

Advent Term 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and thank you from all the staff for the lovely gifts and cards at the end of the year. As you can see we have been very busy during the holidays improving our learning environment. Years 1-4 have had new flooring and their new furniture has begun to arrive; we hope that it will all be delivered and installed by half term. We hope that adjustments to the staff room area will be complete during October. In addition we have a number of other projects due for completion during the half term holiday. We have ideas for more improvements so please keep your eyes open for a letter from the governors regarding the Diocesan Building Fund.

We welcome all new staff, Miss Atkinson, Miss McEntegart, Mrs Stepniak, Miss Waller and Miss Yearward we hope 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. We hope you took the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, Reception to Year 6, on Tuesday 17th. For parents of children in Year 6 there will be an additional information evening on Wednesday 8th 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 secondary school.

Open Evening Secondary Schools

Open Evening at Cardinal Newman School is 1st October 5.30 – 9pm

Open Evening at John F Kennedy School is 7th October 6.30-9pm

Open Morning at John F Kennedy School is 15th October 9.30am-12pm

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.

Music

Music lessons have commenced in Year 3 and Year 5. I am really looking forward to hearing our new musicians perform. The children in year 4 and 6 have the opportunity to continue learning the guitar and clarineo, information



regarding costs should have come home with your child, if you have not received this please contact the school office.

Clubs

All our extra-curricular clubs are up and running again. Mrs Backhouse did a marvellous job during the summer tidying the prayer garden and continues to hold gardening sessions with the children. We are collecting the 'Lets Grow' vouchers from Morrison's, please donate to the school, we have our box in the school reception area. Thank you.

Family Fun day Saturday 27th September 11am-2pm

Please come and join us on Saturday to start our 40th year celebrations. We are very thankful for all the generous donations you have been sending in over the past few weeks. Remember your cakes this Friday. We are also grateful for all raffle prizes donated a list is attached (correct at the time of printing), some of which you could win on Saturday! All other prizes will be used throughout the year. We have a variety of stalls and entertainment; let's hope the sun shines and all the family, staff and members of our community have a fun day.

Macmillan Cancer Research Coffee Morning



We will be supporting Macmillan again this year by taking part in the world's biggest coffee morning on Saturday 27th September. All profits from the refreshments stall at our family fun day will be donated 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.

40th Anniversary Mass

We welcome Bishop Peter to our parish and school on Wednesday 1st October 10am to celebrate Mass for our 40th anniversary. If you are able, please join us.

My next newsletter will be Thursday 23rd October and the last Thursday of the month thereafter. The newsletter and diary dates are posted to the website, www.stvincentshr.org under the News tab. If you require a paper copy, they are available from the school office.

Have a good weekend with your families and we hope to see you Saturday.

Mrs Lake

25th September 2014

Donated prizes to the Friends of St Vincent's PTA

Woodside Animal Farm	Free Admission 2 Adult 2 Children
Mead Open Farm	Child Day Pass
Morrisons	4 x £5 Gift Voucher
Zumba	2 x Free Zumba Sessions
Marks & Spencer	2 x £25 Gift Voucher
Mead Open Farm	Child Annual Pass
MK Dons Football Club	Family Ticket
Dunstable Leisure Centre	Free Family Swim 2 Adults 3 x Children
Dowlis corporate solutions	Philips Senseo Coffee
Dowlis corporate solutions	Philips Original Maker docking station
Dowlis corporate solutions	Philips Headphones
Grove Theatre	2 x Tickets for The Magic of Motown
Lunatic Fringe	£20 Gift Voucher
The Star - Chalton	£20 Gift Voucher
Red Lion	£20 Gift Voucher
Lumpini Thai Restaurant	£50 Gift Voucher
Donna's Dance School	3 x 4 Child's Dance Lessons
Clarks shoes	£25 Gift Voucher
Roald Dahl Museum	Golden Ticket – 2 Adults 3 Children
Go Bowling	4 x Free Game Vouchers
Paradise Wildlife Park	1 x Adult 1 x Child Free Admission
Woodside Farm	Free Admission 2 Adults 2 Children
Houghton Regis Leisure Centre	1 x Free Month
Chequers Hungry Horse	Main Meal for four