

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the half term break and I hope you all had a chance to recharge your batteries, ready for the busy, but exciting term ahead. Thank you to all those who attended the Parent Consultation Evenings last half term, it was lovely to meet so many of you.

School Prayer Bags

Each week a different pupil in each class will come home with a school prayer bag. This is chance for your child to share in prayer time at home together. Each bag contains a prayer card, prayer booklets and some artefacts (rosary, cross, a prayer cloth).

There are four main parts to be family prayer: **We Gather, We Listen, We Respond, We Go Forth**. This format is followed through your child's RE programme at school – Come and See.

The bag will arrive home on a Friday. I would be grateful if it could be returned to school by the Thursday of the following week.

Faith Ambassadors/ School Council/ House Captains and Yellow Caps

I am pleased to announce that we now have the names of our new representatives. Their roles and responsibilities across the school are very important to the school community and I know they will do a fantastic job as well as being good role models. Please will you join me in congratulating the pupils in their newly appointed roles.



Faith Ambassadors

Year 1: T'Yonce M'Gitonga and Ollie Stack

Year 2: Samantha Nnadozie and Hilda-Marie Wavingana

Year 3: Aliza Khan and Grayson Poole

Year 4: Amie Goble and Riley Harding

Year 5: Carolina Vieira and John Harkin

Year 6: Malcolm Jolly, Evan Pomfret and Zuzanna Gasiewska

Our new Faith Ambassadors represented our school at the annual Diocesan Schools' Mass at St Mary's Church on Friday 12 October. This is a special occasion when schools all across the diocese come together in a Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter. The role of the Faith Ambassador is very important as the children take the lead in prayer and reflection during the year and are expected to be excellent role models. Children apply for the role and are chosen depending on the quality of their application and their suitability for the role.

House Captains

Matthew: Abigail Ogunmefun

Mark: Phoebe Narte y-Djorba

Luke: Christian Rodriguez

John: Ruby Hayes

School Council

Year 1: Scarlett Taylor and Benjamin Boban

Year 2: Shanai Belle and Joseph Magwenzi

Year 3: Frankie Fry and Jadon-Levi Mbua

Year 4: Georgia Miceli and Ethan Willis

Year 5: Tayla-Mai Lynch and Kevinas Dulinkas

Year 6: Oliver Pisacane, Raphael Baptista and Aimee McCarthy

Yellow Caps

Alan Kurowski, Charlotte Allgrove and Alex Beckwith

Remembrance

As we approach November, I would like to invite you all to join the school in praying with us during this month of remembrance. It is a time to come together and to reflect on the lasting impact our loved ones have had on the world. We pray they find peace and that we can continue their legacy of love in their memory.



During the month of November, every pupil will have the opportunity to write a prayer or name of someone they wish to be remembered in a book of remembrance. This book will also be available for parent's/ carers in the front office.

I will be joining the community of Houghton Regis on Remembrance Sunday and will be joined by some pupil representatives.

New play time equipment

I would like to say a massive thank you to Daniel Walker (Gooal) for his contribution of new sports equipment to the school. The equipment consisted of footballs, bean bags, pop up goals, cones and bibs. I have already shown this to the pupils and it is now ready and labelled for them to use during their playtimes.



School Uniform

The vast majority of children take great care with their appearance when coming to school. However, there are a few areas of concern for a small number of children so here are some reminders regarding school uniform:

- A school tie should be worn each day.
- Shirts should be tucked in.
- Long hair should be tied back with a band in the school colours. It should remain tied back until through the school gate!
- Flat black shoes – no boots, including ankle boots
- The required PE kit should be worn – blue shorts, house top, plimsolls for indoor activities and trainers for outside. At this time of year a tracksuit can be worn for outdoor activities.

Thank you for your co-operation in regard to uniform and for sending your children in to school so well turned out. This is so important as it makes the children feel they are a valued member of our school.

Changes to Staffing

There are some changes to staffing roles. After two years, Mrs Wright is stepping down from the role of school SENDco. I would like to thank Mrs Wright for all the hard work and dedication she has put into this role over the last two years and know that the school will benefit greatly as she takes on the new role of Chaplaincy Lead. Mrs Wright will still remain the Year 2 Class Teacher.

We have recruited Mrs Ball as a new SENDco on a part time basis, who will be working at the school every Friday. I wish her well in her new post.

Pupil Forum

Another aspect of the children's "voice" at St Vincent's is the Pupil Forum. Over the next few weeks the children will be letting us know about what is working well in the school and what could be improved. I wait in anticipation of their responses so that we may make suggested improvements. In the near future, I will be holding a Parent Forum so, watch this space!

Kind regards

Mrs K Armstrong
Head Teacher

Friday 2nd November 2018