

# AUTUMN TERM 2018

## Welcome to the Nursery Class

**Together through Christ we grow and learn**

Welcome to St. Vincent's Nursery Class! We look forward to getting to know you and your child this year. This newsletter is to keep you informed of all Nursery matters this term. The Nursery team are; Miss Siswick (Class Teacher), Mrs Knowler (Nursery Nurse) and Mrs Goodall (Nursery Assistant). Please feel free to approach any of us before or after school if you have any queries at any time.

### **Before and after school**

Nursery children should be ready to go into school by 8.55am to ensure a prompt start to the morning's activities. Children can come in from 8.50am when the classroom doors are opened. You are very welcome to accompany your child into the classroom for their first week or so at Nursery to help them to settle if necessary. After that we would prefer you to allow them to go in independently with the rest of the class. We also ask that you arrive promptly at 12.15pm or 3.15pm to collect your child as it distressing for them to be collected late.

### **One to One Appointments/Meet the Teacher Meeting**

We would like to invite you to a short one to one appointment so that you can tell us all about your child. These appointments will take place after school in your child's first week of school.

Please sign up for an appointment on the Nursery Noticeboard.

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 9am, you are invited to a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting in the Music Room. This is to give you the opportunity to get to know the staff, ask questions, find out more about day to day activities and the curriculum in the Nursery and also to meet other parents/carers.

### **Nursery Topics**

Our main topic this term is 'All about Me!' We will explore this topic through all areas of the curriculum. To help us get to know you and your family, for our display and also to provide 'talking points' with the children, we have sent out questionnaires which we would be very grateful to have back as soon as possible. We will take very good care of them! After the Half Term holiday, our topic will be 'Celebrations.' More details will follow closer to the time.

### **Religious Education**

In Religious Education, our first topic will be 'Myself' where the children will learn about the importance of their names and that God knows and loves everyone. Our second topic will be 'Welcome' during which the children will learn about Baptism when they were welcomed to God's family. The final topic will be 'Birthdays' and will focus on looking forward to Jesus' Birthday during Advent and on celebrating Jesus' birth at Christmas.

Every week, the children will bring home the 'Wednesday Word' which helps you to celebrate the week's Gospel as a family. In addition, for many Religious Education topics, we will send home an activity which your child can complete with you.

### **Library books**

The children have the opportunity to visit the School Library to choose a book on Wednesdays. These can be taken home and read together. Please return the previous book in book bags on Wednesdays as children may only take one book at a time. If a book is lost at home, please inform the Nursery staff so that it can be replaced. You will be asked to pay £5 towards the replacement.

### **Treasure Time**

In order to give the children more opportunities to practice their Speaking and Listening skills, we have 'Treasure Time' every Tuesday. We would like the children to bring in something to show and talk about, in a small group. This could be a toy, a photo or any object that is special to them. Please encourage your child to bring in something small which can fit in their bag.

### **Lunches**

Please note that your child can have school dinners or packed lunch. If you choose one and it becomes apparent that it is not suitable for whatever reason please inform the office in advance in writing so that they can make alternative arrangements. Children's lunch boxes need to have their name clearly written on the outside and be put on the child's peg. Please let the Nursery team know if your child is having a packed lunch.

### **Clothes & Bags**

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform and that all clothes are clearly labelled with your child's name, including their shoes. Every child also needs to have a complete change of uniform to be kept in school with their name on, in case of accidents. Nursery children do not need a P.E. kit. As the weather gets colder (and wetter!) please ensure that your child has a school coat in school every day so that they can play outside. Each child needs to bring their school rucksack to Nursery every day. These can be purchased from the office and used for the rest of their time at St Vincent's. Please check your child's bag daily for any letters etc.

### **Drinks and Snacks**

The children are provided with a piece of fruit and a carton of milk every day. Your child should also bring a bottle of water every day as this ensures that they can have a drink of water whenever they choose. This can be a school bottle or another water bottle of their choice. Please make sure that this is clearly labelled with their name and decorated in some way e.g. with stickers to help your child to identify their own bottle.

Please check the notice boards at the entrance of the school and outside the classroom, your child's school bags and the school website [www.stvincentsprimary.org.uk](http://www.stvincentsprimary.org.uk) for further letters and information from school.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. Many thanks for your support from all the Nursery team.

