

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER 2019

1st 9:15 All Saints Mass led by Year 5
4th-8th Other Faiths: Judaism Week
4th Year 4 visiting the Wallace Collection 'My First Visit'
5th Year 6 NCMP
6th Judaism for Schools workshops
6th a.m. Year 5 visiting Houses of Parliament: Laws and Debating workshop
6th Parents Evening (not Year 5)
7th Netball Competition
7th Parents Evening
8th 10:35 Year 4 Assembly –all welcome
8th Parents Evening-Year 5 only
11th-15th Anti-Bullying Week
12th Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week
13th 9:05 SVPA Meeting-all welcome
13th Marylebone Christmas Lights Switch On
14th Year 2 visiting Tower Bridge
18th School Council visiting Houses of Parliament: Laws and Debating workshop
18th Reception visiting the Wallace Collection 'My First Visit'
19th Year 6 visiting Churchill War Rooms
19th and 20th First Aid workshops for pupils
20th 9:05 a.m. Coffee Morning: First Aid workshop for parents
21st Macmillan Coffee Morning-please join us
21st Road Safety workshops for Year 2
22nd Wallace Collection Takeover Day-Year 4
22nd 10:35 Year 1 Assembly –all welcome
22nd Young Curators event at the Wallace Collection for Takeover Day
27th 9:05 SVPA Meeting-all welcome
27th Year 5 visiting Kidzania- thank you to the SVPA for funding
28th Christmas Wreath workshop for parents-details will be sent by email
29th 10:35 Year 3 Assembly –all welcome

IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER 2019

2nd Year 3 visiting the Wallace Collection for 'Choose Your Words' creative writing workshop
2nd Year 6 visiting the Wallace Collection for 'Choose Your Words' creative writing workshop
3rd Year 1 visiting the Wallace Collection for 'Getting Ready For Writing' workshop
3rd Year 2 visiting the Wallace Collection for 'Getting Ready For Writing' workshop
3rd Final swimming session for Year 5
4th Year 3 attending Advent Carol Service at Westminster Cathedral
5th 14:00 Year 1 End of Project Celebration-all welcome
5th 15:30 Key Stage 2 singing at St. Christopher's Place for St. Mungo's
6th 8:15 Book Look-all welcome
6th 10:30 Foundation Stage Christmas Assembly –all welcome
6th 14:00 Year 3 End of Project Celebration-all welcome
6th No after school clubs. Sorry for any inconvenience
9th Reception visiting London Zoo Nativity Trail
9th 14:00 Year 4 End of Project Celebration-all welcome
10th Flu vaccine for Reception, Years 1,2 ,3, 4,5 and 6
10th 14:00 Year 2 End of Project Celebration-all welcome
11th 9:00-10:00 Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception) Open Morning-all welcome
11th 9:00 SVPA Meeting -all welcome
11th Year 5 visiting the Wallace Collection for 'Choose Your Words' creative writing workshop
11th 14:00 Year 6 End of Project Celebration-all welcome
12th **SCHOOL CLOSED-POLLING DAY**
13th 14:00 Key Stage 2 Christmas Celebration, St. James's- all welcome
13th 15:15 SVPA Christmas Fair
16th 9:15 Year 5 End of Project Celebration-all welcome
17th 14:00 Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity, school hall- all welcome
18th 9:15 End of Term Mass-all welcome
19th Own Clothes Day -£1 donation for St. Mungo's please
19th Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime for children-thank you to the SVPA for funding
19th 14:00 School breaks up for the Christmas holidays



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2019

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Together, through Christ, we grow and learn

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing half term week.

The start to the academic year has been very busy and successful. Today we received a lovely letter from the Minister of State for School Standards, Nick Gibb, congratulating us on our 2019 phonics results, which place us in the top 2% of primary schools in the country. We are very proud of this achievement. Thank you to our fabulous teachers and pupils for all their hard work. Last week we were thrilled to be awarded a Quality Mark for our work on the Achievement for All Project. Well done to Mrs Duffy for coordinating this and to all the staff involved. The award is wonderful but more importantly we have enjoyed seeing the progress made by the pupils involved in this. We are also very happy to have been shortlisted for the Westminster Active Awards-fingers crossed!

We continue to look for ways to improve and are trying to follow up on feedback from parents to help you to know more about what your child is learning in school. As well as Open Mornings, focused Coffee Mornings and regular parents evenings, this year we are trying to increase the number of Book Looks and to further improve any information sent home or published on the school website which is a window to the school. If you check your child's class page you will see the updated Topic Summary sheets, which we hope are more informative and helpful. Please do let me know if there is any further information that you would feel would be of benefit.

As a Catholic school, following in the footsteps of St. Vincent de Paul we are always looking to help those less fortunate than ourselves and will continue to come together to support worthy causes. Our Harvest collection donations are packed up ready to be sent to the Westminster Food Bank and this month we are holding our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. Please do join us!

Finally, please do make an appointment if you have any questions or concerns. We really want home and school to work together. Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest regards, Miss Coleman, Headteacher

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#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

**ANTI-BULLYING
WEEK 2019**

11th - 15th November

**ODD SOCKS
DAY 2019**



12th November

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2019 'CHANGE STARTS WITH US'

Monday 11th November to Friday 15th November 2019 is National Anti-Bullying Week coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Anti-Bullying Week shines a spotlight on bullying and encourages all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. The theme this year is Change Starts With Us

Small change. Big difference.

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with work together.

Change starts here.

Change starts now.

Change starts with us.

This year the goal is to inform schools and settings, children and young people, parents and carers to know that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying. We are excited for this campaign as we want to create empowering, positive messages addressing the fact that when it comes to bullying **CHANGE STARTS WITH US!**

During this week each class will participate in lots of different activities and assemblies, which promote anti-bullying. However, at St. Vincent's we recognise that this focus should not just be for one week and we are committed to long-term sustainable measures to prevent and deal with any form of bullying behaviour, working together with children and parents to address this important issue.

Odd Socks day will take place during Anti Bullying Week on, Tuesday 12th November 2019 to help raise awareness around anti-bullying. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! Children may wear odd socks to school as an opportunity to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE: LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming is the broadcasting of live video to an audience over the internet. It can also be a one-on-one live video chat. Unlike pre-recorded videos that can be cut and edited, live streaming is just that – live and uncensored. All you need to be able to live stream is an internet enabled device, like a smart phone or tablet, and a platform (such as website or app) to broadcast on.

It's appealing to young people as it gives them the chance to be a creator, a presenter and to be seen and heard by an audience.

When used in positive ways, live streaming is an excellent tool for young people to create identity and develop confidence and communication skills. It also enables them to gain insight into their own favourite celebrity speakers or live streamers. However there are also a number of risks.

There are some practical steps you can take to help keep your child safe if they are using an app or website with a live streaming function.

Stay involved in their internet use - Have ongoing conversations with your child about what they are doing online. Talking to your child openly about the positive aspects of being online and not just the risky things may help your child to talk more openly about their internet use, including anything that worries them. You can use age-appropriate Thinkuknow articles and recent news stories as opportunities to ask your child about their online behaviour.

Use webcam and devices in public spaces - It's important that if primary aged children are using apps with any communication function that they are being supervised by an adult and are not in a private space.

Privacy and safety settings - Go through the privacy and safety settings together with your child, and make sure only trusted friends they know in 'real life' can view their online profiles.

Be wary of requests to chat in private - Offenders may try and move children from a public area of an app to a private area to have conversations that are likely to be less moderated. Remind your child to be wary of people they meet online who want to chat to them in a private away from other people.

Build resilience - You can help build your child's resilience and self-esteem through conversations and activities that are not based on validation from online 'fans' or views. For primary aged children this can include highlighting when your child has been nice or kind to a sibling or friend.

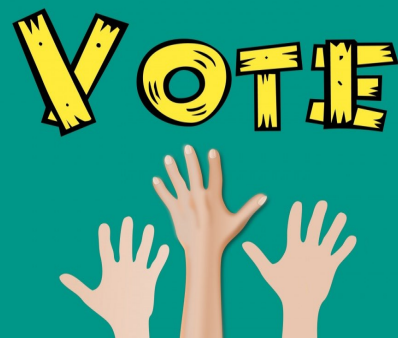
Practice and prepare - Advise them to practice and prepare before they broadcast. This will minimise the risk of errors, or off-script activity.

Safe and trusted adults and advice - Help your child to identify adults that are there to help. As your child gets older they may look to the internet for information and advice. Support them to identify trusted sources and organisations on the internet such as [Brook](#) and [The Mix](#).

Reporting - Make sure your child knows where to go for support and where to report. Children can sometimes feel they are to blame if something goes wrong online. Remind them that they can always speak to you or an adult they

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR USE AS A POLLING STATION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

As you will be aware, a snap General Election has been called for Thursday 12th December and therefore there will be no school on that day. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes. The Christmas Celebration will now be held on Friday 13th December. This is the same afternoon as the SVPA Christmas Fair so it would be great to have more parents helping to set this up so that everyone can attend the Celebration at St. James's Church. Volunteers are needed in the school hall from 13:15 please. Thank you for any help you can give. Please check the website calendar for dates of school events.



UNIFORM

Please be reminded that since half term all KS1 and KS2 children should be wearing the full winter school uniform. This means that polo shirts are no longer acceptable and children should be wearing a shirt and tie. Girls may wear plain navy school trousers but not leggings or any trousers with details. All children are expected to wear one of the school coats or a plain navy blue coat with the school badge sewn on. Please do not send your child to school without a plain navy blue coat as they can get very cold during playtime. If children need scarves and gloves, these should also be plain blue. If you are unsure of the uniform requirements please collect a school uniform leaflet from



CROSS COUNTRY CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our Cross Country runners who took overall second place in the Westminster Cross Country Competition, with many individual winners. Well done to the whole team for your great sportsmanship. We are very pleased that two of our Year pupils (PG and JN) have also been selected to represent Westminster in the London Youth Games competition taking place on 16th November

ENTERPRISE WEEK

We all thoroughly enjoyed Enterprise Week from 14th to 18th October 2019. The children in each year group, from Nursery to Year 6, worked collaboratively to come up with their own product to create and sell. On Wednesday in a special assembly, each class presented their advert in an attempt to persuade people to buy their product. This was achieved with great success! It was wonderful to welcome visitors from Metrobank who led informative MoneyZone workshops and visitors from HM Treasury who supported Maths activities and also helped with the production of goods. Friday's sale was an exciting time with children buying and selling different products. Each class made a profit! The children will be planning on how to spend their money in the next few weeks. We would like to congratulate the children on their entrepreneurial flair and hard work during Enterprise Week. Well done! Thank you also to Miss Gorick, Mathematics Leader for coordinating this great event.

PARENTS EVENING

Parents Evening will be on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th November (and Friday 8th for Year 5 only instead of Wednesday 6th). The purpose of these meetings is to discuss children's progress so far this year and to agree targets for the year that home and school can work on together. Due to the volume of people to be seen only ten minutes is allocated per child. If you wish to spend longer discuss your child please arrange a separate appointment. Please note that, as teachers are occupied meeting parents on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th October, there will be no teacher led after school clubs or Football, Yoga, Capoeira on those dates (except daily After School Activity Club). Music lessons will continue as usual. The good news is that booking your Parents Evening appointments will continue to be booked online-a system which has received lots of positive feedback. We will send a link to your mobile phone or email address which will take you to our online booking system to select a time convenient for you. If

CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY AT ST.VINCENT'S!

CAROL SINGING HOWARD DE WALDEN MARYLEBONE LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Wednesday 13th November 4:20 p.m.

On Wednesday 13th November the Marylebone Christmas Lights will be switched on. St. Vincent's is very proud to once again be part of this special community celebration and Key Stage 2 will be on stage to sing a carol at the start of the evening. We do hope that the younger pupils will come with their parents to watch us! Please note that there will be no Capoeira, KS1 Art Club, Boys' Football Club, or Yoga on Wednesday 13th November as it is expected that the staff and pupils will be singing and the hall is needed for the children to wait in. Music lessons will continue as usual. Later in the evening the lights will be switched on by a celebrity. There will also be a number of fun activities

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A number of our school families have sadly been affected by cancer-pupils, staff and parents. We recognise and appreciate the support that the wonderful Macmillan nurses can provide during these difficult times. We are therefore holding a Macmillan Coffee morning on Thursday 21st November to try and raise funds to support this valuable cause. This later date allows some of our mums who work with Macmillan to attend and provide some more information.

Please bake some cakes or healthy treats and send them into school. More importantly, please come and join us. Past parents are also warmly welcomed. If you are unable to attend on the day, donations are gratefully accepted. Thank



THANK YOU TO THE ST.VINCENT'S PARENTS ASSOCIATION (S.V.P.A.)

A huge thank you to all parents and families who have supported the St. Vincent's Parents Association. A poster is displayed in the covered walkway and on the school website showing who your class representatives are. Thank you to everyone who has taken on this commitment.

Our most recent event, the Family Disco raised over £2,000 and we offer thanks to everyone who supported this! The money already raised is currently being used to support our building projects as well as activities that enhance the curriculum such as expensive trips or visitors to the school such as the Judaism workshops this week.

The next SVPA event is the Christmas Fair on Friday 13th December. Please come along and enjoy the fun Christmas activities. Please also see the dates listed at the end of this newsletter for details of forthcoming meetings-everyone is warmly welcomed and all support greatly appreciated. Thank you.