



St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Children,

This week the children have had another first-hand experience of 'Democracy' here at St Vincent's. The children in Classes Y2 – Y6 have voted for their School Council and Eco Council representatives. The children who wanted to be considered for the role presented a short manifesto to their peers, before the voting took place.

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected:

Eco Councillors 2016 – 2017

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mary-Ann	Reyne	Crea	Gabrielle	Richard
Chigozirim	Kobie	Liam	Antonio	Luke H

School Councillors 2016 – 2017

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Bonnie	Gigi	Lily N	Stacey	Diana
David	Daniel O	Ryan	Olaf	Conor D

Reading Information Meeting for parents – Wednesday 21st September

Staff will be leading an information session for parents next week. Reading is a key area of focus on our School Development Plan this year and we hope to work in partnership with you to share how we teach children to read and explain how families can support at home. Please do come along.

Well Done to the Workers of the week

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Loralay	Zoe-Marie	Daisy	Teddy	Rebecca	Conor D
Kristian	Cuan	Joe	Godrich	Gerrard	Odera

Well Done to our Core Value Ambassadors

Perseverance	Cooperation	Respect	Inspiration	Compassion
George – Y5	Bradley – Y6 Emmanuel – Y6	Reuben – Y6 Ethan – Y6	Cerys – Y4	Leonard – Y5

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.

Student support centre

Look out for a leaflet in your child's book bag on Monday from the Student support centre.



Dates for your diary



Monday 19th Sept	Nursery Group 1 children start today
Tuesday 20th Sept	Nursery Group 2 children start today Y2 Gymnastics Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 21st Sept	9am and repeated at 3.35pm – Reading information session for parents. Y4, Y5 & Y6 Karate Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm Y2 & Y3 French Club 3.30pm – 4.20pm
Thursday 22nd Sept	Y2 Dance Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm Y4, Y5 & Y6 French Club 3.30pm – 4.20pm
Friday 23rd Sept	3pm – Whole school celebration assembly, parents welcome.
Sunday 25th Sept	12pm – St Vincent's Day Mass followed by Bring and Share – separate letters have been sent

Holidays during term time

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 write to me to provide details of why the leave of absence is being requested. Your request will then be considered. 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' and no such holidays will be authorised.

Parent Working Party

In order to continue to improve St Vincent's school, I would like to further encourage the work of our parent working party. The purpose of this group is to develop the work of the school through a problem solving, solutions led group approach. The meetings will provide an opportunity for open discussion in which parents can influence decisions and the policies of the school for the benefit of the whole school community. The working party will also increase parent's understanding of the school and how it works by strengthening communication links between the staff and parents.

The next meeting of our Parent Working Party is planned for **Tuesday 4th October at 9am** in the hall.

This meeting is open to all parents. It is a chance to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

At this meeting I will present parents with our school priorities for this academic year and explain our achievements from the previous school year. From your feedback at the last meeting on homework, I have worked with staff in order to make further improvements, which I will be sharing with you.

Parents are always invited to contribute ideas for discussion at future meetings. If there are any ideas you would like to add to the agenda at a future meeting then please do let me know. I hope many of you will be able to join us and I look forward to working with you.

Please note, if any parents have a particular concern about their own child, this should be raised with a member of staff individually. At this meeting we will not be discussing individual cases or incidents.



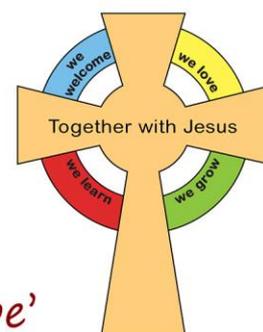
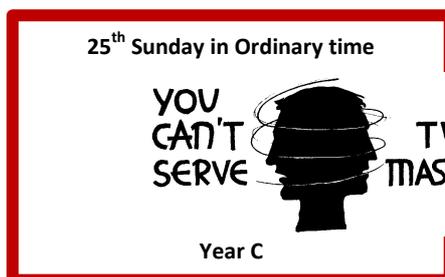
Please continue to keep Mr Mugenyi (Josh our sports coach) in your prayers. Sadly his father passed away last week in Uganda.

Rest In Peace

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C. Scott
Headteacher



'The best we can be'