to be more involved in the daily learning of their children so there are lots of different ways to get involved and in the dates you will find details of the Creativity sessions for each class over the next few weeks.

As you will have seen we were busy during the holiday with lots of building improvements to the school. We are really excited about the scooter storage and are looking forward to this being ready for use.

The works to the Moxon Street Car Park should be starting again in June. We will let you know when this is confirmed. If you have any queries about this or any other matter please do come and speak to me.

Thank you for your continued support.
Kindest regards, Miss Coleman, Headteacher

MARIAN PROCESSION

Our annual Marian Procession will take place on Tuesday 21st May. As the month of May is dedicated to Mary the service will celebrate Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth. During the service all classes will give offerings to Mary. Please do join us at 2:00p.m., as we process through the streets from the school to the

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

As you are all aware the sacrament of First Holy Communion is a parish based celebration, as directed by the Bishop. Thank you for the kind invitations to members of staff asking them to join in your celebrations. However it would be impossible to attend each parish celebration and would be unfair to try to select which to attend. We will therefore be holding a special celebration in school. On Thursday 27th June, at our Mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul, Year 3 will lead our school Mass, whilst wearing their beautiful Holy Communion outfits and celebrate the first time that they receive communion together at school. This special Mass will then be followed by a tea party for Year 3, which parents are warmly invited to attend.



CHARITY FOCUS

Thank you to all families who collected money for the Catholic Children's Society. Please return any outstanding donations to school as soon as possible so we can forward the money to the children who really need it. Year 4 will present the money collected to the Catholic Children's Society at the Good Shepherd Mass which will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral later this term.



ART WEEK

Art Week will be very short this year because of the Polling Day / Inset Day changes -taking place from Monday 20th to Wednesday 22nd May. We are very grateful that some of our artistic parents will be supporting the classes during this time-thank you in advance for your hard work in supporting the children in their efforts to produce a beautiful piece of art, which will then be available for sale at the school auction. If any other parents are able to help please speak to Miss Coleman.

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

This month the S.V.P.A. is busy planning the Family Disco which will be on Friday 17th May at 6:30p.m., providing a good way to celebrate the end of the SATs. Please buy your tickets as soon as possible as places are strictly limited. These will be on sale on Wednesday 8th May from 8:30 a.m. at the school office (with advance sales on Tuesday 7th for Year 6 only). We look forward to seeing you at the disco for a good dance!

Please also mark Friday 14th June in your diary as this is the date of our annual Auction, our biggest fund raiser. The S.V.P.A has been busy sourcing amazing lots to auction but we still need more so please see if there is any way you can help! We also want to really try and increase the number of people attending on the actual night to bid, support the school, socialise and have fun!

Last year, the money raised helped to fund expensive trips for each class as well as enrichment activities for the curriculum such as theatre groups and artist visits. It was also used to support building developments, particularly the upgrading of the second floor of the school.

The School Council once again requested support to buy fruit for Key Stage 2 pupils to eat at break-time and this is always greatly appreciated, especially as we try so hard to be healthy school.

This year we have been able to purchase a Bible for every Key Stage 2 child-and this will continue for each child in the school.

As you will have seen from the news post on the website we are so happy with our upgraded reading corners. Thank you to the SVPA for funding these improvements. We love reading!



This year we are continuing to try to raise the funds for new IT equipment across the school. It's important our pupils are equipped for the technological world that they are growing up in.

Organising these events is a big task so if anyone is able to help please come along to the next SVPA Meeting. The S.V.P.A is always looking for more support and new ideas so please come along-everyone is warmly welcomed!

COFFEE MORNINGS/ OPEN MORNINGS

We regularly hold Coffee Mornings as a social event but also for information sharing. So far this year we have held the following sessions:

- Welcome to the school nurse / Healthy Eating
- Religious Education
- Online Safety
- Reading
- Being a School Governor

Over the next term we will also be holding the following sessions:

- * **Relationships Education** 05.06.19-parents have requested more information about our relationships curriculum , especially with the rennet media coverage. We annually hold a meeting for Year 5 and 6 parents about the Relationships and Sex program but this year we will be opening this to everyone.
- * **Secondary Transfer** 11.06.19 This meeting is open to all parents but is especially important for parents of year 4 and 5 pupils. Although secondary schools will not be holding their main open evenings until the Autumn term 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.
- * **Dementia Friends** 19.06.19 One of our parents has led very successful sessions with Year 6 pupils and is extending this to parents. This issue affects many of our families and this session helps us to develop our understanding.

If there are any other subjects on which you would appreciate more support, please see Miss Coleman and we will endeavor to arrange this.



SATS

Information about SATs is available on the Assessment Page of the school website www.stvincentsprimary.org.uk and copies of the Year Group Learning Journeys are available on each Class Page.

KEY STAGE 1

During the summer term Year 2 children will be assessed to judge their progress. Some national curriculum tests (SATs) will be carried out to inform this assessment but the emphasis will be on the teachers judgement of how your child is performing throughout the year with class work and tests both being used as evidence of this judgement. The tests for this age group are carried out informally as the children would find it too stressful to participate in formal test conditions at such an early age.

Year 1 will complete a Phonics check in June.



KEY STAGE 2

In the summer term, all Year 6 pupils across the country are required to take formal tests known as the SATs. This year, the SATs tests will begin on Monday 14th May. During the SATs week, all Year 6 pupils will complete a range of tests in Mathematics (Arithmetic and Reasoning), Reading and SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar). They will also be assessed for Writing. As the tests are set and marked by an outside examining body, they must be administered formally on certain days, in accordance with official procedures. It is therefore very important that all Year 6 pupils attend school during this week and arrive in school punctually. In order to give children the best possible chances of success, they should also have plenty of sleep the night before and a good breakfast before arriving at school.

IMPORTANT DATES IN MAY 2019

1st 9:15 SVPA Meeting-all welcome
1st Perform Drama workshops 'Peter Pan'
1st 14:00 Year 4 Creativity Afternoon-all welcome
2nd 9:15 Bookstart workshop for Nursery parents
2nd 14:00 Year 1 Creativity Afternoon-all welcome
3rd 9:15 Mass to celebrate the New School Term, school hall-all welcome
6th School closed for Bank Holiday
7th 9:15 Year 5 Creativity Morning-all welcome
7th a.m. Year 2 attending writing workshop at the Wallace Collection
8th 8:30 Disco Ticket Sales
8th 9:15 SVPA Meeting-all welcome
8th a.m. Year 1 attending writing workshop at the Wallace Collection
9th 14:00 Year 3 Creativity Afternoon-all welcome
10th 10:35 Reception Assembly-all welcome
13th-17th SATS Week
13th Year 3 visiting Roald Dahl Museum
13th a.m. Reception visiting Regents Park allotments
17th 10:35 Nursery Assembly-all welcome
17th 18:30 SVPA Family Disco
20th-22nd Art Week
22nd 9:15 SVPA Meeting-all welcome
22nd p.m. Year 6 attending Firebird for Schools Concert
23rd School closed-Polling Day / Inset Day
24th School closed -Inset Day
27th -31st May Half Term Holiday



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 and the noticeboard at the front of the school for the most up to date information.

Please note that a number of previously published dates have changed to accommodate the unexpected Polling Day. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

IMPORTANT DATES IN JUNE 2019

3rd Children return to school
5th Year 2 visiting Florence Nightingale Museum
5th Relationships Coffee Morning-all welcome
6th 16:00 Year 4 Performance of Julius Caesar. Ticket entrance only. St. Marylebone School
10th Phonics screening check for Year 1 and some Year 2 pupils this week
11th 9:15 Secondary Transfer Meeting-all interested parents welcome
11th Reception visiting Kew Gardens
12th 9:15 SVPA Meeting-all welcome
13th Year 5 visiting QPR Stadium
14th 10:35 Year 3 Assembly-all welcome
14th SVPA Auction-please support
18th 9:30 Welcome Meeting for new Foundation Stage Parents
19th Dementia Friends Coffee Morning-all welcome
19th p.m. Year 6 watching Young Curators Practice tour at the Wallace Collection
20th Key Stage 1 visiting Broadstairs
21st Year 5 visiting Wintershall
21st Year 3 attending Marylebone Music Festival
21st 10:35 Year 4 Assembly-all welcome
25th Year 6 visiting Legoland
26th Nursery visiting Willows Farm
26th Year 5 visiting St. George's for Super Scientists workshop
27th 9:15 Year 3 Mass for St. Peter and St. Paul/ First Holy Communion Celebration
28th 10:35 Year 2 Assembly-all welcome
29th 14:00 Wallace Collection Young Curators Family Tour-all welcome

IMPORTANT DATES IN JULY

1st 5th Health and Fitness Week
1st Reports sent home
2nd Sports Day at Paddington Recreation Ground
3rd 9:15 SVPA Elections
4th Optional Parents Evening
5th 10:35 Year 2 Assembly-all welcome
10th Foundation Stage Open Morning -all welcome
10th Year 4 attending Good Shepherd Mass at Westminster Cathedral
11th Sayers Croft/ Secondary Transfer meeting for Year 5 parents (ready for Year 6)
12th 9:15 Whole School End of Year Mass, St.James's
16th 7:00 Year 6 Production-ticket entrance only
18th 9:15 Leavers Mass for Year 6 only
18th 13:45 Instrumental Concert
19th Own Clothes Day
19th 14:00 School breaks up for the summer holidays

