

# St Vincent's VC Academy

## Academy Newsletter November 2018

### Head of School's message:

Thank you for a great start to the new academic year! I know both children and staff have been very busy and are ready for a well-deserved break. Thank you so much for the fantastic turn out for this week's events. Stay and pray, the year 1 tea party and the book fair have been great successes! I would also like to thank all the foundation stage parents for the children's spooky costumes: Children and staff had a great day!

On the first day upon after half term, we will be launching the new mission statement for the school. This has been based on ideas from the children. We asked the children 'what do we do at St Vincent's VC Academy? What makes us who we are?' – 'We learn, explore, challenge and respect; Shining Christ's love through all we do'. The day will begin with the sharing of the final statement followed by, activities exploring the key themes and creating art work.

On Tuesday 6th November at 3pm we would like to invite parents / carers / families to join us for the sharing of this work.

We are looking forward to sharing the children's work and progress with you at our parent's evenings. If any parents/carers haven't yet made an appointment, please pop into the school office.

**Year Five** have explored the ancient story of Beowulf: They have learnt the story off by heart, they have performed the tale to the school with lots of enthusiasm, and they have even written their own monster stories. These are now displayed in the library. Don't forget to have a read on Parent's Evening!

**Year Three** children have been reading the text 'The First Drawing' by Mordicai Gerstein. Through exploration of the Stone Age and cave paintings, children have been writing diary entries, creating character descriptions and writing their own historical narratives.



**Year Four** have had an exciting start to the new school year. As part of our topic about the Ancient Greeks, we celebrated in typical Grecian style with our WOW moment at the end of September. Dressed in togas, we walked down Princes Avenue to The Greek, where we sampled many culinary delights. The children really enjoyed it. On our return to school we had a mini Olympics. Great fun!



**Year Six** have had a busy start to the year! Our Topic of the Victorians has seen us delving into the history of education and exploring the story of 'Oliver Twist.' We have thought a lot about what we want to achieve this year, and the children had a wonderful 'Reflection Day' concentrating on this.



**Year One** have made a fantastic start to the year! In our literacy lessons we have enjoyed reading 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea.' Our maths lessons have seen us learning about sorting objects and inequality symbols.

**Year Two** have been on an adventure with Paddington Bear! We have mainly studied places around the world. We started our journey in Peru, comparing this to England. We then did a virtual sight-seeing tour of London and Hull, looking at the famous places in these cities. We finished our adventure finding out where we all live and where school is on a map. After half term we will go back in time to 166 in London.

### **e-Safety Tips!**

Internet Safety Tips – What Kids Can Do! Please talk about these with your children.

- \* Do not give out personal information about yourself online. This includes your name, where you live or your telephone number.
- \* Never agree to meet someone that you have met online. If you do not know the person in 'real life', tell your parents about anyone that is asking to meet you.
- \* Do not accept friend requests from people you do not know. They are strangers.
- \* Talk to your parents first about pictures you want to post online, whether they are of yourself or your friends and family members.
- \* Do not respond to messages you receive that are mean or speaking meanly about others. Tell your parents about these messages.
- \* Always be kind to others online. Do not do anything that may hurt others including joining in conversations discussing other people's problems.

#### **At St Vincent's we have 3 rules:**

- Ready
- Respectful
- Safe

**Please support us by re-enforcing these with your children**

#### **Please Note:**

**Please mind your step!  
The playground surface is uneven.  
Please take care.**

#### **Miss Kerman**

St Vincent's are sad to announce that Miss Kerman is moving onto pastures new and taking up a new role at St Anthony's VC Academy as Office Manager. Miss Kerman has made a huge influence in her time here at St Vincent's and she will be sorely missed by admin staff, teachers and children alike.

Thank you Miss Kerman!

From, The St Vincent's Family.

#### **Parents Evening!**

Upon our return, after a well-deserved break (deep breath!) we will be welcoming all parents/carers to see all of children's fantastic work. This is a great opportunity to showcase the work they have done this term, and the exciting events we have leading up to Christmas!

### **Dates for this term....**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November – School re-opens**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Mission Launch Assembly 3pm

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening 4pm – 6:30pm

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Evening 4pm – 6:30pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 Assembly 3pm

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 Bikeability Week

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Year 6 Assembly 3pm

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 Assembly 3pm

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 to see Oliver Twist

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – FS2 Performance to Parents 2pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Performance to Parents 2pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 to see The Ugly Duckling

**Good news assemblies every Friday at 9.05am – all welcome!**