

Lent Term - March 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Easter Reflection, 'Roll away the stone', led by Year 3 and Year 4 prepared us beautifully for Holy Week. Thank you for your donations after the performances, we will be sending £82 to support the work of Keech Hospice care.



I am sure you will agree that as a school we had much to celebrate in our end of term celebration assemblies. Thank you to all of you who were able to join us on these occasions. The children I know are always thrilled to see a familiar face supporting

Year 6 returned safely and thoroughly enjoyed their residential visit to Caythorpe Court sharing their experiences with all of us on their return.

Car Parking



We have received a telephone call from a resident from Johnson Court who is, understandably, complaining that when collecting their children some parents are double parking and/or parking across drives. This means that residents cannot get into or out of their homes. One resident has already been late for work as a result. Furthermore in the case of an emergency the vehicles would not be able to get through. Should the situation continue the resident will take the matter further please do not double-park or park across a drive.

Building works

We are hoping to obtain funding and permission for a number of projects to continue developing the school. Should we be successful, we as a school will need to provide 10% of the cost and we will need to access our funds in the Diocesan Building Fund. If you have not already paid the £5 per child per half term (maximum £15 per family per half term) please do so as soon as possible so that the funds will be available for us to use. Please gift aid the donation.

Cafod Lent Sponsorship



Thank you to those of you who have already sent in your sponsorship money if you have not done so already please do so as soon as possible so that we can report our final figure and get the money sent off to Cafod.

Friends of St Vincent's

The Friends of St Vincent's would like to thank all of you who attended the spring disco and all of the parent helpers. The children enjoyed both events.

The Friends of St Vincent's invite the children to take part in an Easter Bonnet Competition. The bonnets will be judged by the staff on Thursday 16th April and a winner from KS1 and KS2 will be announced on Friday at the weekly celebration assembly.



Jesus, be the centre of our lives

The Friends are hoping to carry out new events/fundraisers; if you have any suggestions please speak to the Chair, Celine Bent, or any of the other committee members.

World Book Day and Book Fair



The children and staff really enjoyed our celebration of World Book Day. Mrs Danaher, was really impressed with the enthusiasm and the attendance at the book fair, we generated sales of £800 as a result the school is able to select books to the value of £380. Thank you ever so much we are always more than happy to add to our ever growing collection of books for our children to enjoy.

Class Masses

During our preparation for Lent, as you will be aware, we have celebrated Mass with individual classes and these have been very well supported by parents. Thank you.

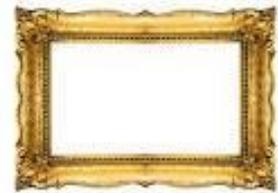
Singing playgrounds



We are four weeks into the six week project for the children in Year 1 and Year 2 who are really enjoying the experience. The singing teacher is most complimentary about the children's enthusiasm, singing and speed of learning new songs.

Arts Award Week

The whole school participated in the Arts award week and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. There was so much marvelous art produced that we are hoping to display a range pieces around the school. In order to be able to do this we need some empty picture frames. If you have any picture frames that you no longer need please bring to the office so that we can display our art work.



School Lunch Menu

There is a new menu for school lunches for Spring and Summer 2015 which will be coming home with your child tomorrow.

Smoothie Making Workshop



The children in our Reception class had a fruit awareness workshop and produced smoothies using Eden's 'Smoothie Bike.' The children all tried some new fruit combinations and hopefully came home and shared their experience with you.

Bread Making Workshop

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 made bread yesterday with staff from Eden. They learnt about the different processes involved in make bread making and produced their own goody bags to take home.



My Maths



Letters were sent out for each child with an explanation of how to access the individual accounts we have set up and when your child will be set homework. After the holidays we will be offering some parent workshops if you would be interested in attending one of these please let the office know so that we can gauge demand and set some dates.

e-Safety

Following our safer internet day I attach a link to guide for parents that has been produced by the NSPCC to help to keep children safe when using the Internet.

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/share-aware.pdf>



Live theatre



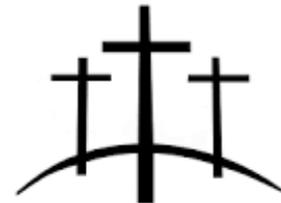
Yesterday children from Reception to Year 4 watched a live performance of The Jungle Book, which was delivered by the 'Magic of Theatre' group. The performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all children and staff. The children were a wonderful audience and were all able to share a part that they particularly liked.

The Passion of Jesus

We hope that you are able to join us at 1.30pm on Friday in church for 'The Passion story with music'

Easter Services at St Vincent's

Holy Thursday 7.30pm
Good Friday 3pm
Easter Vigil 8pm
Easter Sunday 11am



Next term

Boosters will recommence on Tuesday 14th, swimming for Year 4 begins on Thursday 16th and clubs do not resume until the week beginning 20th April. Diary dates for the rest of the term will be posted to the website.

School closes for Easter break on Friday 27th March 2.15pm
School re-opens Reception to Year 6 on Tuesday 14th April 8.50am
Nursery re-opens on Wednesday 15th April 8.45am/1.45pm

On behalf of all the staff and myself I wish you a happy and holy Easter with your families.

Mrs Lake

26th March 2015