

Lent Term - February 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope you enjoyed a restful break with your children and families.

As you will be aware Lent commenced last week, in school the children from Years 3-6, will be celebrating class Masses with the parish community. Your child will be sending you an invitation to join them to celebrate their class Mass. Please look out for your invitation and if you are able to join us that would be marvelous.

Easter Reflection - Year 3 and 4

Years 3 and 4 are busily preparing for their Easter Reflection, "Easter, Tell the Story" performances will be held on Tuesday 15th March at 2.30pm and Wednesday 16th

March at 6.30pm. Tickets will be available from the school office Friday 4th March and will be priced at £1.



Collections will be taken after each performance to support the work of Keech hospice care.

Hopefully your child is collecting sponsors for our Cafod Lent Appeal which will take place next month. All money raised will support CAFOD's work and the government will match every pound we raise.

There will be a whole school Mass on Thursday 17th March and we complete our preparations for Easter on Thursday 24th March at 1.30pm with the Easter story with music, we do hope you will be able to join us.

Class assemblies

Thank you to Reception class for their most enjoyable and reflective assembly; the children enjoyed sharing their work and ideas with the many parents and friends who attended.

We hope that you can join us for our final assemblies for the term Year 6 on Friday 26th February and Year 5 on Friday 4th March, both assemblies start at 9.05am.

Attendance

Attendance is monitored on a weekly basis by the school and termly in our returns to the Department of Education. Attendance for the whole school to date is 95.98% this is about the same as last year at the same time but we are still aiming higher than this so please support your child's education by ensuring that they are in school and arrive on time.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

These are available again and our collection box is located in the office. The vouchers are of real support for the curriculum last year we bought some equipment to help with our outdoor learning in school.

What's been going on at St Vincent's?

Parents' Consultation Evenings



These were held at the end of the last half term and were very well attended. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us and the very positive comments that were made as people were leaving the building.

Safer Internet Day



This was a great success the children produced some wonderful posters which will create a display in the library and the winners will be used around the school to remind us to keep safe on the Internet.

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We are now a sustrans school which means we are working with this leading charity who enable people to choose healthier, cleaner and cheaper journeys. I am sure that the children have told you about the 'Be seen, be safe' assembly and the completion to assemble the folding bike in the least amount of time. Year 5 are our folding bike champions, who completed the task in a time that surprised even the presenters.

Cathorpe Court – PGL Payment

The final balance of £40 for PGL Residential Visit (Year 6) is due by Thursday 3rd March. A letter with final details has been sent please return the forms enclosed.

What do we have to look forward to for the rest of this term?

World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day by dressing up as a character from a book on **Friday 4th March**. This is a day later than the official day but will allow our Year 4 children to take part as they will be swimming on the Thursday afternoon of the official day.



Music

The children from Years 1 and 2 continue their musical journey with Pete the Pentatonic Dragon exploring a variety of toe tapping songs using the five note scale. Meanwhile, following on from their successful African Drumming and Ukelele in the Advent term, children from Years 3 and 4 are now focusing on enhancing their singing capabilities.

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Scotability sessions for Years 1 and 2 on the 7th and the 15th March, look out for letters coming home.



Friends of St Vincent's PTA

The Friends of St Vincent's PTA are running a Spring Disco which will take place on Monday 21st March after school. **To ensure that these events are able to run safely and successfully parent helpers are required for both discos. If you are able to help, please give your name to the school office by 14th March.**

All children may wear their own clothes to school on the 21st March regardless of whether they are attending the disco. Tickets for the disco priced at £2 will be available from the school office from Friday 11th March

Reception to Year 2 - 3.30 – 4.15pm

Years 3-6 - 4.30 – 5.15pm

A reminder:

School closes for Easter at 2.15pm on Thursday 24th March.

Enjoy the weekend with your families

With every good wish

Mrs Lake

