

Pentecost Term - April 2016

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. As you will recall the children worked hard for our Lenten Cafod sponsorship day before the holidays. Thank you to those of you who have sent their money in; we are still awaiting some sponsorship money so if you have not yet sent in yours please do so by Friday 6th May so we may finalize the total collected and send the money to Cafod.

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

Writing Workshop

On Monday 18th April twelve children from Yr5 joined with the other Catholic schools in the deanery for a creative writing day. They were inspired to improve their writing on the theme of 'Space' and will, in the near future, be producing a joint newspaper using ideas developed on the day.

Classroom Cooks

Classroom Cooks is an initiative that was launched by Eden, our foodservice provider, in November 2013. This initiative supports pupils' enthusiasm as a vehicle to educate them about nutrition, food, cookery and healthy eating. Earlier in the year Classroom Cooks came to St Vincent's and the children had the opportunity to be mini menu developers for Eden. On 18th April the St Vincent's Crispy Mix-Up Chicken Wrap with Roasted Vegetable Rice was served and enjoyed for the first time.

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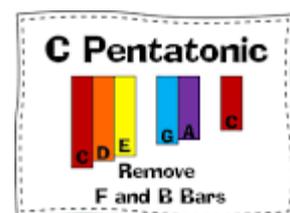
Dr Bike, the sustrans bike mechanic, joined us on the 13th April to service any bikes that had been brought into school. He worked all day in preparation for the Big Pedal Assembly that was held in the afternoon. The Big Pedal has been a very successful initiative helped, no doubt, by the Golden Lock Challenge which has taken place each day. The sustrans' school leader has commented that if our pupils continue to cycle and scoot to school we will have a chance to win an exhibition from a bicycle stunt team so come on keep up the good work.

Inspire Music

The pentatonic music sessions have re-commenced in Years 1 and 2.

The pupils in Years 3 and 4 are continuing their group singing.

In year 5 the clarineo lessons continue.



Queen's 90th Birthday



The children looked resplendent in their red, white and blue outfits and thoroughly enjoyed the day's celebrations, especially the tea party.

Looking forward...

May Day

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



Indian Dance Day



On Friday 13th May the children from Reception to Year 6 will be undertaking a workshop with a range of Indian dance styles. We hope that this will be a most exciting and enjoyable day for all of us.

The sessions will build on the children's natural enthusiasm for movement and develop their skills of coordination and teamwork.

Educational Visits

Confirmation of dates and costings for all the visits that will be happening this term is taking place and as soon as these are finalized you will receive an individual letter containing all the details.



Enjoy the long weekend with your families
With every good wish

Mrs Lake