



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year and I hope you had a wonderful summer. The children have come back looking ready to learn and keen to do well. I spoke to them in our first assembly about high expectations around work, behaviour, respect for all and general attitude to life at school. They were all positive about this and I am confident the children will do their best to meet our high expectations. I look forward to welcoming our new Reception and Nursery children as they join the school during the week.

I am delighted to be the new Head Teacher here at St Vincent's. I have already met many parents around the school and hope to meet you all as time moves on. I am already really impressed with the attitude to learning and behaviour of your children and with the hard work and commitment shown by all staff. I have been made to feel very welcome by all here at St Vincent's and look forward to leading the school forward, together with Mrs Pavlovic and the rest of the staff and governors.

As you are aware, I am also Head Teacher at St Martin's Primary School in Luton. My days for St Vincent's are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; Thursday and Friday will be spent at St Martin's. Naturally, this may vary depending on what is happening in either school. When I am not present at St Vincent's, Mrs Pavlovic will be in charge.



Welcome

I would like to extend a big welcome to our three new teachers - Miss Regan (Year 4), Miss Nyoka (Year 3) and Miss Clarke (Year 1). They have all settled in very well and are happy to be part of our school community.

Changes to Dates This Year

My apologies for this but we have to change some dates for this school year. This is **important information** that affects the days your child will be attending school:

- Monday 30th October 2017. This is no longer a teachers' training day and children are to attend school.
- Thursday 4th January 2018. This is now the day children will start school after the Christmas break. Wednesday 3rd January is now a training day for teachers.
- All other dates remain the same as posted on the school website.

School Mass

We will continue to celebrate Mass with Fr. Jimmy and the parish on Thursdays at 10am. If you are able to, please join us:

- Thursday 7th September – Year 1- 6
- Thursday 14th September – Year 6
- Thursday 5th October – Year 5

- Thursday 12th October – Year 4
- Thursday 19th October – Year 3
- The Feast Day Mass will be held at 10am on Wednesday 27th September.

Autograph Catering

A note from the kitchen, dinners for children in Reception, Years 1 & 2 are free under the governments' Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme. Years 3 & 4 are priced at £2.05 and Years 5 & 6 are £2.15. Meals for the week must be paid on Monday mornings. If you wish to pay - Weekly : £10.25 or £10.75 or Half termly : £65.60 or £68.80

If you wish to contact the school kitchen office their number is 01582 861094.

Meet the Teacher

On Thursday 14th September, between 3.30pm and 4.15pm, we are holding our “Meet the Teacher” session. You are welcome to come along to your child’s classroom to just that. Please access the school through the doors that your child uses to enter the school in the mornings.

Parents' Evenings

The dates for Parents' Evenings this term are as follows so please put them in your diary to ensure you are able to attend:

- Monday 6th November, 4.00 - 6.30
- Thursday 9th November, 4.00 - 6.30

You will be contacted nearer the time about making appointments so please do not call the school until this time.

Important Dates for Advent Term

Other important dates for this term are on the school website - www.stvincentshr.org. Go to “News” and then to “Diary Dates”.

Term/holiday dates for the year

You will find the term/holiday dates for the year 2017-18 on the school website. Please be aware that the changes to dates referred to above may not yet be shown.

Our next newsletter will be out later on Friday 29th September and will continue to come out on the last Friday of the month. They will be available on the school website: www.stvincentshr.org along with the diary dates under the ‘News’ tab. If you require a paper copy, they are available from the school office.

Once again, it’s great to see the children back to school (I’m sure you will agree!) and I look forward to meeting you all at various times over the term.

Kind regards



J P Carroll
Head Teacher

Friday 8th September 2017