



St Vincent's Catholic Primary School
Information Sheet 1

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Year 4 Library visit	Wednesday 14 th September
Year 6 trip to Aylesford	Monday 19 th September
Year 3 Library visit	Wednesday 21 st September
Coffee Morning/Afternoon	Wednesday 21 st September
PTA AGM and 1 st Meeting of the year	Wednesday 21 st September
Individual school photos	Thursday 22 nd September
Jeans for Genes day	Friday 23 rd September
Road Safety Talk for Years 2 & 6	Monday 26 th September
Start of School New Year Mass	Tuesday 27 th September 2pm
Year 6 Mass at OLHC (TBC)	Thursday 13 th October
Half term - school closed	24 th - 28 th October
Children return to school	Monday 31 st October
Year 4 Library visit	Wednesday 2 November
Year 3 Library visit	Wednesday 9 th November
"Bag2School" Collection (TBC)	Thursday 10 th November
Year 5 Mass at OLHC	Thursday 10 th November
Anti Bullying Week	Monday 14 th November
"Power of 1" Anti Bullying workshop	TBC
Blue Friday (non-fundraising day) - children wear own clothes	Friday 18 th November
Reception Class Nativity Play	Tuesday 6 th December
Years 1 & 2 Nativity Play	Thursday 8 th December
Reception, Years 1 & 2 Christmas Party	Tuesday 13 th December
Years 3-6 Christmas Party	Thursday 15 th December
Last Day of Term	Friday 16 th December
Children return to school	Tuesday 3 rd January

Individual School photographs - Thursday 22nd September. Following the same format as last year, all children will be photographed individually and in addition, siblings will be photographed together; there is no obligation to buy any photographs. Only pupils currently attending the school will be photographed. This means no preschool children, no older siblings who no longer attend the school and no parents. This format ensures that there is no wasted curriculum time for the children.

Attendance - For the first 3 days of this new school year 30 sessions were lost due to unauthorised holidays (see table below).

Year 6	6	Year 5	8	Year 4	6	Year 3	8
Year 2	0	Year 1	2	Reception	0		

Our overall attendance last year was 96.3% Absences were due mainly to illness, but there were 381 unauthorised absences, up on last year by almost double. This year our target is 97.2%. Two children were late last week, 1 in Year 4, and 1 in Year 2. Children should arrive at school between 8.40am (when the centre doors will open) and 8.50am.

From Sept 16	Attendance	Unauthorised sessions
Reception	100%	0
Year 1	93.9%	2
Year 2	96.1%	0
Year 3	95.6%	8
Year 4	96.7%	6
Year 5	95.4%	8
Year 6	96.7%	6
Whole school	96.0%	30

Our target for attendance for this year is 97.2%, currently our attendance rate is 96.0%. Attendance for last year was 96.4%

Well done Reception, - best attendance last week (3 days) with 100%.

After-school Clubs

There will be no **Netball Club** for Year 6 children until further notice.

Letters will be sent out next week for **Multi-Skills Club**, which will begin the week after next.

A letter about the **Performing Arts Club** will be sent out shortly.

Fr. Mario will be celebrating **Mass** with us for **St Vincent's Feast Day** on **Tuesday 27th Sept at 2.00pm**. If you would like to join us, in the school hall, please do.

Please check that your child's uniform is labelled. If your child has taken the wrong jumper home, please return it to the school. A lot of named uniform has gone missing.

Reminders for parents using Breakfast Club: these requests have been made by the staff running Breakfast Club to aid the smooth running of the club and the safety of your children.

- Payment should be made in advance; staff are wasting a lot of time chasing late payments, which reduces their time with your children.
- Do not move the cones in order to drive closer to the hall; they are there for the safety of your children.
- Children should be handed over to the staff in the Breakfast Club, not left at the gate or the door to come in by themselves.
- Children must arrive by 8.10am in order to receive a breakfast.

Jeans for Genes day - Friday 23rd September - this is a **fundraising day** for the Jeans for Genes charity, which funds research into genetic disorders across the UK. Children may wear a top of their choice with jeans or casual trousers. (Jean skirts or a casual skirt may be worn by girls, if they prefer.) In return **children should bring a donation (£1) to support the charity**. We will work with the children to help them develop a better understanding of genetic disabilities in preparation for the day.

Class library visits for Years 3 & 4 are listed above. If you are able to walk to and from the library with your child's class, please let the class teacher know. **We rely heavily on parent volunteers** to enable these visits to take place.

Mrs Di Tunno will be holding a coffee afternoon on 21st September at 2.30pm. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available and pre-school children are very welcome. Please join Mrs Di Tunno if you would like to.

ICT is a very important part of the children's learning. At St Vincent's we have a filtering system provided by the London Grid for Learning. However no filter can ever be guaranteed to be 100% and OFSTED don't want to shut down access to the internet. If unsuitable access is gained then OFSTED recognise the safest/best place for that to happen would be in school, where trained teachers can explain and explore choices, such as we did during our Safer Internet Day. We will be following up on all our safer use of the internet work.

Some reminders (sorry there are so many, but they are important):

- Children in Years 1 - 6 **should be collected at 3.15pm promptly every day**. If something happens and you are going to be late **please ring the school to let us know**. Reception Class children may be collected from 3.05pm daily from next week.
- If your child will not be attending school, for whatever reason, please contact us (by phone or email) as early as possible to let us know, giving the **reason for the absence**. Mrs Webb will attempt to contact the parents of any child who is absent without explanation.
- If your child is **walking to school** in the morning and from school at the end of the day to do home, we will need a letter to confirm this. These letters are kept to hand so that we can follow up on any child who has not arrived. We have our lists from last year and we will continue to use these.
- Please remember that if your child suffers from **sickness or diarrhoea** he/she must be clear of the symptoms for 48 hours before returning to school.
- **If your child has asthma** and needs an inhaler, please make sure that we have one in school and that you have signed the appropriate form.
- **Uniform:** Children must be in winter uniform when we return to school after the half term break, but may wear either summer or winter uniform until then. Please note that **school coats or jackets** must be plain **navy blue or black**; no other colour may be worn. Winter uniform for girls is a grey skirt, culottes or pinafore. Children should have their full PE kit in school every day. **All uniform must be named**. If children are well enough to be in school they will be expected to take part in PE. If they have an injury and are still attending school, a letter will be required from their parents and a decision will be made by a member of staff. All hair bands etc must be school colours or black only, not pink, silver, red etc.
- The **price of school meals** for children in Years 3-6 is £11 per week (£2.20 per day). **School meal payment** should be made in advance on a Monday. **There is already an issue in many classes with children having dinners with no payment being received. Mrs Webb wastes many hours writing emails and notes and phoning parents to request payment. She doesn't have the time to do this.** Payment should be given to the class teacher by the child in a sealed labelled envelope. Cheques (payable to St Vincent's School) are preferred, as coins can get lost. If you wish to pay in cash, it must be the exact amount, as change cannot be given. If coin bags (which are available from the school office) are used inside the envelope, the risk of losing coins will be reduced. Payment should not be handed in at the office. If you prefer, you may pay termly or half-termly. **There is no charge for school meals for children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2.**
- If you wish to **apply for free school meals** and have not already done so, please attend to it urgently, as these applications benefit the school too.
- Children may bring a snack (fruit or vegetable only) and a drink for **morning playtime**. **Nuts** or products containing nuts of any kind should not be brought to school for playtime or lunchtime.
- Please note that **earrings are not allowed to be worn** at school, for reasons of health and safety. If your child has pierced ears, it is not acceptable to cover the earrings with plasters; they must be removed for school.
- If your child has **hair that is long enough to tie back**, it must be tied back. This rule was introduced to reduce the number of cases of head lice.