DATES Please check the school website calendar for regular updates. You can also choose to sync the calendar to your own electronic devices for the whole school or for relevant classes.

IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY 2019
1st 9:15 Candlemas led by Year 5
1st Year 6 visiting Queen’s College for Science workshop ‘Animals Including Humans’
1st SVPA International Evening –SOLD OUT
4th-5th Other Faiths: Judaism Week
4th Years 1 & 2 visiting Jewish Museum
5th Safer Internet Day
5th Years 3 & 4 visiting Jewish Museum
6th 9:00 SVPA Meeting-all welcome
6th Years 5 & 6 visiting Jewish Museum
7th Reception visiting Docklands Museum
8th 10:35 Year 4 Assembly -all welcome
11th -15th World Week
11th Year 6 meeting Dan Freedman, author of Unstoppable
12th English Open Morning-all welcome
13th WE workshops
14th Year 4 visiting Natural History Museum
15th 9:30 Cultural Assembly -all welcome
18th-22nd Half Term-Have a wonderful holiday!
25th Children back to school
26th Nursery visiting the Aquarium
27th 9:00 SVPA Meeting-all welcome
28th Year 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Gala (selected team)

IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH 2019
1st Secondary Transfer Outcomes Day-good luck Year 6
1st 10:35 Year 3 Assembly-all welcome
4th Year 6 visiting Mayhew Animal Home
5th Year ¾ Girls Participation Football Tournament (selected team)
6th 9:15 SVPA Pancake Sale, school hall
9th 9:15 Coffee Morning-please come and meet the school nurse. Eating issues focus
11th WE Day UK- Yrs 5/6 Green Team & School Council attending celebration at Wembley Arena
16th Launch of Catholic Children’s Society Lenten Appeal
16th 14:00 Ash Wednesday Service, St. James’s Church-all welcome
18th World Book Day –children to dress up as book characters
20th 10:35 Year 2 Assembly-all welcome
22nd Year 5 visiting Photographers Gallery for Camera Obscura workshop
23rd 9:00 SVPA Meeting-all welcome
25th Duggie Dug Dog show
29th Year 3 visiting Museum of London for Stone Age Day
29th Class Photographs
29th 10:35 Rehearsal Assembly-all welcome
29th Year 4 visiting St. Clement Dane’s School for Shakespeare story telling session
25th Year 3 watching Young Curators presentation at the Wallace Collection
26th Year 2 visiting Hyde Park Lookout
26th 26th p.m. Year 6 visiting St. Marylebone for Science workshop ‘Magnificent Magnifiers’
27th Four Year 5 pupils participating ion Maths Challenge at Christ’s Hospital
27th Parents Evening (not Year 5)
28th Parents Evening
29th 10:35 Year 1 Assembly-all welcome
29th Parents Evening (Year 5 only)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS UPDATES
As you will have noticed, the works to the car park have been delayed. UK Power Networks (UKPN) had planned to disconnect the electricity to the site in December. However, they subsequently discovered that the power supply to the car park was also supplying power to nearby properties on St Vincent’s Street and to certain streetlights on Blandford Street at the junction of Aybrook Street. Consequently, the power supply could not be disconnected as planned and this has caused a delay. UKPN will be undertaking isolated diversion works at the south end of Cramer Street and on Aybrook Street adjacent to the junction with St. Vincent Street during the school half-term on Monday 18th February and this will involve some digging up of the road.

The water supply for the car park site is also being disconnected by Thames Water. This work will take place on St. Vincent Street between Aybrook and Cramer Street and is also scheduled for half term as it will require the road to be dug up at this location. Miss Coleman attends the Community Liaison Group Meetings and parents are also welcome to attend these. Details of this and the links to the Moxon Street car park website are provided on our school website. http://www.stvincentprimary.org.uk/school-info/community-developments/moxon-street-car-park/

St Vincent’s Catholic Primary School

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS,

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Together, Through Christ, We Grow and Learn

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping warm in the snow!
Tonight we will be holding our annual International Evening. This fun social occasion presents a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate the cultural diversity of our community and to find out about the different traditions of the many home countries from which we originate. Thank you to all those who will be contributing dishes for everyone to sample and who purchased tickets to attend. We can’t believe that it sold out so quickly-thank you for your enthusiastic support! Thank you also for contributing to the amazing International Hampers and buying raffle tickets to win these amazing prizes. Good luck!

Whatever the weather, we are always busy at St. Vincent’s. Please do remember to regularly check the school website www.stvincentprimary.org.uk which includes regular news feeds to keep you updated on all the exciting learning taking place at school. In this newsletter you will find messages from our pupil groups, notices about important forthcoming events and updates about the neighbouring building works. I meet regularly with the different contractors to try and minimise the disruption to the school but please let me know if you have any concerns.

We truly value the relationship between home and school and want to work together as fully as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely, Miss Coleman

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**PUPIL CHAPLAINS' MESSAGE**

"We are really enjoying our duties in the courtyard. We help the younger children to pray and be closer with God by coming to talk to us if they have any worries or if they need calming down. Our mission is to clear their minds if they have any troubles. It really helps when we introduce them to mindfulness colouring in." AM & AW Y5

"We have been very busy having a look at the prayer tables around the school and giving advice to each class about what could be improved. They are looking so beautiful! Well done everyone, we have also been helping by preparing for mass and other celebrations. The KS2 Christmas celebration was a real success!" HM, Y6

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**WORLD WEEK CULTURAL ASSEMBLY Friday 15th February 2019**

On Friday 15th February, as the culmination of our World Week celebrations, we will be celebrating the rich diversity of languages, countries and cultures of all of the children at St Vincent’s. On this day, all children are invited to come to school dressed to reflect their heritage countries. This could be national dress or the colours of their chosen flag.

We will be having a special assembly at 9.30a.m. which parents and carers are welcome to watch. This will be an opportunity for children share an aspect of their language, country or culture with the rest of the school. Please do join us!

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**ENGLISH OPEN MORNING Tuesday 12th February 2019**

On Tuesday 12th February we will be holding an English Open Morning to which all parents are warmly invited. The morning will begin with a presentation by the English Leader, Miss Jones, followed by the opportunity to see English being taught in every class across the school. The focus of the morning is reading and how we can support our pupils to develop their comprehension skills, as this is an area parents have asked for support with.

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**WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 7th March 2019**

This year World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March 2019. We always want to encourage a joy of reading so on this day we will be asking all the children to come to school dressed as a book character. This is an idea so you have time to prepare a costume. Have fun being creative and reading lots of books for inspiration!

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**SAFER INTERNET DAY 2019: TOGETHER FOR A BETTER INTERNET**

At St. Vincent’s we are always trying to promote safe use of the internet. Last month PC Troy spoke to Key Stage 2 about online safety, supplementing the focus given to this important topic in our Computing curriculum. Safer Internet Day 2019 will be celebrated in the UK on Tuesday 5th February, focusing on the theme of: Together for a better internet.

The aim of Safer Internet Day is to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. It will focus on how consent works in an online context and will ask young people to explore how they ask, give, and receive consent online. This could be in their friendships or relationships, how they take and share images and videos or how they manage their privacy and data. The campaign encourages young people to explore how the internet works, who owns the information that is shared on it, and how they can actively take ownership of digital spaces. We want to empower young people to take control of their online lives and to feel that they can harness and use the positive power of the internet for good. Please talk to your child about their understanding of this topic and remember to look at the school website Online Safety page for further useful links and resources www.stvincentsprimary.org.uk/school-info/online-safety/

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS UPDATES CONTINUED**

**HOWARD DE WALDEN MARYLEBONE HIGH STREET PROJECT**

The Howard De Walden Project at the corner of St. Vincent Street and Marylebone High Street is significantly underway. The next major development will be the installation of a Tower Crane on Saturday 23rd February 2019, which will require the partial road closure of Marylebone High Street. The installation should be complete on the Saturday, subject to weather conditions. Details of this and links to the relevant document are provided on our school website. http://www.stvincentsprimary.org.uk/school-info/community-developments/howard-de-walden-marylebone-high-street-project/

**BAKER STREET TWO WAY**

The switch to two-way working along Baker Street and Gloucester Place, is proposed to be undertaken from the 21st to the 24th February 2019, subject to suitable weather conditions. During this period, both roads will be closed in phases, to paint road markings and install temporary central islands. There is a possibility that the switch could be delayed if there is inclement weather. Further information can be obtained by looking at the dedicated website: http://www.bakersstreethoway.co.uk/#switch

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**PUBLIC REALM PROPOSALS**

Westminster City Council has introduced a public realm scheme affecting Paddington Street, Ashland Place, Devonshire Street, Beaumont Mews, St. Vincent Street and New Cavendish Street. The proposals have been developed to facilitate improvements in air quality - an issue that we are very passionate about at St. Vincent's.

It is proposed to introduce a number of measures as part of the Marylebone Low Emission Neighbourhood (LEN), a partnership project funded by the Mayor's Air Quality Fund. More information about the proposals is available online at www.marylebonelen.org. We are particularly excited about the proposal to install a zebra crossing from the end of St. Vincent Street across Marylebone High Street to New Cavendish Street as this will make crossing the road much safer for our pupils. Details of this and the other projects are provided on our school website: http://www.stvincentsprimary.org.uk/school-info/community-developments/marylebone-low-emission-neighbourhood

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**GREEN TEAM MESSAGE**

We hope you like our new flag pole displaying the Eco-Schools Green Flag, which we are very proud of. Green Team is pleased to announce that our charity event will taking place soon and the proceeds will be going to Great Ormond Street Hospital. Along with School Council we will be organising a fun event to raise money for such a good cause. We are keeping the details under wraps for now but be aware that it will involve dressing up and exercise! More information will be coming soon but one thing that we can tell you is that it will be a lot of fun.

After half term we will be testing the pollution in our area again. It will be interesting to see how it compares with last year’s results, especially with all of the building work taking place at the moment. A big thank you Mr Lee (past of Rafael) for helping us to organise this.

We will also be holding our Green Team Audit (Green Police) next week. We will be checking that classrooms have living plants, lights and heat being turned off when a class is not being used and most recycling/waste bins are being used appropriately. Keep up the good work! Thank you.

Green Team.

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL MESSAGE**

We the school council, would just like to give you all a quick update. We are planning to have a pyjama day to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. It will be fantastic way to help children in need. We also decided to start a reading club during our allocated time so we will be helping KS1 children to read amazing stories. We have a suggestion to visit other School Council teams to collaborate with them and share our wonderful ideas.

So, get ready because we are looking forward to seeing you all on PJ day but please don’t forget to bring a £1.00 to help children in need at Great Ormond Street Hospital. More details coming soon! Thanks, School Councilors