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Welcome

I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone, especially to the new children who have joined us in Reception class this week. Next week the first 2 groups of Nursery children will start on Monday and Tuesday.

When you
Enter this
Loving school
Consider yourself
One of the special
Members of an
Extraordinary family



School Uniform

Please note our uniform policy regarding cardigans and jumpers is **knitted** material and **not sweatshirt** material. Please check with a member of staff if you are unsure. Shoes not trainers please.

Y6 House Captains

This week our Y6 children presented short manifestos to the rest of the junior children in a bid to be selected as this year's House Captains. Congratulations to the following children who will represent their House teams this year;

St Stanislaus	St Josephine	St Thomas Moore	St Thérèse
Claudia Morrison	Amaka Gilbert	Rosabella Mattias	Thomas Charlotte



Head Boy and Head Girl

From this year, we will choose a boy and a girl from Y6 to be our head boy and a head girl. Congratulations to Gweneth and Michael who have been chosen to be St Vincent's first ever head boy and head girl!



Well Done to the Workers of the week

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
The whole class	Luca	Louis	Jenna	Esther	Adesuwa
	Roshana	Teddy	George	Romeo	Obehi

Well Done to our Core Value Ambassadors



Perseverance	Cooperation	Respect	Inspiration	Compassion
Jaylan – Y4	All of Year 6	Tanya – Y6	Inspiration – Y3	Grace – Y1

Congratulations!

Well done to our school cook, Carol who attended a seminar last week and was awarded the prize for the highest percentage of meals sold in this local authority. A great achievement for St Vincent's, well done Carol!

Class Meetings

Next week we will hold the rest of our class meetings. Please come along to meet your child's class teacher and find out what your child will be learning this year.

 <h1>Dates for your diary</h1> 	
Monday 14th September	
Tuesday 15th September	3.35pm – Year 3 parent meeting
Wednesday 16th September	
Thursday 17th September	3.35pm – Year 5 parent meeting
Friday 18th September	
All clubs will commence week beginning 21st September (separate letters will be sent)	
The Friends of St Vincent's (PTA) have had to change the date of the AGM to Friday 9th October at 9am in the hall.	

September Birthdays



Aderayo (6); Andy (11); Grace H (6); Dominika (6); Andrew (9); Mary (7); Jayden (10); Justin (11); Hailey H (8); Titas (8); Elisha (7); Talula (8); Opemipo (11); Divine (6);



Holidays during term time

I must advise you that the school, in line with the Local Authority, we will consider issuing parents who take children on term time holidays with a Penalty Notice. The Penalty Notice will be issued in line with the Local Code of Conduct section 11 that states that a Penalty Notice may be issued: 'where a parent has taken the pupil on holiday during term-time without the school's authorisation or (in cases where the school has authorised absence for a holiday) has failed to return the pupil to school on the date agreed with the school.' The Penalty Notice is a £60 fine per parent, per child, rising to £120 if unpaid after 21 days.

Parents are required to request any leave of absence in writing to me using the holiday request form which can be obtained from the school office. You will be asked to provide details of why the leave of absence is being requested. Your request will then be looked into by me and in some circumstances the Chair of Governors. If it is felt that the request falls under the category of 'Exceptional Circumstances' then the request will be granted. We understand that holidays are cheaper in term time but this does not come under the heading of, nor does it meet the criteria for, 'Exceptional Circumstances'. Our school policy is that no such holidays will be authorised. If your request is not granted then your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised and you may be issued with a Penalty Notice.

Sickness

From September 2015 the threshold for persistent absence has changed from 85% to 90%. When reporting your child's absence therefore, please give a detailed reason and if the absence lasts more than one day, please update the school on a daily basis.

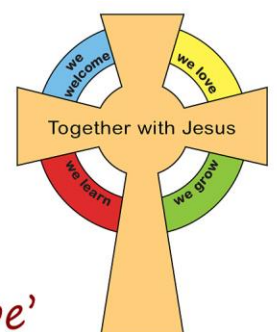
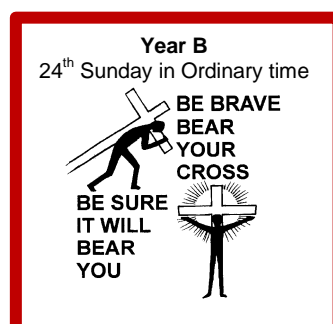
Park with care

Reminder – Please park with care outside the school to ensure we keep everyone safe. Do not stop on the yellow zigzags outside the school. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you not to park across the Vicar's driveway. Occasionally he may be called out to an emergency so it is important that his driveway is kept clear at all times.

I hope you have a good weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs C. Scott
Headteacher



'The best we can be'