

Pentecost Term - April 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school, I hope that you had a happy and holy Easter with your family. I am pleased to report that the children have returned to school refreshed and ready to learn. The children worked hard for our Lenten Cafod sponsorship day and so far have raised an amazing £351, if you have not yet sent in your sponsorship money please do so by Friday 1st May so we can send it to Cafod.

Congratulations to Louisa Seymour, our winner of the Easter Bonnet competition, Louisa was presented with her prize at celebration assembly.



Reconciliation Service

Last Saturday, our children from Year 3 joined the parish to celebrate their First Reconciliation in preparation for their First Holy Communion which will take place in the next few weeks. It was lovely to see the children supported by friends and family and was a most prayerful service. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers over the coming weeks.

School Meals

We have a new menu for the summer, a copy should have already been sent home with your child. A copy will be posted on the website. A message from Eden, **dinner money must be paid in advance**, if you have any queries regarding your account please contact the kitchen directly on 01582 861094.

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

Creative Writing Workshop



On Monday 21st April the children from Yrs1 to 6 were inspired to improve their writing as we welcomed an author to St Vincent's who shared his ideas and skills.

Stir Fry Demonstration and Workshop

Eden's Executive Chef came into school and delivered a stir fry demonstration and workshop to the children in Yrs 3 to 6. He took the children on an imaginary visit around the world to discover the spices and vegetables that he was using. The children had the opportunity to smell the spices, taste the food and learn the nutritional benefits of eating healthily. Hopefully, your child(ren) shared their experience with you and have had the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills at home.



Living Eggs



The chickens are back having hatched from their eggs last week causing, as you can imagine, great excitement across the whole school.

Jesus, be the centre of our lives

Looking forward...

Houghton Regis Vincentian Players – Annie



This year the 'Houghton Regis Vincentian Players' are performing the musical Annie on May 1st and 2nd at Barnvale Academy. There are a number of our pupils and parishioners performing, so if you can join them I am sure you will have a thoroughly enjoyable evening

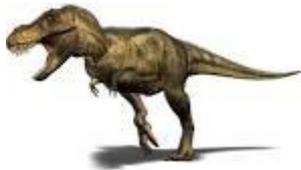
Tickets are available from Marie Brammer.

May Day

The annual Houghton Regis May Day Fayre is taking place this Saturday 12-4pm on the Village Green.



Science Day



We hope that this will be a most exciting and memorable day. On Friday 15th May the children in Reception and Yrs 1 and 2 will be learning about dinosaurs. The Dinosaur Workshop will bring pre-historic life to St Vincent's and you never know we may even get a dinosaur to visit! Bring you cameras at the end of the day just in case.

Our children in Yrs 3 to 6 will take part in a Forensic Science Workshop where they will have the opportunity to piece together the evidence using science techniques that demonstrate how science works in the real world.



Educational Visits

All the visits have now been confirmed and you should have already received individual letters with all the details.

Monday 18 th May	Reception Class	Woodside Farm
Wednesday 20 th May	Year 3 and Year 4	Celtic Harmony
Thursday 21 st May	Year 1	Gulliver's Dinosaur and Farm
Friday 22 nd May	Year 2 and Year 5	Whipsnade Zoo



Please send your reply slips and contribution by 11th May and we again thank the PTA for subsidising the cost of the trips. I am sure your child(ren) will be looking forward to their visit as are the adults in the school who are accompanying the children.

The children in nursery will have a Teddy Bears Picnic on Thursday 1st July, the cost of which will also be subsidised by the PTA.

Enjoy the long weekend with your families
With every good wish

Mrs Lake