

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary

## School Newsletter



*To love, serve and learn as Jesus shows us*

**Friday 8th September 2023**

# WELCOME BACK!

We hope that you all had a great summer break! It has been lovely to welcome all the children this week, including all of our new children in Nursery and Reception who have settled so brilliantly into school life already! We look forward to a really successful year ahead.

### PE LESSONS

Children are to come to school in their PE kits on the days outlined below, with the exception of children in Early Years (Nursery and Reception) who should leave their PE kit in school for now:

Monday: Year 1/2  
Tuesday: EYFS, Year 3/4, Year 6  
Wednesday: EYFS, Year 1/2, Year 4/5  
Thursday: Year 6  
Friday: Year 3/4, Year 4/5

### HOMEWORK AND READING BOOKS

Homework will re-commence from next Friday, set through Ed Shed and Deepening Understanding. Children in Reception and Year 1 will also receive a weekly code to use to access a phonics e-book on the Rhino Reader App to complement their phonics learning in school.

Please support your children to complete their homework activities which are set to reinforce and practice learning from in school. Please also support them to read regularly, at least 3 times per week, and record this in their planner. Thank you.

## Open Evening

On Wednesday 27th September, parents and carers are invited to come to school to "Meet the Teacher" at our Open Evening. This is an opportunity for you have a look around your child's class and the school, to find out about your child's class: the learning planned for the year, the routines and expectations, and is an opportunity to find out how your child has settled into their new class and ask any initial questions. School will be open from 3.30 until 5.30pm and we look forward to seeing you then.

Mr Vernon

### SNACKS AND LUNCHES

Please support us in our focus on promoting a healthy lifestyle by ensuring that your child comes to school with a healthy snack and packed lunch.

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eating**

Guidance can be found in your child's planner

**A reminder that children should not bring nuts, or foods containing nuts into school as there are children in our school who have a nut allergy.**

Please make sure that your child's ParentPay account remains topped up to cover the cost of school meals for children in Nursery and Key Stage 2, and any snacks for all children.

Please be aware that we are unable to fulfil snack orders if funds are not available on the account.

### CELEBRATING SUCCESSES

Our celebration assemblies will continue on Mondays. If your child is receiving an award in assembly, you will be notified on ParentPay by text or email on the Thursday before so that if possible you can make arrangements to attend the following Monday to see them receive their award.

Other special assembly dates will be published each term so keep an eye on the newsletter so that you can get dates booked in and come and enjoy watching your child's assembly.

If your child has achieved something amazing outside of school, please let us know and email a photograph to the school office ([office@stvincentsprimary.org](mailto:office@stvincentsprimary.org)) so that we can celebrate it on our newsletter.

### UNIFORM

A huge thank you for making sure that children have started the year looking smart in their uniform. A consistent uniform promotes a sense of belonging and school identity so it is really important that parents and carers support us in maintaining high standards of presentation in school, which is why it is a part of our home-school agreement.

Uniform is listed in your child's planner for ease of reference and is also available on our school website.

We have noted a couple of things this week to remind you of:

- Long hair must be tied up for your child's safety and so that it does not impede their vision.
- Holiday hair braids should be removed as hair accessories should be simple and functional, and in keeping with school colours.
- Nail polish should not be worn for school.
- No jewellery is to be worn for school, except for a simple wrist watch. This includes wristbands or braids around wrists.
- All items of uniform must be clearly labelled with your child's name,
- Trainers should only be worn with PE kit.
- And finally a reminder about PE kits in readiness for next week - please do not send your child to school in branded or patterned items for PE. Tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts for PE must be plain navy and worn with a pale blue polo t-shirt and school jumper or cardigan (not a sports top or hoody)

Please be reminded that we have uniform available in school at no cost (or a donation should you wish) so that we can support all our children to wear appropriate uniform.

If your child comes to school and is not meeting our expectation with regards to uniform, we will let you know in their diary so that you can resolve any issue. If this then persists, we will use the uniform stock in school to help resolve the issue where possible.

### CONSENT FOR LOCAL WALKS

Next week, you will receive a link to an e-form requesting consent to take the children on local walks in the community during this academic year. This is so that, we can maximise the benefits of our local area as part of the children's learning and also walk to Church for some of our school celebrations throughout the year. Thank you

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Next week, you will also receive the e-form for booking after school clubs, although some clubs will be booked directly with the provider. We recognise that the cost of living is impacting on everyone but do not want this to stop children from accessing the clubs on offer.

We will therefore be subsidising all externally run clubs so that all clubs will cost only £1.50 per session. As usual school will cover the full cost of any clubs for children entitled to free school meals.

We look forward to seeing lots of children engaging with after school clubs again this year.

### SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS

Thank you for getting the children to school promptly as we start the new year.

Our school day now starts at 8.30am.

Whilst the playground gates are open from 8.20am, this is to avoid the need for anyone to be waiting outside the school gates causing congestion on the pathway so please do not arrive any earlier than this. Thank you.

### A REQUEST FROM ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

St Joseph's parish are trying to recruit some new Altar Servers to support Fr Raymond during the celebration of Mass each weekend.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6, and is interested in becoming an Altar Server, weekly training sessions will commence from Tuesday 12th September at 3.30pm in Church. It would be lovely for more children from St Vincent's to be represented in our Parish in this way.

### TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

A reminder that children should not be taken out of school during term time for holidays.

On the next page are term dates for this year and next year. Please use this information to make sure that family holidays are not booked when the children should be in school. Thank you.

**TERM DATES****2023-2024****AUTUMN TERM 2023**

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 6 September 2023	Friday 27 October 2023	Monday 6 November 2023	Wednesday 20 December 2023

**SPRING TERM 2024**

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 3 January 2024	Friday 9 February 2024	Monday 19 February 2024	Thursday 28 March 2024

**SUMMER TERM 2024**

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 10 April 2024	Friday 24 May 2024	Monday 10 June 2024	Friday 19 July 2024

**INSET DATES**

4 September 2023 / 5 September 2023 / 21 December 2023 / 9 April 2024 / 7 June 2024

**2024-2025****AUTUMN TERM 2024**

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 4 September 2024	Friday 18 October 2024	Monday 28 October 2024	Thursday 19 December 2024

**SPRING TERM 2025**

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Monday 6 January 2025	Friday 14 February 2025	Monday 24 February 2025	Tuesday 8 April 2025

**SUMMER TERM 2025**

OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
Tuesday 22 April 2025	Friday 23 May 2025	Monday 9 June 2025	Wednesday 23 July 2025

**INSET DATES**

2 September 2024 / 3 September 2024 / 20 December 2024 / 9 April 2025 / 6 June 2025