

Dear Parents/Carers

### First Holy Communions

First Holy Communion is a wonderful moment in a child's life and represents a sign of growth in the knowledge and love of God for each and every child. Congratulations to all our Communicants in receiving Jesus for the first time. I was delighted to be able to celebrate the mass with them and I pray that they will continue to grow in faith and love.



### Fundraising

Thank you so much for your support and sponsorship money. As a school we have raised £468.53 for CAFOD and £204.90 for Keech Cottage.

### Attendance

Research shows that good school attendance impacts upon the children's success in learning. I am very proud of the increase in our attendance figures this last half term (current attendance for whole school is 96%) and ask for your continued support during the second half of the Summer Term.

Congratulations to the 100% achievers. Your non-uniform day will be Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.



### Nursery sessions

After reviewing our Nursery admission figures, the Governors have decided to no longer offer an afternoon session. Therefore, from September 2019, we will only be offering morning only (8.45 – 11.45) sessions. We advise that you submit an application if you are applying for your child to attend our nursery in the academic year 2019-20. Places will continue to be offered on a first come first served basis as per our admissions policy.

### National book tokens competition – We need your help

National Book Tokens are currently running a competition whereby the winning school will be able to refresh their library stock with a massive £5000. All you need to do is head to [nationalbooktokens.com/schools](http://nationalbooktokens.com/schools) and nominate us as your chosen school. The more nominations a school receives, the greater the chance of winning, so don't forget to share the link with friends and family.

### Year 6 SATs

Well done to Year 6 for completing their SATs. You can now focus on and look forward to enjoying your final weeks with us and preparing for transition to high school.

### Bikeability

Congratulations to the children in Year 4 and 5. All of our year 5 pupils who took part achieved level 2.

### School Dinners

Please remember to pay monies to school kitchen at the beginning of each week.

### Birthdays

Birthdays are very special moments and we love to celebrate with your child if they are in school on their special day; however, due to food allergies we cannot allow cakes to be brought into school and shared/consumed in school time. It is important that we keep children safe from the potential risks which allergies can cause but also think about inclusivity, ensuring that these children do not miss out when others are enjoying a birthday treat.

### Parent Forum

Thank you to those parents who attended, your opinion and feedback is invaluable. The main area discussed was homework. At St Vincent's we strongly believe that homework can be a good learning tool and experience which will support them in their next stage of education. With that said, it has to be achievable, enjoyable and most importantly accessible for children and not just another task for the parents!! Next half term you will receive a questionnaire, please do take the time to fill this in as your thoughts are really appreciated.

**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. If you are interested please speak to the school office for further details.

**Upcoming events for your diary**

Father's Day lunch – 13th June

Dress up and dance for Macmillan – 14<sup>th</sup> June

Science day – 24<sup>th</sup> June

Sports Day – 26<sup>th</sup> June

Nursery Sports Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 11.15am and 12.45pm

New to Year Reception parent meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 9.05am

New to Year 1 parent meeting - 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 3pm

Summer BBQ – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm

School Closes on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm



Hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term.

Kind regards

Mrs K Armstrong  
Head Teacher

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019