



St Vincent's Catholic Primary School July 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting term! I am writing this as I return to my desk from the Leavers' Mass which we shared with the leavers and their families. Each child was given a candle to take the light of St Vincent with them on their journey. We also arranged for an individual photograph of the children in year 6 to be taken which they will bring home on Friday. We wish Miss Atkinson well as she moves closer to her home and Miss Waller and Miss Yearward as they leave us to commence their studies to become teachers.



It was lovely to see so many of you join us as we celebrated class assemblies and our end of year performance of 'Joseph'. Last week we had two celebration assemblies to mark our achievements during the year, wonderful occasions both. We presented our, "Mission and Inspiration Awards". Well done to all recipients, we hope that this encourages others for the forthcoming year. Thank you to the children who do Zumba who have shared their skills with us and the community.

We had a lovely evening with all of you who were able to join us at the BBQ to mark the end of our 40th Year of celebration.



House Events



We were extremely lucky with the weather for our annual sports day. Well done to all the children and in particular the winning house John, who pipped Mathew at the post.

Congratulations to Luke who were the overall winners of the House Cup.

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Today the children met their new teachers and spent time with them in their new classrooms. All of the children looked very grown up in their new year groups and had lots of questions for their teacher about the forthcoming school year.

Attendance

The overall winners for the attendance for the year are Year 6 at 97.09%, closely followed by Year 4 at 96.80% - well done! Certificates will be awarded tomorrow to all those pupils' with 100% attendance.

Year 6 leavers' party

On Friday the Year 6 leavers enjoyed their party with a fish and chip supper, a visit from 'Magic Dave' which was funded by the Friends of St Vincent's PTA, topped off with a visit from the ice cream van.

Friends' of St Vincent's PTA



Year 5 and Year 6 cake sale raised £37.00. The Friends will continue with cake sales in the new term.

The children enjoyed the PTA celebration day yesterday particularly the balloon release and the ice lollies. Thank you to Mrs Gallagher for donating the ballons and then inflating them all!



Fundraising events during the summer

Friday 17th July

A dance with music by Grand Prairie Band in support of a New Roof for St Vincent's Church. St Vincent's Social Centre Tickets £7 or pay on the door– 7.30 'til Late



Sunday 23rd August



Help a Heart Memorial in memory of Jake Gallagher Zumba Feel the Beat at Houghton Regis Leisure Centre 11am – 3pm

Saturday 5th September

Jake's Memorial Bash in support SADS UK to put lifesaving defibrillators in school. Dunstable Rugby Club, Bedford Road, Dunstable LU5 6JW – Tickets from Sarah Pyatt 07974054286

The Diocesan Building Fund

During the holidays we hope to make further improvements to the buildings and accommodation. Thank you for your continuing contributions to the building fund. If you would prefer to pay by standing order you can do by completing a form available from the school office. By paying monthly it equates to £3.75 per month for an individual child and £5 for a family. Please contact the school office if you require any more details.



Return to school in September



Children will be expected to be wearing full school uniform with ties. Please make sure that they have plimsolls and PE kit and **black outdoor shoes, not trainers**. Please also ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled as it is so expensive to replace.

Dates for your diary

Reception to Year 6 will restart start back at 8.50am on Monday 7th September.

The PM Nursery opens on Tuesday 8th September and the AM Nursery on Wednesday 9th September, to enable home visits to be undertaken.

The Academic Calendar for 2015-2016 is published on the website. Please ensure that you do not book holidays in term time. I am unable to authorise such holidays which will result in you receiving a fixed penalty from the local authority.

On Thursday 17th September classrooms will be open from when you collect your child to 4.15pm which will give you a chance to meet your child's new teacher.

Thank you for all you enthusiasm, support and good wishes this year. I wish you a very enjoyable, safe and relaxing summer with your families and hope that we all return in September refreshed and ready for learning.

Mrs Lake