



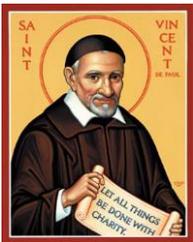
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Dear Parents and Children,



On Monday we enjoyed a day of celebrations for St Vincent's Day. We began the day with Mass in the church, where Father George reminded us of St Vincent's dedication to working with children and the poor. At lunchtime it was too cold to eat outside, but we created the same party style lunch in the hall and dining hall. In the afternoon there were inter-house bench ball competitions and the day finished with ice lollies.



Thursday 6th October – Celebrate with a school dinner 'Day of the Dinosaur' - Census Day Themed Menu



To support this year's autumn census day on Thursday 6th October, we will be holding a theme day entitled 'Day of the Dinosaur'.

To encourage as many students as possible to enjoy a healthy, hot school meal, we will be offering a special themed menu which provides a fun twist on the popular roast dinner. The menu is listed on the poster below. As per previous census days, the school with the highest % meal uptake will receive an educational visit from an incredible animatronic dinosaur later this year (exact date TBC with the winning school). The themed competitions have had tremendous success over the last year, with each one increasing school meal uptake by an average of 20% across all primary schools.

Our Inspirational Visitor – Thursday 6th October



All children should all have received sponsorship forms already in preparation for our special visitor Theo Spalding on Thursday. Over the span of Theo's twenty years in Judo – ten of which he spent competing for Great Britain across the world – he's won five British Championships, two Commonwealth Tournament medals as well as World Cup and European Cup medals. Growing up in East London, Theo started Judo aged six. It was his mother's attempt to find him a focus that would keep him out of trouble. Initially finding the sport challenging, he found his feet as a teenager when he joined Willesden Judo Club. Here he won his first National Championship, aged 15, and knew that he would be able to take this passion even further.

Theo describes his time competing in judo as some of the greatest years of his life. I am sure the children will find his visit inspiring. On the day the children will complete fitness circuits with him, and also have the opportunity to ask him questions about his career.

Well Done to the Workers of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Nathan	Gabriella	AJ	Iyesogie	Marisha	Stacey	CJ
Aiden R	Esosa	Shawn	Philip	Jameel	George	Kenzie

Well Done to our Core Value Ambassadors

Perseverance	Cooperation	Respect	Inspiration	Compassion
Breanna – Y5	Jason – Y5	Teddy – Y4	Rafael – Y6	Olaf – Y5



Dates for your diary



Monday 3rd October	Y4, Y5, Y6 Futsal Club 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Tuesday 4th October	9am – Parent working party, all parents welcome Y5, Y6 Football Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm Y2 Gymnastics Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 5th October	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Karate Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm Y2 & Y3 French Club 3.30pm – 4.20pm Y3, 4, 5 and 6 groups to Cross Country competition – separate letter sent
Thursday 6th October	Sponsored event with Theo Spalding – make sure you have your PE kit in school Dinosaur themed school lunch Y2 Dance Club 3.30pm – 4.30pm Y4, Y5 & Y6 French Club 3.30pm – 4.20pm
Friday 7th October	3pm – Whole school celebration assembly, parents welcome.
Lunchtime Clubs this week Monday - Reception Multiskills, Tuesday - Y1, Y2 Football Club, Wednesday - Y3, Y4 Football Club, Thursday - Y5, Y6 3v3 League, Friday Y2 Multiskills	

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.

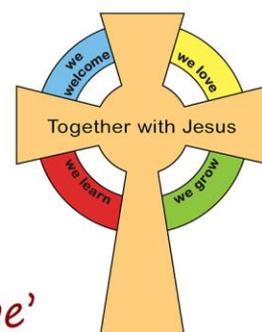
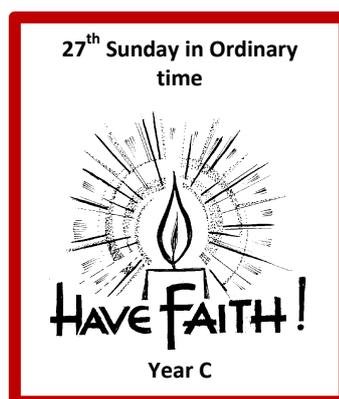
Please note, if any parents have a particular concern about their own child, this should be raised with a member of staff individually. At this meeting we will not be discussing individual cases or incidents.

We look forward to welcoming Mr Mugenyi (Josh our sports coach) back to school on Monday.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C. Scott
Headteacher



'The best we can be'