



St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Joint School Values

This week I have been privileged to lead 2 assemblies at each of our schools. They have focused on our School Values. As federated schools, I am excited that we now have joint school values for St Mary's and St Vincent's. Our values highlight everything we want for our children and indeed for all members of our school community.

Our Vision Statement

"We ensure that all in St Mary's and St Vincent's, strive to live and love as a Christian family, growing ever closer to God and following Gospel values. These values apply to everyone in the school community and they inform the way we act, what we do and how we achieve our high aspirations."

In our schools we strive to be . . .

- **LOVING:** By our just actions and kind words. We love God and we love each other.
- **FORGIVING:** We are forgiven by God and each other and also forgive.
- **TOLERANT and RESPECTFUL:** Well-rounded individuals who have a positive impact on others, near and far, especially those who are less fortunate.
- **HONEST** – a sense of responsibility and the strength to speak up truthfully.
- **DETERMINED and HARD WORKING:** developing lively, enquiring and independent minds and the resilience to embrace the challenges we face. To keep on going towards achieving our full potential.
- **HOPEFUL:** For ourselves and the world, changing what we can for the better in order to fulfil God's plan.

This term the focus value is LOVING. Staff will be looking for children who are being loving to their peers and members of the school community and will reward them with Class Dojo points

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and certificates. Please do take time to discuss our new school values with your children at home.

School Uniform

Thank you to all of you who have ensured your children have come back to school dressed smartly in their school uniform. A reminder that children must come to school dressed in their PE kit on the days they have PE. The exception is Nursery and Reception who wear school uniform every day. School uniform is available to purchase from Best Look in Dunstable, on High Street North.

St Mary's need You!

We are looking to appoint a Midday Supervisor to join our team at St Mary's. This is a role that requires the successful applicant to be able to work from 12.00 – 1.20 Monday to Friday. If you would like more information please contact the school office on 01582 602420 or e mail admin@stmarysprimary.org.uk

Site Safety

This is a polite reminder that both school sites including car parks are 'No Dog Zones'. Under no circumstances are dogs allowed on school sites. Please support senior staff by adhering to this important rule, you will be asked to leave the school site if you have a dog with you. Thank you for your support in this matter.

All types of scooters / bikes etc must not be used on the school sites. I ask that all children and adults push them and not ride them.

Please note the school car park remains closed to parents. Thank you for your support in this matter.

St Mary's 50th Anniversary and Bishop David

This year marks the 50th anniversary of St Mary's Primary opening. To mark the beginning of this year's celebrations we were privileged to welcome Bishop David of Northampton Diocese to our school. Bishop David celebrated mass and shared lunch with members of our school community. I cannot speak highly enough of our children; they were truly amazing: they sang and read beautifully in mass and represented our schools brilliantly. His message to all of us was, "Do not worry, trust Jesus, he will get you through". I thought this was such a simple message but one we should all bear in mind. Thank you to our staff, especially Mrs Dowling, for planning this special day.

School Diary

Next week as part of our newsletter I will provide you with key dates for this term. I am hopeful that as the term progresses we will be able to welcome you into school for some events, it will be great to have you back!

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Well, we have made it through our first full week back at school! I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the children for how well they have settled back in to school. They and our wonderful staff have been so calm and the attitude of the students has been first class. Well done to everyone! Have a restful weekend.

God bless,

Mr Chiswell

Key Dates

(Please note these are subject to change, more information will follow where appropriate)

Friday 22 nd September	End of Advent 1 st Half Term	
Monday 1 st November	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 2 nd November	Start of Advent 2 nd Half Term	
Friday 17 th December	End of Advent Term	
Tuesday 4 th January	Staff Training Day	
Wednesday 5 th January	Start of Lent 1 st Half Term	
Friday 11 th February	End of 1 st Half of Advent Term	
Monday 21 st February	Start of Lent 2 nd Half Term	
Friday 1 st April	End of Lent Term	
Tuesday 19 th April	Staff Training Day	
Wednesday 20 th April	Start of Pentecost 1 st Half Term	
Friday 27 th April	End of 1 st Half of Pentecost Term	
Monday 6 th June	Start of Pentecost 2 nd Half Term	
Thursday 21 st July	End of Pentecost Term	
Friday 22 nd July	Staff Training Day	

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