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Dear Parents and Children,

So here we are, at the end of another academic year; another chapter finished. It is always a good time to look back and reflect on our many achievements, as individuals and together as St. Vincent's School. Every member of our school community can be proud of themselves. All our children are a credit to their families and deserve a well-earned rest.

## Altar servers

Last weekend a group of altar servers from our parish were invited by Bishop Alan to serve at the 'Marriage and Family life' Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. Three of the altar servers are current pupils here at St Vincent's and two are past pupils. Well done to all of them for representing our Parish.



## August Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all those children celebrating over the summer:



Sean Michael (11); Richard (11); Asher (5); Kamsiyonna (9); Ehi (9); Daniel N (9); Iyesogie (8); Daniel B (10); Henry (11); Jameel (9); King (8); Emmanuel (11); Ijeoma (10); Alyssa (6); Daniel P (8); Kasey (7); Amanda (10); Jeff (8); Jameel (9); Nicholas (7); Elyssa (7); Chigozirim (7); Grace A (7); Jimmy (6); Saphron (6) and Bradley (11); Dorian (4).

## Celebration of School Sport

Each year Barking and Dagenham ask each school to choose children to receive a sports medal from the categories below. Well done to the following children who received their award today:

**Fair Play** – Olatomi

**Primary Most Active** – Jayden, Sean-Michael, Calum, Mason, Romeo, Ijeoma, Leo, George, Iwinisa, Jaylan

**Primary Boy** – Carlton

**Primary Girl** – Maria

**Dance** – Crea

**Special Achievement** – Ziora

**Leadership** – Henry

**Get Active** – Eghosa, Shawn, Mya, Sienna

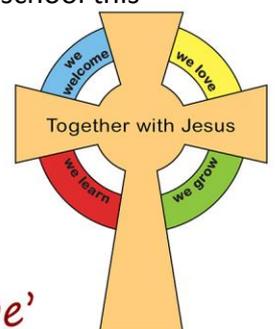


## **Farewell Year 6**



Today we thank **Prince** and **Christabel** for being a great Head Boy and Head Girl for our school this year.

Every year the pupils in Y6 vote for a boy and a girl they feel has been an ambassador for St Vincent's. In 2017 this award was presented to **Rafael** and **Christabel** who were presented with their award at the leavers mass last week.



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## Year 6 have written their final thoughts about St Vincent's.....

My favourite memory was the day I first stepped into St. Vincent's. **Rafael**

My favourite memory throughout St. Vincent's was meeting more and more friends. **Samuel**

My favourite memory was at Fairplay House, where on the big swing me and Henry were screaming for the sake of screaming. **Tion**

My favourite memory was Fairplay House when we went on the swing. **Luke W**

My favourite memory of year 6 was making friends, we all try to help each other out. Our head teacher Mrs. Scott tries to do the best she can and helps make our lives better. **Emmanuel**

My favourite memory was at Fairplay House when I was on the swing with Leighanne and we went shooting in the air. I wish I could stay with my friends. I will miss everyone forever. **Maria**

My favourite memory of year 6 was at Fairplay House. It was an outstanding experience, but the swing was the best. **Luke H**

My best bit was when I met my three friends Richard, Conor D. and Tion. **Mason**

One of my favourite memories in St. Vincent's is when we were in year 4 and we went to Stratford Park.

**Christabel**

My favourite memory was in Fairplay House when we did the swing. They moved it really high to 100%, the only thing I was waiting to do. **Esther**

The memory I'll miss most is when I met reception children with their smiley faces with joy. Also I made lots of new friends and I'll miss you all including Mrs. Scott. **Jayden**

When me and Luke went on the swing everybody was shouting my name. **Bradley**

My favourite moment of St. Vincent's is a hard choice but my cringed up face at the high swing is truly a feat to remember. **Russell**

My favourite memory is when me and my best friend Maria went on the swing together at Fairplay House. It was so much fun and I wish we could do it again. **Leighanne**

My favourite memory was when I went on the giant swing at Fairplay house. **Conner R**

My favourite memory was when I met my best friends throughout my eight years at St. Vincent's.

**Carlton**

The thing that I'll cherish forever is when I first met my friends when I was in reception, I always play with them and I will never forget it. **C.J.**

My favourite memory was when I fell off the high climb up rope at Fairplay house. **Henry**

My favourite memory is during Fairplay House when I went on the swing with Olatomi and when I met the children that I was going to be with for eight years. **Diana**

My favourite memory is when I went on the swing at Fairplay House. **Odera**

The thing that I will remember forever that happened in this school was my first day when I met my friends. **Richard**

My favourite memory is when I first joined in year 4 and everyone welcomed me with open arms.

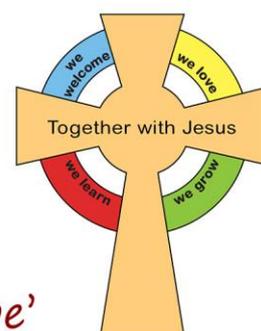
**Olatomi**

I will always remember the first day I walked into the reception door and I started my new life and new friendships. Ever since that unforgettable day my best friends, Sean-Michael, Luke W, and Henry have been caring for me and supporting me like brothers. I will never forget them. **Prince**

My favourite memories are in Fairplay House when people were cheering for me when I finished the high ropes and caving. It was great. **Sean-Michael**

My favourite memory was when I climbed up the high ropes in Fairplay House, I felt such a great sense of achievement when I finished them. **Conor D**

My favourite memory is when my face went scrunched up on the swing. **Ethan**



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My favourite memory was when my team and I went to the panathlon and won. **Romeo**

My favourite memory was when I first met my best friend Carlton in nursery, and Nyomi and Tajmae looked after me. **Reuben**

One of my favourite days in this school was when I conquered my fear of heights on the high ropes with my friends. **Kenzie**

From the moment I arrived in this school until the moment I leave here, I made a ton of memories.

One of my favourites was when we went to Fairplay House and had a feast every night. On the last day we went caving. **Deborah**

### School Uniform and hair cuts

All children without exception are expected to wear the correct school uniform, which is a positive way of helping children feel part of our school community. Please find a uniform list and information relating to hairstyles below.

Failure to comply with our uniform policy can lead to children losing privileges, missing break time, being stopped from attending off site activities e.g. sports events, swimming lessons, trips.

### School Uniform consists of:

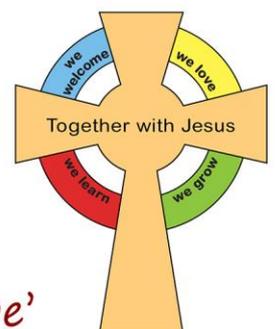
- Plain white shirt (short or long sleeved)
- Grey trousers/shorts (boys)
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress (girls)
- Plain red v necked knitted jumper (boys)
- Plain red knitted cardigan buttoned to the waist, **no** zips or collars (girls)
- School tie (can only be bought from the school)
- Plain black shoes. Shoes must be black leather and flat, able to be polished, and below the ankle.
- Grey or black socks (boys)
- Plain white, grey or black socks (girls)
- Plain red, black or grey tights (girls)
- A school book bag
- In colder weather, girls may wear grey tailored trousers (no lycra)
- In the Summer Term, girls may wear a red and white checked dress
- In the Summer Term children may wear flat, sensible sandals (white or black) which must be worn with socks. All sandals should be secure around the ankle (no flip flops)

No trainers are permitted.

Boots may only be worn to and from school in cold weather but pupils must change into shoes in school.

### PE Kit

- Red shorts
- Plain white crew neck-shirt or St Vincent's PE shirt (available from the school office)
- PE bag (draw string)
- Black plimsolls
- Plain navy or black track suit bottoms (for outdoor activities in cold weather)



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**Year 3 - Year 6:** May bring trainers for outdoor PE (optional). Trainers should be below the ankle. Fashion converse type shoes and high top trainers are not suitable for PE. These items are to be kept in a named draw string bag in school at all times during the school week.

All clothing and personal property must be clearly marked with your child's name. Please check labelling at intervals for fading. Lost property is collected by the school office. Whilst every effort will be made to find lost items of clothing, the school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.

### **Hair**

**NO** colour products in hair (i.e. bleach, dye, highlights or coloured extensions).

Long hair **MUST** be tied back with simple hair accessories in the school colours red, white, grey or black

**NO** extreme hair styles e.g. fashion/celebrity styles; this includes mohicans, over use of gel and patterns shaved in hair.

### **Jewellery and Accessories**

Jewellery must not be worn. Small gold or silver stud earrings are tolerated but children must be able to remove these themselves for PE lessons (Health & Safety regulations). Pupils in Years 3 to 6 may wear a watch, fitted to the wrist.

**No** nail varnish or nail extensions.

**No** tattoo transfers

Any decision regarding failure to comply with our uniform code will be left to the discretion of the Headteacher.

### **School Holidays**

Over the past few months I have received a number of requests for leave of absence during school terms. Leave of absence for students during term time will only be approved in EXCEPTIONAL circumstances. If you take your son/daughter out of school and the absence is unauthorised, you will be liable for a fine. Please avoid booking holidays during term time.

### **Term dates 2017 – 2018**

We look forward to welcoming the children in **Year 1 – Year 6** back to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**. Children in **Reception** and **Nursery** have individual start dates which parents have been sent to you.

#### **Autumn Term**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Spring Term**

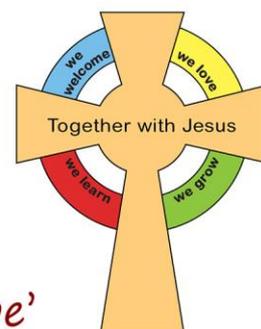
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Summer Term**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July



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## AND FINALLY...

I would like to thank all the pupils, staff and governors for all their hard work this year and to all of the parents for your continued support.

Goodbye and thank you to Miss Bajada who leaves today. We thank her for all her hard work at St Vincent's.

Goodbye of course to Father George, who is also leaving at the end of this week. We wish him every blessing in his new role.

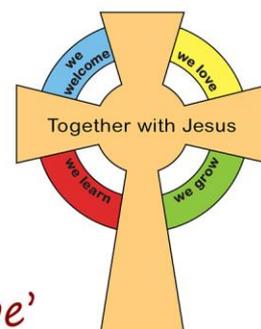
And of course last but by no means least, thank you to Year 6 for being such a great part of our school, we will miss you! I wish all of you every success in your secondary school.

Have a wonderful summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you all safe and sound in September.

God Bless,

Mrs C. Scott  
Headteacher

***May the Lord strengthen and protect you,  
May the Lord encourage and inspire you,  
May the Lord bless you and guide you,  
today and always.  
Amen***



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