

Dear Parents/Carers

St Vincent's Feast Day

Yesterday we had a celebratory day which was enjoyed by all. KS2 pupils took part in a special service. Throughout the day all pupils participated in a dance workshop with a focus on 'musicals' and this was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Admissions

Information for starting school or transferring to High school in September 2018 has gone out to all the relevant families, if you have not received it or if you require support completing the application, or know of anyone that would need help, please contact the school office.

Nursery places

We still have some places in our nursery. If you have a child born 1st September 2014 to 31st August 2015 and are interested in a place then please contact the school office. Please spread the word to any other parents who you think may be interested.

Attendance and Leave of Absence Policy

A summary of the school's Attendance and Leave of Absence Policy is available on the school website (www.stvincentshr.org). If you are intending to ask for leave of absence during term time for your child then please read this policy first. We will be applying the policy very strictly throughout the year and would not like you to be disappointed or fined!

Punctuality

Just a gentle reminder that we run a soft start at the beginning of the school day, this allows children to enter the school from 8.40am, enabling the pupils to settle and be ready to learn. Please remember that all pupils need to be in school no later than 8.50am in time for registration.

Early Bird's and Late Owl's

I am extremely pleased to announce that our before and after school club is now open. The children who already attend are very happy and making the most of a good breakfast and/or after school snack. I wish to offer my personal thanks to Mrs Sheanon (Club manager) and to Miss Sheanon (Assistant) who have both worked incredibly hard to make the club a happy and welcoming place for our children to be. I would also like to thank Mrs Jones, whose hard work has led to the successful opening.

If you would like further details about registering your child for the Early Bird's and Late Owl's please speak to Mrs Sheanon and she will provide you with the necessary details and paperwork.

Finally, a big thank you to you as parents for all your patience and support during the setting up process, which has ensured the club will have ongoing success.

Nut allergies

We have a number of children in school with nut allergies of various degrees. Can I please ask parents to be very careful about what goes into their child's packed lunch as even a trace of nut can lead to a severe reaction for some children.

Healthy packed lunches

I am aware that a small number of children are coming into school with packed lunches that are decidedly unhealthy. Please find below an example of what a packed lunch might look like:

Sandwich/roll/wrap (savoury not sweet)
Piece of fruit/yoghurt/raw vegetables
Healthy snack bar (not sweets)
Drink (not fizzy/ sport drinks)



Mobile device free zone

Please be aware that St Vincent's is a Phone/Mobile Device Free Zone. This means that any person entering the school building should not use any mobile device without specific permission from senior management. The reason for this action is mainly around safeguarding children. Whilst on the school grounds, particularly at the beginning or end of the school day, please avoid the use of mobile devices unless for an urgent reason.

The photographing of your own child in school will be allowed on occasions, such as performances and sports' days. However, parents must always be aware that photographing other children cannot happen without the consent of one of their parents and can never be placed on social media.

Parent Forum

On Monday 12th November we are holding our next Parent Forum meeting. If you attended the last one, or would like to join the group, then please come along to the meeting. This is an opportunity to raise any concerns and to also celebrate the good things that are happening in our school.

Curriculum overviews and Year Group Newsletters

These will be available on the school website from Wednesday 4th October.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for attending the coffee morning and your generous donations to raise money for cancer support. The money we raise will go to help those in need.



Parent Governor

I would like to express our thanks to Ceili Boland who was the school's parent governor and has decided to step down from this post. The role of a parent governor is crucial to the school and an important person in helping drive the school forward. If you are interested in being a parent governor please contact the school office for details.

Safeguarding at St Vincent's

Here at St Vincent's we are committed to ensuring our children are safe and happy. We have in place a number of procedures to ensure that all staff know how to identify any

concerns and how, and to whom, they would refer any concerns to. We are placing on the school website all the documents that explain the procedures that staff follow so that parents are fully aware of the steps we take when concerns are raised, both in and out of school. The documents are as follows and are available on the school's website.

- Safeguarding Flyer.
- Safeguarding poster – displayed in every room across the school.
- Visitors' Leaflet – given to all visitors to the school.
- "No phone or mobile device zone" poster – explained above.
- "Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018". This is a DfE document on which all schools base their safeguarding procedures.

All staff have read the "Keeping Children Safe in Education" and are fully aware of their responsibilities. All staff have received appropriate safeguarding training. Mrs Pavlovic is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Mrs Crow is the Safeguarding Governor.

Flu Immunisation

Consent Forms have been sent out to all children from Year Reception to Year 5, the immunisations will take place in school on Tuesday 16th October. Please ensure your consent forms are returned by 28th September if you wish for your child to immunised.

Please remember that you received a list of dates for various events this term and that these are also on the school App and website. I look forward to seeing you at all or some of these events.

Kind regards

Mrs K Armstrong
Head Teacher

Friday 28th September 2018