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Newsletter:
20th October 2021

'We learn, explore, challenge and respect; sharing Christ's love through all that we do'

Headteacher's Message

What a busy half term we have had! It has been jam packed with lots of learning and exciting experiences for the children. We have welcomed several new children and families to St Vincent's since the start of the term. We are delighted that you have chosen to be a part of the St. Vincent's family.

As the weather gets colder, please make sure your children come to school wearing suitable footwear (all black) and coats.

We finish on Friday 22nd October for the half term holiday and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 1st November 2021.

FAO Year 6 Parents/Carers:

All information regarding Primary to Secondary schooling can be found on the website <http://www.hull.gov.uk/admissions>

There is a guide for families, information on the process and a link to the application form on the site. The deadline for this submission is: **Sunday 31st October 2021** Any submissions after this deadline will be classed as 'late' and could be detrimental on your preferred choice of schooling.

St. Mary's College Supplementary Forms:

These forms can be sent directly to St. Mary's College addressed to The Admissions Team or alternatively can be handed to the school office and we can send this on behalf of the family.



If your child was born between **1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018** you must now apply for a school place.

Visit www.hullcc.gov.uk/admissions and make your application before **15 January 2022**.



Flu Vaccinations

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on:
Monday 1st November.



Autumn Term

School Closes	Friday 22nd October
Half Term	Monday 25th—Friday 29th October
School Opens	Monday 1st November
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 17th December

Spring Term

School Opens	Tuesday 4th January
School Closes	Friday 18th February
Half Term	Monday 21st—Friday 25th February
School Opens	Monday 28th February
School Closes	Friday 8th April
School Closes for Easter	Monday 11th April—Friday 22nd April

Summer Term

School Opens	Monday 25th April
May Day—School Closed	Monday 27th May
School Closes	Friday 28th May
Half Term	Monday 31st May—Friday 3rd June
School Opens	Monday 6th June
School Closes for Summer	Thursday 21st July

PE Days: On these days children should come to school in their PE kit.

Mondays	Y1
Tuesdays	Y3, Y4 & Y5
Wednesdays	EYFS & Y2
Thursdays	Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5 & Y6
Fridays	Y3, Y4 & Y6

Happy Retirement, Mr Holtby!

After 20 years at St Vincent's, Mr Holtby has decided to take early retirement. Mr Holtby has been instrumental in site management, ensuring that all of our children, staff and visitors are in a safe environment. From everyone past and present, we would like to say thanks to his many years of service. Thank you!



Welcome, Mr Guy!

To replace Mr Holtby as Site Facility Officer, we would like to welcome Mr Guy to the St Vincent's family. Mr Guy has previous experience from Thoresby Primary School and Wyke College as well as 20 years background in joinery. Mr Guy starts during half term so when the children return on Monday 1st November 2021, make sure to say a big "Hello!" around the school site.



Foundation Stage Miss Morgan & Mrs Tighe

This term the Foundation Stage children have been learning about the people in the community that help us. We have had visits from Sgt. Mathews and Nurse Ellis who have shared their amazing stories about helping people in Hull. The children loved it!



Year 3 Mr Goodison

Year 3 have really enjoyed learning about The Stone Age! We have discovered some amazing facts about how they lived and the inventions they created. As part of the feast of St. Vincent, we visited St. Vincent's church and had a very close look at some of the areas that some people don't get to see! In PE, we have been very busy developing our dribbling skills!



Year 4 Mrs Such-Mcleavy

Year 4 have made a great start to the year. We have created magical mythical tales in English, learnt lots of new facts about ancient Greece in history plus celebrated the Greek day and ate all the scrumptious food! Science has been fun finding out all about our digestive system and we even made it come to life. Lastly, we have all (including Mrs Such-Mcleavy) have learnt new netball skills in PE.



Year 2 Mrs Bird

Year 2 have been busy looking at Paddington Bear. We have looked at landmarks in Hull and London in Geography. In English we wrote stories about Paddington Bear and have also made marmalade sandwiches for our explanation text. We have enjoyed taking Paddington Bear home and writing about his adventures too.

Year 5 Mrs Windeler

Year 5 have had a great first half term of the new school year. We started off the term thinking about the word 'respect' from our school mission statement and how we can show this in our daily lives at St. Vincent's. In our writing lessons, we have been learning the story of Beowulf and Grendel before writing our own versions with a different monster. Our history topic is the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We know where the Vikings settled and the transport they used. We even had a go at making our own Viking long ships! We have especially enjoyed having a look back to our Greek learning from last year and enjoyed sampling Greek food made by Mr and Mrs Makri. What a busy half term!

Year 1 Mrs Szuma

Year 1 are learning about our local area. In Science we classified animals according to their groups, the food they eat and their appearance. We really enjoyed our trip to Pearson Park. In Maths we have been making amazing patterns and counting to 100. In English we are reading and writing stories based on 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'. In RE, we have been busy visiting our local church and learning about families.



Year 6 Miss Morrice

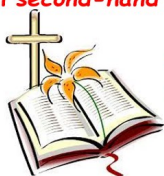
This half term, the Year 6 class have done a lot of amazing learning. They have explored the genres of gothic horror as well as writing an informative non-chronological text on the Victorians, which coincidentally was their history topic. They have collaborated in editing and improving their work thus making them one step closer to becoming great authors. In Maths they have learned new mathematical terms and excelled in using them. In Science we explored Light and it's properties. The children have shown great teamwork in PE learning about ball skills in netball. The Year 6 class have shown resilience and great maturity in their learning and with such positive mind-sets will do extremely well.

Can you help?

'Hull Help for Refugees' is a local charity supporting people forced to leave their homes to seek refuge in a safe place, including our own city. Being a refugee means you have very little money and very few possessions... In fact, many refugees arrive with only the clothes on their back and very little else. They have no choice but to rely on the kindness of strangers to help them survive. This is where you can help...

HHfR currently have plenty of women's and children's clothing but would be very grateful for any donations of **small to medium second-hand men's clothing in good condition, including:**

- trousers, jogging bottoms & jeans
- t-shirts, tops, jumpers & hoodies
- underwear - boxer shorts (must be new)
- socks, hats, scarves & gloves
- shoes, coats, backpacks or wheeled cases
- toiletries, spare hair clippers & used smart phones would also be very welcome



Thank you!

