



Dear Parents/Carers

New projection screen

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Gallagher family for providing the school with a new projector screen in the school hall. We have been using the wall for some time but now have very clear projected image for the children to enjoy.

The PTA is also planning to contribute towards improving the access into school for parents and children. The plan is to widen the gate and so reduce the current congestion which I know will prove to be of great benefit to all.

The PTA do a huge amount to support the school, with such projects as mentioned above, and to provide fun and entertainment for the children. Please support their events and, if you are able to give a small amount of your time to support the running and planning of PTA events, then please contact Mrs Gallagher through the school office.

Change of dates for 2018-19

I would like to draw your attention to some changes to term dates next year. These are different to what was published on our website which has now been updated. The changes affect the end of the Advent (Autumn) Term and the beginning of the Lent (Spring) Term. The changes are:

- End of Advent Term – now **Friday 21st December 2018** (was Wednesday 19th December)
- Beginning of Lent Term – now **Monday 7th January 2019** (was Thursday 3rd January)

Hopefully, this will give you more shopping time without the children and more recovery time after the New Year celebrations. All other dates remain the same as originally published on the school website.

Before and After School Provision

Thank you for your patience as we finally move towards the setting up of our before and after school provision. We do apologise that this process has taken some time to organise but, as explained before, much of this was beyond our control.

The good news is that St Vincent's before and after school provision will begin in September 2018. We are very excited about this and will be advertising for staff over the next few weeks. We hope very much this provision will support our parents with the difficult and often challenging issue of childcare. Before the end of this term parents, who wish to use this facility, will be asked to register for September.

SATs

At last, the testing is over for our Year 6 pupils. They have all worked incredibly hard and have put a huge amount of effort into their learning. We hope very much that they receive their just reward for all their work and efforts. Well done to one and all.

Our thoughts are now turned to Year 2 as they take their SATs tests this week. Again, they are trying really hard and have a great attitude to their learning.

Sports afternoon

On Wednesday 27th June, 1.30pm-3.30pm, we will be holding our sports afternoon. This should be a fun time with some healthy competition between the children and hope as many parents as possible will be able to join us.

Transition afternoon

During the afternoon of Thursday 5th July all the children will have the opportunity to spend time in the class they will be in from September and with the member of staff who will be teaching them. This is a great opportunity for the children to visit their new classroom and spend time getting to know the staff who will care for them next year.



Governors

Have you ever considered becoming a school governor? This is such an important role within our school as the Governing Body supports the leadership to help them secure the best possible outcomes and care for our children. If you are interested we have two vacancies at the moment.

Parent Governor

The Parent Governor is elected by the parents of the school to ensure there is a parental voice on the Governing Body. If you are interested in this role then please write to Colette Donohue, Chair of the Governing Body, c/o the school by Friday 8th June.

Foundation Governor

The Foundation Governor is appointed by the diocese. An application form is available through the school office and you will need the support of a priest.

If you would like to know more about the role of a governor then please contact the school office to arrange a time to meet with me or we can set up a meeting between yourself and a governor.

Lost property

We have a growing mountain of lost property, much of which is nearly new uniform, so please come and check for missing items. If these items were **labelled** it would be so much easier to return them to the rightful owner!

Key dates/events for the rest of this term

Please visit the school website (www.stvincentshr.org) for times and dates of events for the rest of this term. There have been a small number of changes so please do check that you have accurate dates in your diary.

I hope you have a wonderful half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 5th June.**

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J P Carroll', written over a light blue grid background.

J P Carroll
Head Teacher

Wednesday 23rd May 2018