

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the half term break and I hope you all had a restful and peaceful break. Thank you to all those who attended the Parent Consultation Evenings last half term, it was wonderful to see so many of you again.



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Today the pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 attended a special Mass in the Church in honour of all the saints, known and unknown.

Religious Education

Starting this term an RE newsletter will be on the school's website. The newsletter will celebrate the catholic life of the school over the half term. You can also find out about what topics in RE your child will be studying by looking at a yearly overview on the website. Year group masses will still happen every Thursday morning at 10am, unless the Church is booked for other services.

School Prayer Bags

Each week a different pupil in each class will come home with a school prayer bag. This is a 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 the 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-Young Leaders

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 appointed roles.



Faith Ambassadors

Year 1: Tomas Kerdokas and Emilia Oldak

Year 2: Milena Drwiega and Benjamin Boban

Year 3: Kerrie-Leigh Muchando and Dinusha Jeevaratnam

Year 4: Megan Jolly and Hanna Darvas

Year 5: Takara Yon and Shannon Creamer

Year 6: Mircea Victor and Ella Pyatt

Our new Faith Ambassadors represented our school at the annual Diocesan Schools' Mass at St Mary's Church on Friday 11 October. This is a special occasion when schools all across the diocese come together in a Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter.

House Captains

Matthew: Carolina Viera

Mark: Kevinas Dulkinas

Luke: Luis Amageshie

John: John Harkin

School Council

Year 1: Ruby Wooster and Oscar Rutkowski

Year 2: Victor Kihara and Noella Onuegbu

Year 3: Jack Whitelock and Isabella Button

Year 4: Nicole Onwuha and Grayson Poole

Year 5: Renee Ronan and Khanyi Mahoko

Year 6: Holly-Anne Muchando and Lauren McFadden

Yellow Caps/ Young leaders

Emma Whitelock

Mattia Tommasini

Olivia Jones

Tayla-Mai Lynch

Maxim Piatek

CAFOD

On October 11th we were fortunate enough to have visitors from CAFOD who delivered an assembly to the whole school and subsequent workshops to years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The theme of their assembly was raising awareness for the work they are doing providing water for communities across Africa. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and I would like to extend my thanks to you for your generous donations to help us support this work on our "Brighten Up" non-uniform day on Friday 18th October.



NSPCC

The NSPCC visited our school on Monday 14th October their assembly gave our children the important message about how to keep safe and what to do if they are worried. The Year 5 and 6 children also took part in workshops later in the morning, which gave them the opportunity to talk and learn in more detail about how to ensure they live safe lives in the future, in readiness for transition to secondary school.

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. A book will also be available for parents/ 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.

Reading lessons with your child

Each week a different class will be offering the opportunity for you to come into school for the afternoon and join in a reading lesson with your child. Each session will end with a DEAR (Drop Everything and Read), so you can come along and simply enjoy reading with your child. Please just come along to the school hall (through the parent entrance) at 1.45pm. The dates for each year group are as follows:



Year 1 – Tuesday 5th November

Year 2 – Tuesday 12th November

Year 3 – Tuesday 19th November

Year 4 – Wednesday 26th November (note different day due to swimming)

Year 5 – Tuesday 3rd December

Year 6 – Tuesday 17th December

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. In the near future, I will be holding a Parent Forum so, watch this space!

I look forward to seeing you at the many events planned over the rest of this term. Please remember to check term dates on the school website, in particular the change of date on 10th January as this is a staff inset and therefore children are not required to be in school.

Kind regards

Mrs K Armstrong
Head Teacher

Friday 1st November 2019