

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 2019

- 1st Year 6 visiting HMS Belfast
- 2nd 8:30 Disco Tickets on sale before school
- 2nd 9:05 SVPA Meeting -all welcome
- 2nd WE Charity workshops for Year 5, Year 6 and Green Team
- 3rd Year 5 attending 'Materials' Science workshop at Queen's College
- 4th Cross Country Competition for KS2 team
- 4th 10:35 Year 2 Assembly-all welcome
- 7th Year 3 visiting the British Museum 'Egyptians Mummies'
- 8th EYFS Open Morning-all Nursery and Reception parents welcome
- 9th 9:05 Coffee Morning: Online Safety-all welcome
- 10th 8:15 Book Look-all welcome
- 11th Handwashing sessions for Nursery, Reception and Year 1
- 11th 10:35 Year 5 Assembly-all welcome
- 11th 18:30 S.V.P.A. Disco
- 14th -18th Enterprise Week
- 14th Green Team planting crocuses in Paddington Street Gardens
- 15th Money Zone workshops for KS2
- 18th Enterprise Week sales-children may bring up to £3 to school
- 21st -25th Half term
- 28th Children back to school
- 28th 15:30-19:00 Year 5 attending Pride of Britain Red Carpet
- 29th Year 1 visiting V&A Museum of Childhood
- 30th School Photographer-individual and siblings
- 31st Secondary Transfer application deadline

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER 2019

- 1st 9:15 All Saints Mass led by Year 5
- 4th-8th Other Faiths: Judaism Week
- 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
- 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
- 19th Year 6 visiting Churchill War Rooms
- 19th and 20th First Aid workshops for pupils
- 21st Road Safety workshops for Year 2
- 22nd Wallace Collection Takeover Day
- 22nd 10:35 Year 1 Assembly -all welcome
- 27th 9:05 SVPA Meeting-all welcome
- 27th Year 5 visiting Kidzania
- 29th Year 6 attending 'Electricity' Science workshop at Queen's College
- 29th 10:35 Year 3 Assembly -all welcome



BOOK LOOK

Thursday 10th October 2019

Parents are invited to come and look at their children's books, with their children, before school from 8:15-8:55 a.m. on Friday 10th 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



St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2019



Dear parents and carers,

The weather may be wet and miserable but we have enjoyed a bright, positive start to the academic year at St. Vincent's.

Our new pupils, including Nursery, have now all started, and we extend a warm welcome to them and their families. We hope that you are very happy at our school.

Our pupils are wonderful ambassadors for our school and in this newsletter we thank all the children who have taken on additional responsibilities this year by joining one of our pupil groups. Well done for taking up this challenge and good luck in your new roles.

All pupils are asked to represent the school well by wearing the correct uniform and also by honouring our school mission statement 'Together through Christ we grow and learn'. We teach the children to treat others as they would like to be treated- and this extends to their online presence as well as real life. To support parents, we are hosting our annual Online Safety workshop and do hope you will join us.

The most up-to-date information about the school is stored on the school website www.stvincentsprimary.org.uk If there is any further information you would like, please let me know. If you have any concerns or matters you would like to discuss further, please let the office know and an appointment will be made with the appropriate member of staff. We want to work together and thank you for your continued support of the school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Coleman, Headteacher

Top Internet Manners

Teaching manners to children in the digital world is not as easy as 'please' and 'thank you'. As the online world becomes a bigger part of our everyday lives, it's important to make sure we all, especially our children learn the difference between good and bad behaviour online.

To get started, here are some top internet manners that will help both adults and children make the internet a safer and kinder place to be.

1 Treat others as you would like to be treated

2 If you wouldn't say it to someone in person, don't say it online

3 People can't see your body language, facial expressions or hear the tone of your voice online so don't over-use icons and punctuation to convey meaning

4 Don't make a situation worse by provoking people even more

5 Don't start rumours or spread gossip about someone online

6 Don't make fun of someone in an online chat

7 Post things that will inspire and motivate people in a positive way

8 Make sure you don't create a negative environment in an online world or game through name calling

9 Include people in online games and social forums and don't intentionally leave people out

10 You can't retrieve material once it's sent or posted online so if it might embarrass you or someone, don't put it online

11 Respect other people's privacy

12 Respect other people's time and bandwidth by avoiding posting too much information

Internet manners.org Helping parents keep their children safe online.

ONLINE SAFETY MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

As you are aware, we try very hard to support parents understanding of online safety. This is an important issue for our pupils as they are growing up in a technologically advanced world. The online safety page on the school website has links to a number of useful guides, resources and websites, including how to install parental controls. <https://www.stvincentsprimary.org.uk/school-info/online-safety/> We will provide regular updates by email or in this newsletter to address any issues that have been raised in school. We always encourage children to be polite and kind, both in real life and online. The attached guide on internet manners provides some helpful talking points and advice for you to share with your children.

ONLINE SAFETY COFFEE MORNING

To ensure you are fully updated on the current issues, we have a special speaker coming to our Coffee Morning on Wednesday 9th October to speak to parents about how to support your child to be safe online. Please do join us.



SAYERS CROFT

Year 6 recently enjoyed a wonderful residential week at Sayers Croft. They shared this experience with the rest of the school at their fabulous assembly and with their fun video, which you can see on the school website news feed. This week 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 that they had a fun, exciting week.



GREEN TEAM 2019-2020

Hello, we are very proud to have been elected as this year's Green Team members. Our aims are to try to make the school have the smallest green footprint as it possibly can. We will also be looking into plastic waste and the plight of the bumble bee. There will be a charity event, trips and we will be welcoming visitors. If any one has any suggestions or comments, please don't hesitate to let us know.

N - Maya

R - Anahi

1 - Mirella & Jacob

2 - Catherine & Albert

3 - Reuben & Celestine

4 - Mayowa & Nina

5 - Sebastiao & Jeanne

6 - Charles & Lola



PUPIL CHAPLAINCY TEAM 2019-20

Our Pupil Chaplaincy Team 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. This year they have begun leading classes in meditation after lunch. Thank you to Chiara, Paloma, Tommaso, Maia, Nika, Maryana, Javier, Elena, Charles, Wanda, Theo and Regan 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 2019-20

The School Council elections took place at the beginning of this term and congratulations are due to the newly elected representatives for this year 2019/2020.

Nursery Representative: Marco, Year 5

Reception Representative: Aryan Year 6 (Secretary)

Year 1: Gabrielle & Matheus

Year 2: Nadine & Jack

Year 3: Gabriella & Ethan

Year 4: Martin & Elisa

Year 5: Dylan & Gabriella

Year 6: Alfred & Antonia (Chairperson)

We, the School Councillors, are the pupils who represent all classes. We work as a group to get the best for everyone. We take our responsibilities for ourselves and others seriously and we discuss all of your ideas. We know how to discuss suggestions fairly and know when a suggestion is not sensible. We are here to help and look out for all children. We are a team so please do not hesitate to ask any help from us, as we are your voice.



SPORTS AMBASSADORS 2019-20

Our new Sports Ambassadors, led by Jeanne and Timothy, will continue to deliver a wide range of games and activities to increase physical activity at lunchtime and promote positive social situations, whilst upholding and respecting children's right to be healthy and play. In addition, Coach Harry from Lord's Cricket Ground will be leading training sessions for the Sports Ambassadors every Friday to develop their skills of leadership.

Thank you to Olivia, Kayla, Erin, Elsa, Ayako, Jeanne and Timothy for taking on this role-we look forward to seeing what they get up to!



HARVEST FESTIVAL

This month we have been celebrating the Harvest Festival in school. As in previous years, 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? Thank you!

UNIFORM REMINDERS

After half term all children must be wearing full winter uniform. For Key Stage 1 and 2 children this means that polo shirts must be replaced by shirts with a tie. Girls may wear plain navy school trousers but not leggings or any trousers with details. For P.E. all children should wear plain navy tracksuit bottoms and a white polo shirt with the school logo. Foundation Stage (Reception and Nursery) children continue to wear their uniform of plain navy tracksuit bottoms, a pale blue polo shirt with the school logo and the school sweatshirt with the logo. Sweatshirts should not be worn in other year groups.

Please do not send your child to school without a coat as they can get very cold during playtime and will not be allowed to participate in off-site activities. All children are expected to wear one of the school coats-blazer, reversible jackets, duffle coat or a totally plain navy coat with the school badge sewn on. The S.V.P.A. host regular sales of second hand uniform so please come to the next one and stock up on uniform.

For health and safety reasons children should not be wearing slip on shoes or boots. Please can only one key ring be used on schoolbags to identify the owner. Hair accessories should be kept to a minimum, with hair that is long enough to be tied up secured in a ponytail or plait. We also ask that other accessories are plain blue-including scarves and gloves.

If you are unsure of the uniform requirements please collect a school uniform leaflet from the school office or check the Uniform page on the school website. Thank you for your support.

Most importantly, as the children are all wearing identical clothes every item needs to be clearly labelled, especially coats and jumpers. We thank all parents who have done this thus making it simple to ensure children are wearing their own clothes and helping us to ensure misplaced items of clothing can be returned to the rightful owner.

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! Remember that you must return the SVPA Consent Form if you wish to be included in this communication.

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 fruit for Key Stage 2 at playtime. The money raised has also been used to replace all the computers in the school. Thank you to everyone who has helped with our fundraising! The first major event this year will be the school disco on Friday 11th October. Always popular, don't forget to join the queue at 8:30 on Wednesday 2nd October to secure a place on the Guest List. We look forward to seeing you there for a good dance!

ENTERPRISE WEEK 2019

This year our annual Enterprise Week will be held from 14th -18th October. Through Enterprise Week, we aim:

- To awaken the creative potential of children, providing them with opportunities to generate ideas and make them happen.
- To improve children's using and applying mathematics skills through problem solving in an enjoyable, real-life and meaningful context.
- To promote financial management and enterprise skills for life, such as risk-taking, making financial decisions, managing a budget, being resourceful and taking the initiative.
- To provide children with the opportunity to use their God-given talents and work as part of a team, respecting the contribution that each person has to make.
- To develop community links
- To continue to build our learning powers, focusing on reciprocity as we work as a team, resilience as we will not give up even if we face challenge, resourcefulness as we decide how to make our product and finally reflectiveness when we evaluate our products and the processes at the end of the week.

Each class will be given a loan of £25 to use to produce a product to be sold. They must design and make the product, advertise and sell it, taking into account their budget and try to make a profit. All children may bring in a maximum of £3 to spend at the sale on Friday 18th October. This is a fun week, with lots of cross curricular learning opportunities and we look forward to welcoming visitors from the Treasury and also Metro Bank, who will be supporting some of the learning activities during the week.