Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing, peaceful half term and a well-deserved rest after such a busy, productive and successful start to the Summer term.

A warm welcome is given to the pupils who have recently joined our St. Vincent’s family: Karolina, Ethan and Aiden - we hope you are very happy at our school, and we are pleased to welcome back Alfie and Angie. We are also pleased to have new staff members on our team: Mrs Rekkas, Mrs Cimmono and Mrs Flood.

I am really proud of how hard all the children worked towards their assessments. They really tried their best and used their learning powers—especially resilience! The disco was a fabulous way of celebrating the end of SATs and was a great success— a fun a family night out that raised lots of money for the school! Thank you to the SVPA for organizing such a wonderful event.

All fundraising is appreciated even more than ever at present as school budgets become more stretched. Our school is unfortunately one of the lowest funded in Westminster but I am very proud that we have never been in deficit and we have continued to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for our pupils, filled with rich learning experiences. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the school, such as the Governors Fund or who has supported our fundraising events. The biggest event of the year is the SVPA Annual Auction and we do hope many of you will join us for this on Friday 14th June.

Our fabulous parents were also a tremendous supporting during Art Week, especially Natacha, mother of Louise, Year 6, who worked with nearly every class to produce a collaborative masterpiece. We are so excited to reveal them to you soon!

Details of all significant school events are on the school website where they can be shared with a wider audience, especially our extended family overseas. Remember to check in regularly www.stvincentsprimary.org.uk

MESSAGE FROM THE PUPIL CHAPLAINCY TEAM

We have been very busy enjoying our new resources and sharing them with the children at break-times. As well as weaving, the children now have other peaceful things to do such as creating scratch art and other artistic spiritual activities. We have also enjoyed preparing for the Marian Procession. We are very pleased with how it turned out and are honoured to have led this Procession.’ Louis and Hannah, Heads of Pupil Chaplaincy team

Thank you to everyone who supported our Lenten charity collected money for the Catholic Children’s Society. We are very pleased to have raised £1,000! Year 4 will present the funds at the Good Shepherd Mass which will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral later this term.

Kind regards,
Miss Coleman, Headteacher

St. Vincent’s Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019

TOGETHER, THROUGH CHRIST, WE GROW AND LEARN

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 JUNE
3rd Children return to school
4th Nursery visiting Angel Theatre for Puppet Show
5th 9:15 Relationships Coffee Morning—all welcome
5th Year 2 visiting Florence Nightingale Museum
6th 16:00 Year 4 Performance of Julius Caesar. Ticket entrance only. St. Marylebone School
8th WWF Wear it Wild Day—donation
10th Phonics screening check for Year 1 and some Year 2 pupils this week
11th School Council Fruit Festival
11th 9:15 Secondary Transfer Meeting—all interested parents welcome
11th Reception visiting Kew Gardens
12th 9:15 SVPA Meeting—all welcome
13th Year 5 visiting QPR Stadium
14th Green for Grenfell Day—wear a green item to show support
14th 10:35 Year 3 Assembly—all welcome
14th SVPA Auction—please support
16th 9:30 Welcome Meeting for new Foundation Stage Parents
16th 15:00 Year 5 Meet the Teacher/ Sayers Croft meeting (ready for Year 6)
18th 9:15 SVPA Elections
18th 14:00 Sports Day at Paddington Recreation Ground
19th Nursery visiting Willows Farm
23rd 9:15 Year 3 Mass for St. Peter and St. Paul/ First Holy Communion Celebration
24th 10:35 Year 2 Assembly
24th 10:35 Year 3 Assembly
26th Nursery visiting Willows Farm
27th 9:15 Year 3 Mass for St. Peter and St. Paul/ First Holy Communion Celebration
28th 10:35 Year 2 Assembly—all welcome
29th 14:00 Wallace Collection Young Curators Family Tour—all welcome

IMPORTANT DATES IN JULY
1st-5th Health and Fitness Week
1st Year 3 photography for Tate Project
1st Reports sent home
2nd Sports Day at Paddington Recreation Ground
3rd A-DAD Anti-Drugs show for Year 6
3rd 9:15 SVPA Elections
4th Optional Parents Evening
5th 10:35 Year 1 Assembly—all welcome
5th 14:00 Year 5 End of Project Celebration
7th Pupil Chaplaincy Team visiting Tyburn Convent
8th 9:15 Year 3 End of Project Celebration—all welcome
8th Final swimming session for Year 3
9th 14:00 Year 2 End of Project Celebration— all welcome
9th Foundation Stage Open Morning—all welcome
10th Year 5 Meet the Teacher/ Sayers Croft meeting (ready for Year 6)
10th Year 4 attending Good Shepherd Mass at Westminster Cathedral
10th Sayers Croft/ Secondary Transfer meeting for Year 5 parents (ready for Year 6)
11th 9:15 Year 1 End of Project Celebration—all welcome
11th 14:00 Year 4 End of Project Celebration—all welcome
12th 9:15 Whole School End of Year Mass, St. James’s—all welcome
16th 19:00 Year 6 Production-ticket entrance only
18th 9:15 Leavers Mass for Year 6 only
18th 13:45 Instrumental Concert
19th Own Clothes Day
19th 14:00 School breaks up for the summer holiday
Thank you for your continued support, enabling us to provide wonderful learning opportunities. This week we will receive our annual questionnaire, asking for your opinion of different aspects of school life. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this form. We look forward to reading your thoughts to help us identify key areas for improvement.

As a school we have a number of different self-evaluation procedures. Every year the school compiles a School Development Plan, which identifies areas for improvement over the coming year. We value your opinions and would like contributions from all stakeholders. This week you will receive our annual questionnaire, asking for your opinion of different aspects of school life. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this form. We look forward to reading your thoughts, celebrating the strengths of the school whilst helping us to identify key areas for improvement.

We would like to remind all parents and carers that if you ever have any queries or concerns, a member of staff is always willing to meet with you to listen and try to find a resolution. As a school team we try our best and work really hard to provide a high quality education for your children but are always looking for ways to improve. All constructive feedback is warmly welcomed. We encourage honest, open dialogue and it is important that we work together, providing positive role models for our pupils. If you wish to raise an issue in person you can make an appointment for a meeting, send an email to the school office or query via the website or just chat with us at the school gate. The key point is to raise this directly with the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE FOR PARENTS

As you are aware, we are constantly trying to support parents to keep up to date with the ever-evolving modern technologies. The best way to do this is to regularly check the online safety guidelines on the school website http://www.stvincentsprimary.org.uk/school-info/online-safety/ which has links to many useful sites which will provide more information about the activities your child is interested in: videos, games, films, websites. Some useful tips are also below:

- Use passwords
- Check settings
- Be aware of personal information
- Be aware of online friendships
- Be aware of online bullying
- Be aware of online grooming

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

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If you are able to support the S.V.P.A. please come along to the next meeting on Wednesday 12th June and make new friends within the school community.

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- Healthy Living: Water bottles and KS2 Fruit £2,250
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WALLACE COLLECTION YOUNG CURATORS FAMILY TOUR

Our Young Curators are busy working on their next tour. The photograph shows some of the participants working on a presentation on this armour of a Rajput Warrior and they met up with the curator of Ottoman, Middle Eastern and Asian Arms and Armour to ask him lots of questions.

Come along to the next Family Tour on Saturday 29th June at 14:00 to find out more!

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HOT WEATHER

As the weather becomes hotter it is important that children are protected. Shade is provided on the roof playground by our lovely canopy but children inevitably run around and thus are exposed to the sun. We therefore request that children wear a school cap (available from the school office). Children are not allowed to wear any versions that are not part of the school uniform. It is also advisable that children bring sunscreen to school that they can apply before school. This needs to be in a bag clearly marked with the child’s name and is to be handed into the class teacher at the beginning of the day. Unfortunately members of staff are not allowed to administer sun screen so it is the child’s responsibility to apply the actual cream.

REMEMBER TO FUNDRAISE FOR THE SCHOOL:

This is one of the biggest fundraising events for the school during the year. Please come and see us, or speak to Mrs Duffy or Miss Gorick, if you have any suggestions for Health and Fitness Week 2019. Louise and Joseph B. Head Sports Ambassadors

HEALTH AND FITNESS WEEK

This year we are having our Health and Fitness Week from 1st – 5th July 2019. It is a chance to highlight the importance of physical activity whilst promoting and raising awareness of children’s emotional health and wellbeing. Our annual Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 2nd July and aims to encourage young people to take part in more sport, try new sports and learn about the values and ethics of sport. Throughout the week, the children will be learning about the importance of health and fitness through participating in a range of activities as well as celebrating our sporting successes.

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