

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009  
**NEWSLETTER No. 1**

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome is extended to you all as we have finally got our new academic year started. My sincere apologies to you all for the inconvenience caused and the extra costs incurred for the delayed opening of the school. I can assure you such a decision was not taken lightly but was one that had to be made in the best interests and safety of all the members of our school community. Having consulted with and taken advice from the Diocese and Local Authority I will be recommending to the Governing Body that some changes are made to our School Dates to try make up some of the time lost through the exceptional closure. Please see dates proposed below - these will be confirmed following discussion with the Governing Body.

**Proposed School Dates for 2009-10**

Red text indicates changed dates

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|                       | SCHOOL CLOSES                | INSET DAYS                   | SCHOOL OPENS FOR PUPILS      |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Autumn Half Term '09  | Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct '09 | Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov '09  | Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov '09  |
| Christmas 2009        | Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec '09 |                              | Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan '10  |
| Spring Half Term 2010 | Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb '10 |                              | Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb '10 |
| Easter 2010           | Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr '10  |                              | Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr '10 |
| May Day 2010          | Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr '10 |                              | Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> May '10  |
| Summer Half Term '10  | Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May '10 |                              | Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun '10  |
| Summer Term 2010      | Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul '10 | Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul '10 |                              |

**Welcome**

We are very pleased to welcome our new reception pupils and their families to St. Vincents:

|                        |                    |                  |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Thomas Amanuel         | Arun Dobson        | Tony Jacob       |
| Grace Amesbury-Clarke  | Shanna Donnelly    | Oliver Keighran  |
| Daniel Barnes          | William Dutton     | Nevan Kiernan    |
| Rhianna Berta-Henstock | Sasha Fawke        | Tallulah Lambert |
| Felix Blakemore        | Alexander Fielding | Maili McLeod     |
| Euan Causer            | Rosie Friscuolo    | Lucy Moonan      |
| Niamh Collins-Hopkins  | Gabriel Grainge    | Skye Reid        |
| Eimear Comboy          | Isabella Hammond   | Alfie Smith      |
| Madeleine Davies       | Iliza Hart         | Joshua Tyrrell   |
| Hannah Dawson          | Ciara Jackson      | Billy Wilson     |

We welcome also Joseph Blakemore Yr3; Eve Walker Yr3; Amy Walker Yr5 and their families. I am certain they will soon feel very much like part of the family. We also welcome Miss Saul back from her travels - it's lovely to have her back!

### **Message from Mrs. Raffo**

Mrs. Raffo has asked me to pass on her thanks to everyone for their kind words and gifts following her retirement. She was quite overwhelmed by them all. She misses everyone and wishes us all every blessing for the future. We likewise, miss and will continue to miss, Mrs. Raffo, but know she will keep in close touch with us.

### **Celebrations & Curriculum Overview**

Details of all our R.E. Celebrations will be issued today. The first Mass of the school year will not take place until Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September as Fr. John is on holiday.

All class teachers will be distributing curriculum overviews which give details of areas being studied this term and particular details relating to homework. Please do use this information to help support your children in their work. If you are able to offer any time or resources to your child's class teacher both would be very welcome.

### **Parents Volunteers**

We are always most grateful of any voluntary help that is offered. Should you wish to be a Parent Volunteer, please see Mrs. Rimmer for further details.

### **Extra Curricular Clubs**

Please ensure you return application forms for these clubs, paying particular attention to the year groups for each club. Please also note places will be allocated on a 'first come first serve' basis and parental permission, in writing, must be given.

### **RHS**

Following another very successful entry in this year's RHS at Tatton, Mrs. Hill received a lovely letter from the Director General of the RHS, Inga Grimsey, congratulating everyone at St. Vincent's for their hard work and excellent garden - so well done everybody. I would like to thank all the staff and Mrs. Hill and Mrs. McAllister, especially, for their many hours of work and their incredible enthusiasm and expertise. As I have said on many occasions we are indeed blessed to have the talent we have in our school - children and adults alike.

### **Mrs. Walker**

I would also like to thank Mrs. Walker for her exceptionally hard work over the summer holidays. Her patience was indeed tested - but as ever she 'sang as she worked' and responded to the many challenges cheerfully and positively. Mrs. Walker is currently 'Acting Caretaker' pending a permanent appointment.

### **Routines and Reminders**

It is very important that we all establish good habits with regard to attendance, punctuality, behaviour etc. Please read the following and discuss with your children to ensure they understand what is expected:

#### **Punctuality:**

All children are required to be in school by 8:55am, at the latest. Anyone arriving after this time is marked as being late. Please make sure that you help your children to develop good habits of punctuality.

#### **Behaviour:**

We operate a Positive Discipline policy which highlights and rewards good behaviour. We expect high standards of behaviour from all our children - please support us in our endeavours.

#### **Uniform:**

Please ensure that each item of your child's uniform is labelled. Our Lost Property box still contains items 'lost' last year! We will be sorting through these items next week. If the uniform is labelled it is so much easier to return the item of clothing to its rightful owner. School does have the name and flyer of a company who makes such labels. Please ask Mrs. Rimmer if you are interested.

### **PE Lessons:**

The children have PE lessons each week, both with their class teacher and with Darren Provost, our sports coach.

- Please make sure that your child has the appropriate PE kit. On a Thursday they will need an outdoor PE kit as the weather becomes cooler. This should be black or green jogging bottoms and a fleece over their PE tops. (You may purchase these from School or simply buy them from any shop). Trainers should also be worn.
- No jewellery should be worn. Anyone wearing ear-rings **MUST** remove them for this lesson. If your child is unable to do this then ear-rings should not be worn on Thursday.
- All children will be expected to participate in these lessons. Should your child have any medical reasons why they cannot participate we must receive written confirmation.
- We have been increasingly concerned about the number of children who regularly forget to bring PE/Swimming kit to school. Please check the overviews that will be sent out next week for details on the days your child will need kit.

### **Water bottles:**

It is advisable that your child has a bottle of **water** to bring into school. This should be clearly labelled with their name. Bottles can be purchased from School for £1 each. If you require one, you can see Mrs. Rimmer, or alternatively send the money into school in an appropriately marked envelope.

### **End of Day Procedures:**

Our playground becomes very busy at the end of the day. In order to make the collection of your children less hectic, please note the following:

- Reception children are collected from the play area outside the reception classroom.
- Year 1 and Year 2 children are collected outside the fenced area near the Parents' Noticeboard
- Year 3 and Year 4 children are collected just inside the fenced area near the KS2 Boys' Toilet
- Years 5 and 6 are collected from the top end of the playground near to Pre-School.

If you have younger children with you, please keep them with you - play equipment such as scooters / bikes must not be brought onto our school playground. Please note: The play area is not designed for and should not be used by pre-school children.

### **Email newsletter**

If you wish to receive this newsletter by email, please send an email to Mrs. Rimmer requesting to subscribe, and she will add you to the distribution list. [admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.cheshire.sch.uk)

### **School Dinners - Autumn 2009**

Please note that as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 the cost of a school dinner has increased to £2.00 per day/£10.00 per week.

Dinner Money for this term/half-term (**Autumn '09**) will be as follows:

| Autumn '09 Term dates     |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Half-Term | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half-Term |
| 07.09.09 to 23.10.09      | 03.11.09 to 18.12.09      |
| <b>35 days</b>            | <b>34 days</b>            |

| Costs Autumn Term         |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| 1st Half-Term             | £70.00  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half-Term | £68.00  |
| Whole Term                | £138.00 |

**Funday Fridays** this term: 1<sup>st</sup> Half-Term £14.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Half-Term £14.00 Whole Term £28.00

**Milk** - Please note that from September we would ask that any children wishing to have milk pay Mrs Nihill at break time. Current cost of milk is 75p per week/15p per day.

### **Walk of Hope**

On Saturday this weekend 11 parents and teachers are taking part in the 'Walk of Hope' for Christies Hospital in memory of Roz Jones. Our best wishes go to them!

**Newsletter Attachments:**

- Curriculum Overview
- R.E. Parents' Letter
- R.E. Celebrations Timetable
- Get your skates on flyer
- Tennis Aces Borchure
- KS1 and Year 3 Mutlisports Flyer
- Primary Times Magazine
- Families Cheshire Magazine

## The Week Ahead

|                                  | MONDAY    |               |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Multisports - YrR,1,2,3          | 14/09/09  | 15:15 - 16:30 |
|                                  | TUESDAY   |               |
| ICT Club - Yr3,4                 | 15/09/09  | 15:15 - 16:15 |
| Gardening Club - KS2             | 15/09/09  | 15:15 - 16:15 |
|                                  | WEDNESDAY |               |
| Multiskills / Running Club - KS2 | 16/09/09  | 15:15 - 16:15 |
| Art Club - Yr5,6                 | 16/09/09  | 15:15 - 16:15 |
| Netball - Yr4,5,6                | 16/09/09  | 15:15 - 16:15 |
|                                  | THURSDAY  |               |
| KS2 PE                           | 17/09/09  | all day       |
| Drama Club                       | 17/09/09  | 15:15 - 16:15 |
|                                  | FRIDAY    |               |
| FS/KS1 PE                        | 18/09/09  | 13:15 - 15:15 |
| Football - Yr4,5,6               | 18/09/09  | 15:15 - 16:30 |
| Choir - KS2                      | 18/09/09  | 15:15 - 16:00 |

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## Looking Further Ahead

| Date         | Event   |
|--------------|---|
| 21/09        | 6 - 7pm Maths evening for Parents   |
| 22/09        | KS1 Assembly  |
| 13/10        | 2:15pm Harvest Festival   |
| 21/10        | 4 - 6pm Parents' Evening  |
| 22/10        | 5:30-8pm Parents' Evening   |
| 26/10 - 30/1 | Half-Term holiday   |
| 2/11         | INSET Day   |
| 3/11         | School reopens  |
| 24/11        | KS1 trip to New Vic Theatre to see 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' |
| 27/11        | KS2 trip to New Vic Theatre to see 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe' |
| 21/12 - 1/1  | School closed for Christmas   |
| 4/1          | School reopens for Spring Term  |