



# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

## September 2018

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year and I hope you had a wonderful and restful summer. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share. The children have come back looking energised and ready to learn. Welcome to our new Reception and Nursery children and their families who I know will settle in really well. We wish all our new families a special St.Vincent's welcome, and we hope they will continue to enjoy their time at St.Vincent's School.

I am delighted to be the new headteacher here at St Vincent's and feel very privileged to be part of the school and parish community. I have already met so many parents in my role last year at the school and hope to meet you all as time moves on. I have been made to feel very welcome by all here at St Vincent's and look forward to leading the school forward with the rest of the staff and governors.



### Welcome

I would like to extend a big welcome to our three new members of staff – Mrs Sheanon (Early Birds and Late Owls Manager), Mr Mondesir (IT Technician) and Mrs Majeed (Learning Support Year 2). They have all settled in very well and are

happy to be part of our school community.

### Dates for this Year

Please check the school website ([www.stvincentshr.org](http://www.stvincentshr.org). Go to "News" and then to "Diary Dates"). Or ask for a copy at the school office for dates and events planned across the school year.

- Upcoming event: 'Meet the Teacher' on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 3.30pm to 4.15pm. Please do come along and find out what the year ahead holds and the exciting topics your children will be learning. Please access the school through the doors that your child uses to enter the school in the mornings.
- There will be a separate Parent Information Evening for Year 6 parents: date to follow shortly.

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> October, 4.00 - 6.30
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 4.00 - 6.30

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

## School Mass

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

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3- 6
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2
- The Feast Day Mass will be held at 10am on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 monthly or termly please contact the school office on 01582 861094.

## Uniform

It is lovely to see so many children returning to school, looking so smart in their school uniform. It always makes me smile, so below is just a reminder of how to keep this up throughout the school year:

Years 1 – 6: Both boys and girls are required to wear a white shirt (can be a blouse for girls) and school tie. For PE, navy blue shorts are to be worn with a polo shirt in the colour of the house they belong to; a navy blue or black **plain** tracksuit can be worn after the Advent half term until the Easter break; Black plimsolls are needed for indoor PE and Trainers for outdoors. Please ensure you write your child's name on all uniform and PE kit.

House colours:

- St Matthew – Blue
- St Mark – Red
- St Luke – Yellow
- St John – Green

Boots are not permitted. Footwear should be flat black shoes.

There should not be any patterns shaved into children's hair and long hair should be tied back, using school colours.

Jewellery is not permitted with the exception of plain gold or silver stud earrings, which must be removed before PE or swimming lessons. We will strictly be enforcing this.

## Water bottles

To improve the hygiene and safety for all pupils I have bought every pupil in the school a new school logo water bottle, these water bottles need to be taken home daily. I have explained to the pupils that it is their responsibility for their own water bottle and that it must be labelled. Also that only water is to be filled in the bottles.



If your child loses their bottle a new one can be bought from the school office for the cost of £2.

Our next newsletter will be out later on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

We in school will do everything we can to help your child to do their best. Let us know if we can support you in any way. Remember we operate an open door policy – feel free to book an appointment with your child’s class teacher if you have concerns or need support, help or advice.

Once again, it’s great to see the children back to school and I know you will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be.

Kind regards

K Armstrong  
Head Teacher

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018