

## Lent Term - January 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

A little belated I would agree but the staff would like to join me in thanking you most sincerely for your generous gifts and good wishes at Christmas and we hope that you enjoyed your celebrations with your families.



### News from The Friends of St Vincent's PTA

The PTA were thrilled with the response for the children's Christmas Disco; all of the children who were able to join us had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The PTA are planning future events for the rest of the year, the first of which is a Spring disco on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> March details to follow. In order for more events to be organized more helpers are needed. If you are able to help please join us at our weekly coffee morning or let Mrs Gallagher or the school office know.



Although so far we have been spared the ice and snow we need to be prepared for unplanned closure of the school. In order to receive an e-mail alert via the Central Bedfordshire School's Open Status (SOS) system, you will need to register:

- Go to the following link and click on it:  
<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS>
- Click on 'register for updates' and fill in the text boxes
- Click on 'submit'

You will then receive an email which contains instructions on how to 'activate' your account which will include a 'one off' activation code:

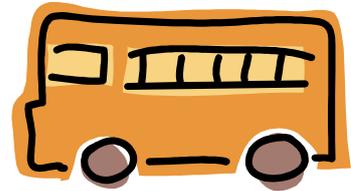
- Click on the link: <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS/>
- Go to 'Log in to edit your details' and type in your email address and the activation code.
- The next time you want to edit your details (e.g. change the names of schools for which you wish to receive alerts), type in your email address and password.

In addition to this please ensure that we have your correct mobile number so that should we need to send a text you will receive the message. If neither of these

options are available to us due to a power cut or internet failure the closure message will be broadcast on HEART Radio and Three Counties Radio.

### **Cathorpe Court – PGL Payment**

The second instalment of £40 for PGL Residential Visit (Year 6) is due by Thursday 4th February and the final balance of £40 is due by Thursday 3rd March. If you have made payment arrangements outside of these dates please send in your instalments by the arranged dates. A letter with all details will be sent home with your child next week; please ensure that you return the information required by the deadline Friday 26th February. Thank You.



### **Class assemblies**

We have enjoyed class assemblies from Year 2 and Year 1; both of them were truly joyous events and were a great start to the day for everyone who was in the hall. Both assemblies were, as always, well supported by parents and family members; thank you for joining us as the children love to see you in the audience.

Dates for future class assemblies:

Reception	9.05am	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 6	9.05am	Friday 26th February
Year 5	9.05am	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March



### **Parents' Consultation Evenings**

These will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February from 4 – 6.30pm and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 4 – 6.30pm. Please contact the school office to make an appointment with your child's teacher. On this evening you will speak with your child's teacher and have the opportunity to see your child's work.



### **Safer Internet Day**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February is Safer Internet Day; the children will be learning about this at school, to support this learning at home you could visit [www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)

## **Educational Visits**

After the success of last years' educational visits we are busy making arrangements for this year and details will follow in the next newsletter.

## **Lent**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March is Ash Wednesday so we will be joining the parish for Mass and the distribution of ashes.

During Lent, to help us prepare for Easter, each class from Years 3-6 will lead a class Mass – look out for your invitation.

We will also be supporting CAFOD's 'Make a Splash' through class sponsored events, the details will be sent home by each class before half term.

Dates for your diary are posted on the website

Enjoy the weekend with your families  
With every good wish

Mrs Lake

28th January 2016