



# St. Vincent's Catholic Primary Newsletter

*Growing in faith: loving and learning together with Jesus*

## Message from Mrs Waldram

The children have quickly settled back into the school routines and are working hard. Most classes are taking assessments in the next couple of weeks, just for us to keep an eye on how their learning is going. Once we have the results, we can feed this back to you.

For further news on how your child is progressing, you can register for email alerts about their Accelerated Reader quiz scores, and for the results of any Star Reading or Star Maths tests that they take throughout the year. To register, visit

<https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=6713002>

and use your child's AR login and password (from their reading diary).

Please remember to check the calendar at the bottom of the newsletter. There are lots of dates for Christmas events coming up and we don't want you to miss any of them! Lots of events will also be put on ClassDojo, but this time of year is so busy that we all need help to keep track of everything!

God bless,

*Mrs Waldram*

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*Focus virtue of the half-term: **Forgiving***

*If you forgive others the wrongs they have done to you, your Father in heaven will also forgive you. (Matthew 6:14)*

## Harvest

What a wonderful Harvest assembly we had! Well done to all the children and staff for the hard work that went into their performances. How lovely as well to see all the donations which came in for the Foodbank collection. We hope you have seen the letters on ClassDojo from Foodbank saying thank you for all the food you contributed. Please can we take this opportunity to say thank you to you as well. Please remember that you can donate at any time of the year and we will make sure that the food is taken to the Foodbank centre.

## PTA

It has been great to see all the children and their families participating in events organised by the PTA. A HUGE thank you needs to go to all members of the PTA who are working tirelessly to provide great fun events for the children. Of course a big thank you to all the staff and parents who are supporting the PTA by attending these events as well. They have been great fun and have helped to raise a lot of money for our school.

- ✓ We have had a last-minute ice lolly sale to make the most of the warm weather which raised **£55**.
- ✓ We all enjoyed dancing the afternoon away at our discos - some of those dance moves were superb! This event raised **£492**.
- ✓ To finish off the half-term, we all enjoyed a visit to the pumpkin patch - **£235** raised.

The PTA also held a competition to design a new logo and the winners who will all have their designs used for various events were announced in assembly – well done!

**Don't forget the Christmas Fair coming up on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December after school.**

## Monies paid in advance

Please remember to pay for EBLO and dinners **in advance**. Your account should never be in debt. If this does occur, we may need to ask you not to use the clubs or phone you to bring in a packed lunch for your child instead of giving them a school dinner.

## Free School Meals reminder

Just a reminder that you can apply for Free School Meals for your child at any age. If you are unsure whether you are eligible, do phone up and find out. The number to call is 0300 300 8306. You will need to have your child's date of birth and your National Insurance number ready.

## Attendance

It has been great to see the children trying to get the best attendance in their class and to see numbers gradually rising. Please can we take this opportunity to remind you to phone the school office before 9am if you know your child is going to be absent. We are closely monitoring absence in school and we do look at percentage attendance as well as patterns in absence. It is so important for children to be in school every day that it is open so do continue to encourage your children to be in school each day, ready to learn. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

**[The class with the best percentage attendance for October was Year 3 with 99.27%.](#)**  
**Attendance for the whole school was 96.01%. *This is fantastic - can we get this to 97% next month?***

## Afternoon Nursery

In January we are starting an afternoon nursery. We are now able to accept children the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. The afternoon nursery session will run from 12:45 – 3:45pm. Please pass on the news to anyone who might be interested. Applications forms are available on the website or from the school office.

## Sporting events

Year 5/6 boys' team: Riley S, Riley W, Prince, Henry, Ollie, Lucas, Oskar, Samuel, Cephas, Benjamin and Oscar. The boys played at home against Tithe Farm. The boys controlled the game from start to finish. They showed great teamwork and passion in their performances. Final score StV 7-0 Tithe Farm.

Year 5/6 girls' Team: T'Yonce, Noella, Josephine, Evelyn, Ruby, Ilona, Maya and Sarah. The girls also played at home against Tithe Farm. All the girls showed determination and teamwork in their first match together! Started slowly and trailed 4-0 with 10 minutes to go. Then Noella scored two screamers as a comeback looked likely. Final score StV 2-4 Tithe Farm.

Mr Bannon says, 'I'm looking forward to managing many more, great matches!'

# St Vincent's School Calendar 2023-24

(All dates are subject to change)

| Date                                                                                                                                                                        | Event                                           | Notes                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ADVENT HALF-TERM HOLIDAY                                                                                                                                                    |                                                 |                                                                     |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 8:45 am                                                                                                                                        | Start of 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of Advent Term    |                                                                     |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November                                                                                                                                            | Non-uniform day for PTA Christmas Fair          | Children to bring in an item for the Christmas Fair                 |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November<br>2.15 pm                                                                                                                                 | Nursery Stay and Play session                   | You will have received a letter to attend this if applicable        |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December                                                                                                                                             | Christmas Fair                                  | 3.30 pm – see ClassDojo reminders                                   |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December<br>9am                                                                                                                                      | Mass at St. Vincent's                           | Y4-Y6                                                               |
| Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> December                                                                                                                                              | Christmas Dinner                                |                                                                     |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec                                                                                                                                                 | (Early celebration of) St John's feast day      | <b>St John's team</b> wear own clothes, including some <b>green</b> |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December                                                                                                                                           | Class Christmas Parties                         |                                                                     |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup><br>December <b>1pm</b>                                                                                                                           | Christmas jumper day and Carols around the tree |                                                                     |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup><br>December <b>2 pm</b>                                                                                                                          | End of Advent Term                              | <b>No Late Owls club</b>                                            |
| CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY                                                                                                                                                           |                                                 |                                                                     |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2024<br>8:45 am                                                                                                                               | Start of 1 <sup>st</sup> half of Lent Term      |                                                                     |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 3:20 pm                                                                                                                                         | End of 1 <sup>st</sup> half of Lent Term        | EBLO will run as usual.                                             |
| LENT HALF-TERM HOLIDAY                                                                                                                                                      |                                                 |                                                                     |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8:45 am                                                                                                                                         | Start of 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of Lent Term      |                                                                     |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar <b>2 pm</b>                                                                                                                                   | End of Lent Term                                | <b>No Late Owls club</b>                                            |
| EASTER HOLIDAY                                                                                                                                                              |                                                 |                                                                     |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr<br>8:45 am                                                                                                                                     | Start of 1 <sup>st</sup> half of Pentecost Term |                                                                     |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr                                                                                                                                               | St Mark's feast day                             | <b>St Mark's team</b> wear own clothes, including some <b>red</b>   |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May                                                                                                                                                  | Bank holiday – school closed                    |                                                                     |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday<br>16 <sup>th</sup> May                                                                                                                 | SATs week (Year 6)                              |                                                                     |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 3:20 pm                                                                                                                                         | End of 1 <sup>st</sup> half of Pentecost Term   | EBLO will run as usual.                                             |
| PENTECOST HALF-TERM HOLIDAY                                                                                                                                                 |                                                 |                                                                     |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun 8:45 am                                                                                                                                          | Start of 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of Pentecost Term |                                                                     |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July <b>2 pm</b>                                                                                                                                    | End of Pentecost Term and School Year           | <b>No Late Owls club</b>                                            |
| SUMMER HOLIDAY                                                                                                                                                              |                                                 |                                                                     |
| 2024-25 DATES HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED YET, BUT THE START DATE FOR THE CHILDREN IS LIKELY TO BE EITHER TUESDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> OR WEDNESDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024. |                                                 |                                                                     |