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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thank you for all of the prayers for our children who received their Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray for our children as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

OLIVIA 'LIVVY' BREEN PARALYMPIAN VISIT



Yesterday we welcomed Olivia 'Livvy' Breen, a current Team GB and bronze medallist Paralympian to St Vincent's. Olivia was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy in her early childhood, and she visited us to talk about overcoming barriers and her journey to the Paralympics in 2012 and 2020.

Olivia competes mainly in Sprint and Long Jump events. She has also represented Wales at both the 2014 and 2018 Commonwealth Games, winning Gold in the Long Jump at the 2018 Gold Coast games in Australia <https://youtu.be/nLg65F45i2Y>

Olivia delivered two assemblies/Q+A style sessions in both the Infant and Juniors to talk to the children about her sport and how her cerebral palsy diagnosis has affected her life. This followed an assembly in the morning led by Y1 Miss Hutton's Class on celebrating difference where the children shared this special prayer:

*Dear God,
We celebrate the ways in which we are different.
Thank you for making us all different, our fingerprints are a reminder that we are unique.
Help us to value and celebrate the uniqueness of others.
Thank you for making our world full of variety.
Thank you for beautiful flowers and for animals that are so different from one another.
Thank you for our school and for all the different people who make up our school family.
Amen*



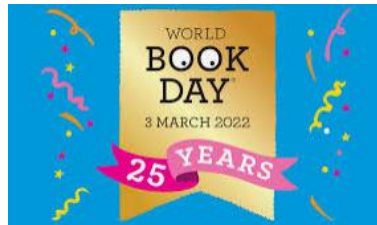
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WORLD BOOK DAY

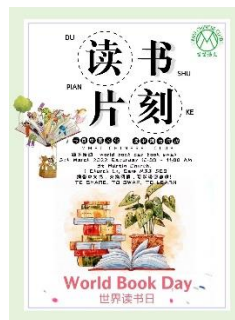


We are looking forward to celebrating the 25th anniversary of World Book Day on Thursday 3 March. As usual, we would love to see your children dressed up as their favourite character from a book - don't forget to bring a copy of the book if you can.

Throughout the day, your children will be participating in a variety of activities to promote reading for pleasure, which is something we promote every day at St Vincents. We will also be doing the masked reader...we have a fantastic line-up once again this year for your children to guess 'Who's behind the mask?'

Here is a link to the event page this year where you can find out more information and there is a 'Families' tab to click on with further information: <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

This year the theme is 'You are a reader', celebrating reading for pleasure and supporting every child in their reading journey.



The MM Chinese Club is organising a special event on Saturday 5 March to commemorate World Book Day. They are inviting people to come along to their upstairs room at St. Martin's Church, 1 Church Lane, Sale M33 5QQ, between 10 and 11 am, on Saturday 5 March. Participants will be able to share, swap and learn from reading books. Please see the poster attached.



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PASTORAL DROP IN

Thank you to those who made an appointment to speak with pastoral staff this week. Our next pastoral drop on Friday 25 March. You can sign up for a call by following the details below. Please visit <https://stvincentscatholicprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointment.

OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS DATES

We will be holding two open mornings on Tuesday 15 March and Wednesday 16 March for prospective parents to have a tour of the school. In order to stagger visitors, they are by appointment only. Please contact the school office to book a place. The tour can also include a visit to the nursery if you wish.

If you have any questions about a nursery place, please contact office@stvincentsnursery.com

PTA EVENTS

Our PTA and school staff have been working behind the scenes to plan for a return to our fundraising activities for children, parents and families. We are delighted to confirm the following:

Friday 1 April	Easter Eggstravaganza from 3:15pm – whole school event taking place in the infant hall and playground with Easter themed games and refreshments
Friday 29 April	Year 2 Disco 6:30pm - 7:45pm Infant Hall
	Y5 and Y6 Film Night 6:15pm – 8:00pm Junior Hall
Friday 6 May	Year 1 Disco 6:30pm - 7:45pm Infant Hall
	Y3 and Y4 Film Night 6:15pm – 8:00pm Junior Hall
Friday 8th July	Reception Disco 3:45pm – 5:00pm Infant Hall

Tickets are currently available to purchase on ParentPay. We would be grateful for your support as a volunteer alongside staff for the Y1 and Y2 Discos and the Y3 & Y4 and Y5 & Y6 Film Nights. Please email PTA admin at stvincentspta@gmail.com if you can help.

2022 PTA CHALLENGE

Over the half term break the PTA challenged families to raise **any amount up to £20.22** through a sponsored fundraising challenge. Ideas included: a car wash, sponsored run, bake sale etc. If you would like to take part in the challenge to raise money for our school, please use the



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sponsorship form attached to help your child with their fundraising. It would be great to see any photographs of them taking part, which can be posted on either their Google Classroom page or the PTA Facebook page.

Please can sponsorship forms and money be returned to school on **Tuesday 1 March**.



SPRING 2 DATES LIST

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Wednesday	02 March	Junior Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15am Infant Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15am (Children and staff only)	Infant hall Junior hall
Thursday	03 March	World Book Day – dress as a character Assembly: Y4 Miss Jamieson's Class 9:05am Miss Jamieson's class parents to attend	Junior hall
Friday	04 March	Parents' reflection:10:00am	Zoom
Monday	07 March	Science Week	
Monday	07 March	Reception 'Stay and Play' for Parents – Class ML 9:15 – 10.15am	Rec Outdoor Area
Tuesday	08 March	Reception 'Stay and Play' for Parents – Class LT 9:15 – 10.15am	Rec Outdoor Area



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Wednesday	09 March	Reception 'Stay and Play' for Parents – Class MH 9:15 – 10.15am	Rec Outdoor Area
Thursday	10 March	Y3 Parents First Holy Communion Meeting 6:30pm	Junior department hall
Thursday	10 March	KS2 Class Assembly: Y4 Miss Campbell's Class Y4 Miss Campbell's class parents to attend 9:05am	Junior department hall
Friday	11 March	CAFOD Lenten Fast Day: Lenten Fundraising commences	See Lenten planner
Tuesday	15 March	Open Morning	St Vincent's School
Wednesday	16 March	Open Morning	St Vincent's School
Thursday	17 March	KS2 Class Assembly: Y3 Miss Slater's Class Y3 Miss Slater's class parents to attend 9:05am	Junior department hall
Thursday	24 March	Parents' Evening 3:45-7:30pm	Face to face
Thursday	24 March	KS2 Class Assembly: Y3 Mrs McDuff's Class Y3 Mrs McDuff's class parents to attend 9:05am	Junior department hall
Tuesday	29 March	Class photos	St Vincent's School
Wednesday	30 March	Class photos	St Vincent's School
Thursday	31 March	Reception Class Assembly: Miss Turnbull's Class Rec Miss Turnbull's class parents to attend 9:05am	Infant department hall
Tuesday	05 April	KS2 Lenten Service: Year 5 to lead. 6.30pm Y3-6 Children and parents	Holy Angels Church
Tuesday	05 April	Y1 Lenten Liturgy 9:15am – Y1 parents only	Infant Hall
Wednesday	06 April	Y1 Lenten Liturgy 9:15am – Y1 parents only	Infant Hall
Friday	08 April	Parent's Reflection: 10am	St. Vincent's School
EASTER HOLIDAY			



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ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Each week we report attendance. Please note we do not authorise holidays in term time.

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Year 1 Miss Hutton's class: 99.7%
Highest junior class attendance	Year 4 Miss Jamieson's class: 99.7%
Overall school attendance	95.6%

*Please note that disability related absence is not taken into account when calculating best attendance

We work in partnership with parents. Mrs Tiernan (deputy head teacher based in the infant department), and Mrs Farrell (deputy head teacher based in the junior department), and I are very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

