

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 calendar on the school website www.stvincentsprimary.org.uk and the noticeboard at the front of the school for the most up to date information.

IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

- 3rd Disco Tickets on sale before school
- 3rd 9:05 SVPA Meeting - election of class representatives
- 4th Cross Country Competition for Yr 4/5/6 team
- 4th Year 3 visiting Sir John Soane's Museum
- 5th 8:15a.m. Book Look-all welcome
- 5th 10:35 Year 5 Assembly-all welcome
- 8th Reception visiting Wallace Collection: My First Visit
- 10th Year 5 attending 'Materials' Science workshop at St.Marylebone
- 11th Year 6 visiting RAF Museum
- 12th 10:35 Year 1 Assembly-all welcome
- 12th 18:30 S.V.P.A. Family Disco
- 15th -19th Enterprise Week
- 16th 3:00 SVPA Uniform Sale
- 17th Year 5 attending 'Materials' Science workshop at Queen's College
- 22nd -26th Half term**
- 29th Children back to school
- 31st Secondary Transfer application deadline
- 31st School Photographer-individual and siblings

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

- 1st 9:15 All Saints Mass led by Year 5
- 1st Year 6 visiting Regents Park for Mission Invertebrates workshop
- 2nd Macmillan Coffee Morning-please support
- 5th Year 5 visiting Houses of Parliament: Laws and Debating workshop
- 7th 9:00 Online Safety workshop for parents
- 7th Parents Evening (not Year 5)
- 8th Netball Competition
- 8th Parents Evening
- 9th 10:35 Year 4 Assembly –all welcome
- 9th Parents Evening-Year 5 only
- 12th-16th Anti-Bullying Week
- 13th Year 6 watching Wallace Collection Young Curators practice tour
- 14th Marylebone Christmas Lights Switch On
- 15th Year 5 visiting Kidzania
- 23rd Wallace Collection Takeover Day
- 23rd 10:35 Year 3 Assembly –all welcome
- 23rd Year 6 attending 'Electricity' Science workshop at Queen's College

BOOK LOOK Friday 5th October 2018

Parents are invited to come and look at their childrens books, with their children, before school from 8:15-8:55 a.m. on Friday 5th October. We try to hold these events termly to provide parents and carers the opportunity to see their child's books and find out more about what they have been learning in school, in addition to the termly Parents' Evenings.

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 Macmillan nurses can provide during these difficult times. We are therefore holding a Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 2nd 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.



St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2018

Together through Christ we grow and learn



Dear parents/carers,

We have enjoyed a really positive start to the school year and we are really pleased that our new pupils and teachers have settled in so well, with a warm welcome from the rest of our St. Vincent's family. It was wonderful to see so many new parents at the first St. Vincent's Parents' Association meeting of the year. Thank you to everyone for your support, including those parents who are busy at work but contribute in different ways. It is so wonderful how we all work together, as well as helping our children academically, providing them with memorable experiences, an attractive learning environment and a happy childhood with a shared faith.

Our school governors have also been working tirelessly behind the scenes, with a particular focus on the different building projects impacting on the school. Thank you so much for your support. If any parents are interested in joining the governing body, there will be parent elections later this term. More details will be coming soon.

Together through Christ we grow and learn remains an apt Mission Statement for St. Vincent's.

All key information about the school and significant news is celebrated on our school website. www.stvincentsprimary.org.uk Please remember to check in regularly.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely,
M. Coleman

BUILDING WORKS UPDATE

The school website Community Developments page and news feed items record the progress of building projects within the school and in the surrounding area, impacting on the school. A summary is below.

St. Vincent's Second Floor Project

We are really pleased with the improvements to the second floor. The ceilings have been raised, smart lighting installed, electrics upgraded and cupboard space reorganised to be used more effectively. It is now in keeping with the rest of school and a much brighter, open space. The finishing touches will take place during half term. Thank you to the SVPA and Howard de Walden Estate for contributing to the funding for this project.

St. Vincent's Ventilation and Air Conditioning Project

Our governors have secured funding for this project from Concorde, the developers of the Moxon Street Car Park, to ensure that whilst the project is taking place and our windows are closed (to limit the impact of the noise and the dust) our pupils are provided with fresh air and the school is kept cool. The final works will take place during half term.

Moxon Street Car Park

The start date of this project has been delayed and may not be until January 2019. We will inform you immediately once the start date is confirmed. Miss Coleman and the school governors attend regular meetings about this project to try and minimise the impact on the school and to ensure coordination with the others projects in the local area. The great news is that our objection to the affordable housing entrance being moved onto St. Vincent Street was upheld.

Howard de Walden St. Vincent Street Project

As you will be aware, this project has started. Hoarding has been erected on St. Vincent Street and regular communication takes place between the developers and the school to minimise the impact on the pupils. This project is expected to take twenty months to complete.

St. Marylebone Sixth Form Renovations

Unfortunately this project suffered from unexpected delays, hence the scaffolding still being erected in the Foundation Stage Courtyard. However it will be completed by half term and when we return to school after the holidays the scaffolding will have been removed.

GREEN TEAM 2018-2019

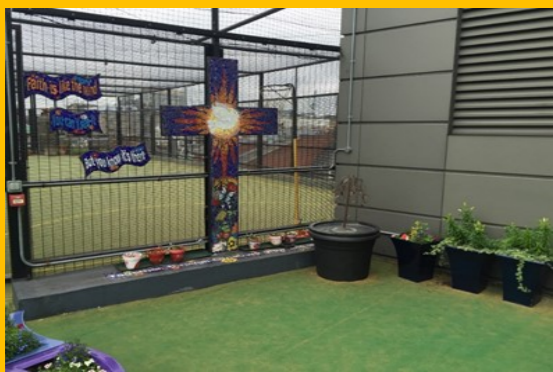
We are very proud of the work of our Green Team who work hard to maintain our Green Flag in recognition of our Eco-Schools work. The Green Team elections also took place at the beginning of this term and congratulations are due to the newly elected representatives.

Year 1: Rex
Year 2: Orla, Julian
Year 3: Vincent, Holly
Year 4: Theo, Regan
Year 5: Sergio, Ellie
Year 6: Mia, Eloise



PUPIL CHAPLAINS

Our Pupil Chaplains support the religious life of the school. Some of their responsibilities include leading playtime activities in the Spirituality Area such as weaving and mindfulness colouring. Thank you to Hannah, Louis, Elly, Nina, Ariella, Antonia, Jada, Maju, Ryan, Carlo and Raphael for taking on this important responsibility.



WALLACE COLLECTION YOUNG CURATORS

Our partnership with the Wallace Collection continues and we are pleased to welcome some new recruits to the Young Curators. Congratulations to Dylan, Elsa, Honeko & Nika from Year 4, who will be joining Anahi, Elly, Gabriel & Javier from Year 5 and Armand, Joseph D & Louise from Year 6.

Their first tour of this academic year will be on Friday 23rd November when our pupils will be 'Taking Over' the Wallace Collection. We do hope you will be able to join us. More details will be available in the November newsletter.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2018-19

The School Council elections took place at the beginning of this term and congratulations are due to the newly elected representatives for this year.

Nursery Representative: Marcelina
Reception Representatives: Nathan, Chiara
Year 1: Esther, Rafael
Year 2: Chloé, Ruben
Year 3: Stella, Pablo
Year 4: Erin, Honeko
Year 5: Haleema, Sacha
Year 6: Shamira, Léonard

They have already enjoyed an informative trip to the Houses of Parliament where they found out more about Representation and Voting, and were joined by the 2017/18 representatives for a strong handover.

We are proud of our status as a Rights Respecting School. Already this term each class has devised their own Class Charters and discussed the importance of having rights, but also respecting the rights of others.

The newly elected School Council will serve as Rights Respecting Ambassadors.

The School Council meet on a Monday to discuss issues within the school and to represent the views of their peers. Watch this space for a regular update on their work!



SPORTS AMBASSADORS

Our new Sports Ambassadors will continue to deliver a wide range of games to increase physical activity at lunchtime, promote positive social situations, whilst upholding and respecting children's right to be healthy and play.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

This month we have been celebrating the Harvest Festival in school. As last year, we will be helping feed local people in crisis by collecting tinned and dried food for the Westminster Foodbank. We are asking everyone to rally round to give items such as toiletries, tinned meat, sugar, tinned fruit, long life milk, sponge puddings, pasta, pasta sauce, soup and breakfast cereals.

The Foodbank provides short term emergency food to people in crisis. Food is given as an intervention strategy which allows care professionals, such as Church Pastoral Workers, Health Visitors, Social Services etc, time to put longer term measures in place. Food will be distributed at the Foodbank Centre at Westminster Chapel on Buckingham Gate, where people will be given enough food for three days as well as being signposted to organisations which can provide further assistance. If you haven't already sent in any goods please could you send them in please? Thank you!

SAYERS CROFT

Year 6 recently enjoyed a fabulous residential week at Sayers Croft. This is a great experience, with a range of fun outdoors activities which encourage the children's independence whilst bonding the class as a team. We were very impressed with their excellent behaviour and positive attitude to trying new challenges (and we appreciated that the children slept well at night!). Huge thanks are given to Miss Gorick, Miss Siswick and Mrs Healy who accompanied the trip, looking after the children and ensuring they had fun!



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

Thank you to all the parents who support our St. Vincent's Parents' Association (S.V.P.A.) and who came to the first meetings of this year. The turn out and number of people willing to volunteer their services was truly impressive

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to be Class Representatives. Their details will shortly be published on the school website Parents page and also on the SVPA Noticeboard and I am sure that they will be in touch soon!

This year the SVPA will continue to fund extracurricular activities such as author and artist visits as well as enabling each class to go on a more expensive class trip. The financial support makes these trips affordable for all. The SVPA also buy a School Prayer Book for every pupil, water bottles for new arrivals and support requests from the School Council such as napkins at lunch time and fruit for Key Stage 2 at playtime. The money raised has also been used to supplement building projects including the renovations to the roof playground and the modernization of the second floor. Thank you to everyone who has helped with our fundraising!

The first major event this year will be the school disco on Friday 12th October. Always popular, you will need to order tickets straight away to avoid disappointment. Once again all children will need to be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for their behaviour and wellbeing. Please note that older siblings only qualify as adults when they are 18 or over. I look forward to seeing you there for a good dance!