

## Advent Term 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to this new school year and thank you from all the staff for the lovely gifts and cards which were given to them at the end of the year. As you can see we have been very busy during the holidays improving our learning environment. The library has been moved in preparation for the installation of an upgrade to the wireless system to support the children's use of technology. In addition we have a number of other projects due for completion during the half term holiday. There are always more improvements to be made so please keep eyes open for a letter from the governors regarding the Diocesan Building Fund.

We welcome our new staff, Mrs Adams and Mrs McPherson, we hope that they will soon feel part of the St Vincent's family. A special welcome to all our new children who have settled into school really well; it is lovely to see their smiling faces. It was great to see so many of you take the opportunity to meet your child's teacher on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> after school. For parents of children in **Year 6** there will be an additional information evening on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 6pm**. At this meeting the expectations for the year will be shared and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have including those regarding transfer to high school.

## St Vincent's Feast Day



We commenced our feast day celebrations by joining the parish for Mass. The children took part in a host of artistic activities throughout the day hopefully you will share the fruits of their labour when they bring the item home.

We celebrate Mass with the Parish each Thursday at 10am following our coffee morning, if you are able to join us it would be lovely to see you there.

## Macmillan Cancer Research Coffee Morning

We will be supporting Macmillan again this year by taking part in the world's biggest coffee morning on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 9am. All profits go to Macmillan. We hope we are as successful as last year and are able to fund a shift for at least two nurses, let's see if this year we can give even more support. Please send in your cake donations and if you can join us for a coffee, cake and a chat even better!



### Food Bank donations



For Harvest celebration this year we are going to support the **food bank** to help people in our community who are in need. We have been told that there is greater demand, particularly during and after school holidays. Therefore we intend to send our donations before half term. Please purchase an additional item of food (tins, jars or packets) when doing your shopping and bring into school by **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**. We will present these to the church who arrange for the donations to be delivered to the food bank. Thank you.

### Open Evening High Schools



Open Evening at Cardinal Newman School is 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 5.30 – 9pm

Open Evening at John F Kennedy School is 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 6.30-9pm

Open Morning at John F Kennedy School is 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 9.30am-12pm

### Parent consultation evenings

We will be holding this terms' parent consultation evenings on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 4-6.30pm**, you may contact the school office from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September** to make an appointment.



### Curriculum PE



I am sure that the children came home from school this week full of excitement after their PE sessions. Unfortunately some did not have their PE kit with them so please ensure that their **PE kit is in school from Monday morning to Friday afternoon**. PE will be taken outside so children from Years 3 to 6 will need a navy tracksuit and training shoes as per the uniform list. Should you wish to purchase a tracksuit with a school logo these are available from Best Look in Dunstable.

Swimming will commence for children in Year 4 in October, you will receive a separate letter with all the information you require.

## Clubs

Zumba and Football clubs have re started. Hotshots basketball will be sending out letters to inform you when they will restart. If you wish your child(ren) to join any of these clubs please ask at the school office.

## Music



Music lessons have commenced in Years 3, 4 and 5. I am really looking forward to hearing our new musicians perform. The children in Year 3 are learning to play the ukulele, Year 4 African drums and Year 5 the clarinet.

## Eden Catering

A note from the kitchen, **Meals for the week must be paid on Monday morning.** If you wish to pay monthly or termly please contact the school office on 01582 861094.

School meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are free under the governments' Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme. For children in Year 3 and 4 a meal costs £2.00 and for Year 5 and 6 cost £2.10.

## Cool Milk

Children under 5 receive free milk, if you have children over 5 and you want your child(ren) to have milk please register and pay at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com).

## Information packs

Your child should come home with an envelope containing a number of forms, please complete the enclosed forms and return to the school office by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. It is essential that we have the most up to date information and contact details. If throughout the year any contact details or your circumstances change please complete an amendment form available from the school office.

The next newsletter will be available on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and the last Thursday of the month thereafter. The newsletter and diary dates are posted to the website, [www.stvincentshr.org](http://www.stvincentshr.org) under the News tab. If you require a paper copy, these are available from the school office.

Have a good weekend with your families.