

Dear Parents/Carers

### Year 3 and 4 Easter Reflection – Tell us the story



The Year 3 and 4 performed twice this week to parents and pupils their fabulous Easter production, which prepared us beautifully for Holy Week.

### Mother's Day lunch

The reception, year 1 and year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed spending their lunch with mums, nans or aunties. Thank you to all those who came along.



### CAFOD

The children have been busy completing their sponsored events for CAFOD. Thank you so much for your support in finding sponsorships. We will send out a reminder when sponsored money needs to be collected by.

### Staffing

I am writing to let you know that Mrs Thompson has sadly resigned and will be leaving us on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. I know you will join me in thanking Mrs Thompson for all the work she done with your children over the last 15 years. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

### PTA

A big well done goes out to the PTA for a successful movie night held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March and thank you so much to all the parent volunteers, who without them these events cannot go ahead.

The PTA would like to hold so many more events across the school year, but desperately need volunteers, if you are able to help, even at just one event, then please do tell the school office or contact the PTA.

Don't forget to come along to the Easter Fair on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30 to 5pm. Fair will be in the school hall so please enter by the parent's middle doors (same entrance you would use for assemblies).



### Parent Forum

Thank you to those parents who attended the Parent Forum on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Your positive feedback was invaluable and it was good to hear that lots of the events/ improvements which have taken place so far this year have been so well received. The areas discussed were:

- Parent workshops and open mornings/ afternoons
- Attendance and how this could be improved: In the Summer term we will be launching an attendance reward scheme, see below for more details.
- Weekly spelling scores to be sent home: Your child will be coming home with a spelling book or sheets, these will need to come back into school every week so scores can be written in.
- A ½ termly subject overview so parents can support their child at home. In your child's termly report you will receive an overview which will inform you what your child is learning in all the subjects week by week.
- Prayer Garden is in need of urgent care: One parent expressed an interest in helping with gardening, if you are also able to offer anytime please let the school office know and we could arrange a date.

The next forum will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30 pm and the main focus will be homework!

### **Pupil Termly Reports**

Your child will be coming home with their Lent term attainment and attendance report on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Please take this opportunity to share with your child their successes this term and begin to focus on any targets. If you have any questions about your child's report please do make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher.

### **Attendance**



The current whole school attendance is at 95.6%. We would really like to aim to achieve 100% attendance for all of our pupils. We know that sometimes we are sick or have medical appointments so we have set ourselves a target of 97.5%.

After the Easter break I will be talking to our children about resilience and how important and fun it is when they are at school every day. We will be launching a reward scheme where children who achieve 100% each week will receive a sticker and a prize during Friday celebration assembly. Children who achieve 100% in a term will be rewarded and invited to wear non uniform for a day.

### **Year 6 PGL Residential Trip**

Year 6 returned safely on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March and clearly had an amazing time which the parents heard about at the assembly on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. It was wonderful to hear so much about the activities they took part in and how the trip developed them as individuals but also how to work as a team of Year 6 pupils.

### **Parent Governor**

We are still looking to welcome on board a parent governor. It is a very important role and an essential voice for our parent community. Some of you may have spoken to our Chair of Governors, Colette Donohue, at the parent consultation evening. If you are interested please speak to the school office for further details.

### **Online safety**

We are aware of more and more pupils coming across issues they experience with friendships online. Please speak to your child at home about staying safe online and how to use social media responsibly. Your child across the year receives lessons regarding e-safety and more of these lessons are planned for the summer term.

### **Dates in Pentecost term**

Please see the school website ([www.stvincentshr.org](http://www.stvincentshr.org)) for dates for next term. They are also available on the School App.

### **Easter services at the Church**

Please look on the St Mary's website or bulletin for Easter Mass times as these have not been confirmed yet.

### **The Passion of Jesus**

We hope that you are able to join us at 1.30pm on Friday in church for 'The Passion story with music'

I wish you all a peaceful Easter and look forward to seeing you all at one of the events next week.

Kind regards

Mrs K Armstrong  
Head Teacher



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019