

SPRING TERM 2019



Together through Christ we grow and learn

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday and wish you a very Happy New Year. Many thanks for all of our lovely Christmas cards and presents and our apologies if we did not get a chance to thank you in person at the end of term.

Before and after school

As the children have all now been at school for two terms, we politely request that you encourage your child/ren to begin to come into the classroom on their own in the mornings. This reduces overcrowding in the cloakroom, is less upsetting for the other children and enables your child to become more independent and begin to manage tasks such as hanging up their own coats. Nursery staff will be there to help them. The doors will open from 8.50 am and all children should be ready to come into school by 8.55am. We also ask that you please arrange for your child to be collected from Nursery promptly at 3.15pm (or 12.15pm for Morning children) as it can be distressing for them to be collected late. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Nursery Topics

Our topic this term is 'Under the Sea'. We will be exploring this topic through all areas of the Foundation Stage curriculum. We will be updating the website with lots of photos and examples of the children's activities and work so please do keep having a look. Also, it would be wonderful to have some more responses from Nursery children on our blogs. We will also be visiting the London Aquarium for our very first school trip on Monday 25th February. More details will follow closer to the time.

Religious Education

In Religious Education, we will learn about the Local Church through the topic of 'Celebrating'. We are planning a visit to the church for this topic. Later in the term, we will begin to learn about the Eucharist through the topic of 'Thanksgiving'. 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 will continue to 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 will continue to 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 choose only one treasure and ensure that it is small enough to fit into 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 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 and check the 'Lunchtime' leaflet for permitted food on the school website.

Uniform & Bags

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform, including a school hat, and that all clothes are clearly labelled with your child's name, including their shoes. Please check the 'uniform' leaflet on the school website for details of the correct uniform.

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. Long hair must be tied back at all times for safety reasons. 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 (please ask me if you would like one) 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 for further letters and information from school. Please feel free to approach any of the Nursery Team before or after school if you have any queries at any time.

**We are looking forward to another exciting term.
Many thanks for your support from all the Nursery team.**

