



St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear parents and carers,

It was a wonderful to see so many of you at the Easter Celebration yesterday afternoon. This was such a beautiful end of the term and it brought so much joy to have our school family reunited at St. James's. Well done to Key Stage 2 for their brilliant performance and well done to all the pupils for the fabulous singing. We have so enjoyed welcoming parents and carers back into the school and really hope that next term this continues. Although it is hopeful that restrictions have lifted, we know from the past few years that the situation can change very quickly and, as you are aware, we still have covid cases across the school. I will send home an email early next term to advise of the requirements regarding covid, depending on the government guidance at that time.

Thank you to all our families for your support and understanding during this turbulent time. I do hope the summer term will be calmer and that we can focus on resuming the high quality catholic education for children, in partnership with parents, that is the heart of all we do.

Thank you to our staff team who continue to work tirelessly. We are all ready for the holiday and this is well deserved by our hard working pupils as well.

I am really pleased that when we return after the holidays our much loved lollipop man, Rudi, will also return after a period of extended absence linked to coronavirus and the impact on his family, Welcome back Rudi, we have missed you!

Please remember to regularly check the school website www.stvincentsprimary.org.uk as this continues to be the central source of the most up to date information, and will also be used to celebrate the work taking place in school.

I hope you all enjoy a peaceful and holy Easter.

Warm wishes,
Miss Coleman,
Headteacher



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THANK YOU TO THE ST.VINCENT'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION (SVPA)!

We are so blessed to have such a fabulous supportive Parents' Association (SVPA) and, after being brilliant at operating virtually, it has been fabulous to resume real life activities and meetings. After a number of years of classroom based activities it was incredible to have a whole school Easter Fair. We all had so much fun! Congratulations to the winners of the International Easter hampers and thank you to everyone who supported this. This wonderful event also raised nearly £4,000 for the school.



The S.V.P.A. is now busy planning the Family Disco which will be on Friday 13th May at 6:30p.m., providing a good way to celebrate the end of the SATs. Places are strictly limited to only pupils who attend the school and their carers, and there are restriction on the entry numbers so guest list places will be on sale on Thursday 5th May at the school office (with advance sales for Year 6 only). We look forward to seeing you at the disco for a good dance!

Please also mark Friday 24th June in your diary as this is the date of our annual Auction, our biggest fund raiser. The S.V.P.A has been busy sourcing amazing lots to auction but we still need more so please see if there is any way you can help! We also want to really try and increase the number of people attending on the actual night to bid, support the school, socialise and have fun!

The money raised is being used to fund exciting trips for the pupils (and hopefully parents can come too!). Dates are yet to be confirmed but the following trips are being arranged:

- Nursery & Reception visit to Willows Farm
- Year 1 & 2 visit to Broadstairs
- Year 3 & 4 visit to Broadstairs
- Year 5 visit to Kidzania
- Year 5 & 6 visit to Wintershall
- Year 6 visit to Legoland
- Year 6 visit to Daylesford farm and Paolo's grave. May he rest in peace



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CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (WESTMINSTER) LENTEN APPEAL 2022 'CULTURE OF COMMUNITY'

For many years, the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) Lenten Appeal has aimed to raise awareness of the types of poverty encountered by local children and young people as well as highlight what our Catholic faith teaches us about the season of Lent. This year's appeal is inspired by Pope Francis's call to support everyone's mental health by building a 'culture of community'. Please remember to send in your child's donation box for this important cause.



IMPORTANT DATES IN APRIL

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 website for the most up to date information.

Friday 1st Own Clothes Day to raise money for Ukraine. Please remember your donation

Friday 1st 14:00 School breaks up for the Easter holiday

Monday 4th-Tuesday 19th Easter Holiday.
Enjoy a peaceful and holy Easter



Wednesday 20th Children return to school

Wednesday 20th School office open 8:00-9:30 only

Thursday 21st School office open 8:00-9:30 only

Thursday 21st 14:00 School Meals tasting Event, school courtyard

Friday 22nd School Mass for the start of the new term (pupils only)

Tuesday 26th 8:00 SVPA Uniform Sale, St.Vincent Street

Tuesday 26th Y3 attending Art workshop at the Wallace Collection: Inspiring Walt Disney

Tuesday 26th Y4 attending Art workshop at the Wallace Collection: Inspiring Walt Disney

Wednesday 27th 9:00 SVPA Meeting, music room. All welcome

Friday 29th 10:30 Year 3 Assembly. All welcome

IMPORTANT DATES IN MAY

Monday 2nd School closed-Bank Holiday

Thursday 5th Disco Guest List Places on sale

Friday 6th 10:30 Reception Assembly. All welcome

Monday 9th -Friday 13th SATs and Assessment Week

Friday 13th 10:30 Nursery Assembly. All welcome

Friday 13th 18:30 SVPA Disco

Monday 16th -Friday 27th Art Weeks

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th First Aid workshops-thank you SVPA for funding

Friday 20th 10:30 Year 1 Assembly. All welcome

Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th National Portrait gallery working with Years 1,2 3 and 4

Friday 22nd School Mass to celebrate the Ascension

Friday 27th May Procession

Monday 30th-Monday 6th June Half term holiday

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ONLINE SAFETY

For many of us, we see our online lives and offline lives as different, but children are growing up with technology and the internet and for them there isn't a difference; online life and offline life is just life. At school, we are always looking for ways to keep talking to children about how to stay safe online. Recently, we've been talking about posting or sending videos and pictures to our friends, and making sure that they are appropriate, as well as remembering our digital footprint. Even if pictures 'disappear' after they've been viewed, they are still on the internet and anyone can screenshot and share it with others. The best way to support your children is to keep the conversation going – ask them what games and apps they use, ask them who they speak to and what they share with each other. The NSPCC has some useful tips for how to have these conversations at home

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/> Please do let us know if there is anything we can support you with.



SCHOOL OFFICE

As you are aware we are busy transitioning to a new Management Information System and new finance package at school. This is very time consuming but we think will be beneficial and increase efficiency in a number of ways. To ensure as smooth a transition as possible, the school office will only be open for the restricted hours of 8:00-9:30 a.m for the first few days when we return to school. Outside of these times communication will be by telephone or email please. Thank you so much for your support and understanding.

SCHOOL MEALS

Due to unavoidable rising costs our school dinner price will need to raise to £2.45 from April. To help us continue to ensure the meals provision is meeting your needs please could parents complete the quick questionnaire for each child attending our school. This is important whether your child has packed or school dinner as all your views are valuable.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/st-vincent-catholic-primary>

Our school kitchen team do a wonderful job preparing fresh food for so many children from the tiniest of kitchens. Now that restrictions are lifting we would like to share with you some of the meals that your children enjoy and thus will be holding a tasting session for parents on Thursday 21st April after school in the courtyard. We do hope you will be able to join us.

PADDINGTON STREET GARDENS

As the evening becomes lighter and the weather hopefully becomes warmer we would like to remind parents that when in Paddington Street Garden after school all children need to be carefully supervised please. As they are wearing school uniform pupils continue to be representatives of St. Vincent's and we have the same behaviour expectations as at school. If you have any issues please address these with the parent /carer of the child involved, and not with the child. We are so lucky to have such a beautiful park near our school and want to ensure this lovely space is enjoyed by everyone within the local community.

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