

## Lent Term - January 2015

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 is pleased to announce that the family Christmas disco raised £355.20. The PTA is planning a children's spring disco on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March details to follow. In order for more events to be organized more helpers are needed. If you are able to help please let Mrs Bent, Mrs Gallagher or the school office know.

Date for your diary

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 5-7pm - Family BBQ and balloon race, to mark the end of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

### Gardening Club

The gardening club would like to thank you for donating your Morrison's vouchers. The members of the gardening club were able to chose some pieces of gardening equipment and some packets of seeds.



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:

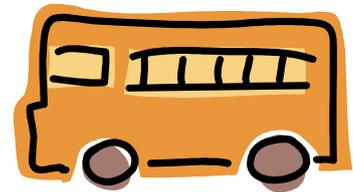
- Click on the link: <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS/>
- Go to 'Log in to edit your details' and type in your email address and the activation code.
- The next time you want to edit your details (e.g. change the names of schools for which you wish to receive alerts), type in your email 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 £30 for PGL Residential Visit (Year 6) is due by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February and the final balance of £35 is due by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 has been sent home with your child today; please ensure that you return the information required by the deadline Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Thank You.



### **Swimming**

Year 5 have commenced swimming for this term, year 4 will restart their lessons after Easter. These lessons will be funded using our PE sports grant.

### **Class assemblies**

We thank Year 5 for their assembly which enabled us to reflect and celebrate the great feast of Candlemas.

Dates for future class assemblies:

Year 2	9.05am	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 1	9.05am	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Reception	9.05am	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 6	9.05am	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February



### **Parents' Consultation Evenings**

These will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February from 4 – 6.30pm and Thursday 12<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 have the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher and see your child's work.



### **Safer Internet Day**

Tuesday 10<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**

We are busy making arrangements for educational visits to take place in the summer term, the Friends of St Vincent's PTA have kindly agreed to subsidise the cost by paying for transport. Details will follow in the next newsletter.

### **Lent**

When we return after half term we will be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent. During Lent, to help us prepare for Easter, each class from Years 2-6 will lead a class Mass – look out for your invitation.

We will also be supporting CAFOD 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

29th January 2015