

Dear Parents/Carers



Year 3 and 4 Easter Reflection – it is unfortunate that the children were not able to perform this year their Easter reflection. Perhaps over the Easter time you can talk about the Easter story with your child/ren and share re-enactments with their teachers on class dojo.

CAFOD

CAFOD are providing resources for children while the schools are closed.

Please log onto www.cafod.org.uk/Education/Resources-for-school-closures

Staffing

I am sure you will join me in thanking our staff for the amazing job they have been doing over the last two weeks and will do over the rest of this period of shutdown. I myself am able to see all of your child/ren's work and the messages they are uploading and it is amazing the resilience our children are showing in these unusual times. I also thank you as parents for supporting at home and taking on the role of 'teacher', I know this is not easy but if we can help in anyway please do let us know.

The staff will be taking a well-deserved rest over Easter but will set activities on 'class dojo' to make the days go quicker and be more pleasurable. Staff will still be checking messages everyday but may not reply (unless urgent) until after the holidays and the 'home learning' term begins again on 20th April.



Parent Forum

School is still operational, albeit remotely, so I will be sending out a parent questionnaire in the Pentecost term so do look out for this.

I had many works planned, including new outside gym equipment, a fixed football goal and basketball hoops for the playground and works in the Reception classroom. Unfortunately, these works are now postponed but hopefully can take place later this year.

Pupil Termly Reports

The Lent term reports were unable to be sent home due to the last minute closure of school. Your child's class teacher is beginning the task of collating your child's achievements and targets for the whole year from work taught and completed whilst at school and will use anything uploaded onto class dojo to support their judgements. You will still receive an end of year report in July. Further details on this will follow next term.

Years 2 and 6 SATs, Phonic testing for Year 1 and Multiplication testing Year 4

We are still awaiting further information from the DfE regarding tests. What we do know at the moment is that all tests have been cancelled. I know the children and teachers worked incredibly hard for the first half of this year but do take some solace in hearing the fact that this work is not wasted and we will do our utmost to make sure the children are ready for their next stage of education with fair and proportionate teacher assessments being made. Once we receive more guidance then I will share this with you over the coming months.

Attendance



From week beginning 16th March I suspended any attendance awards. So please reassure your child that during school closure their attendance will not be affected past this point up until school re-opens.

Year 6 PGL Residential Trip

Year 6 returned safely on Friday 13th March and clearly had an amazing time. 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. They are so fortunate to have been on the trip just in time!

Parent Governor

We are still looking to welcome a parent governor on board. It is a very important role and an essential voice for our parent community. If you are interested, please email the school office on admin@stvincentshr.org for further details.

Online safety

During this time, it is even more important that pupils are safe and using the internet sensibly and safely. Please speak to your child at home about staying safe online and how to use social media responsibly. If you have any concerns or questions, please use the message system through 'class dojo' or email the office on admin@stvincentshr.org



Pentecost Term

I know it is on everyone's mind, 'when will school open again?' In truth, we just do not know yet and are taking things week by week.

Please reassure your child/ren that everything is okay and the most important thing is that the whole world and families are kept well and safe so we can get through this together. Continue to stay in contact (virtually) with each other. I know myself, I have never talked so much to a computer screen! But the simplest of phone calls to people in poor health or alone can be invaluable to keeping spirits up.

Easter services at the Church

Although there are no services this year, there are plenty of ways you can be part of the Easter services from home. Please find attached 'Holy Week at home' from NORES Diocese. While we cannot gather together in person due to coronavirus, we can still come together as a community through prayer.

I wish you all a peaceful Easter and look forward to seeing you all at some point in the near future.

Warmest regards and God bless



Mrs K Armstrong
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