



*We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together*

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Dear parents and carers

It is strange to think that we have now almost reached the end of the academic year. The **final day of term for all children (including Key Workers) is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. Staff will spend the Friday and the Monday preparing the school to receive all pupils in September. There will be much work for us to do but we are all excited at the prospect of welcoming back the whole community in September.

Thursday we will also mark Year 6's final day in Primary School. Here they are in their early days at St Vincent de Paul School:



All four bubbles will be attending, and we have a number of treats planned for the children who will be leaving us. It is sad that we will not be able to have our usual Leavers' Assembly where the whole school and parents gather to say farewell. However, Year 6 will gather together outside in their 4 bubbles for a special service together. This will be recorded and shared via our YouTube channel for everyone to see. At 1.45pm, each bubble throughout the school will find a socially distanced position outside so that pupils and staff can wave their Year 6 friends off. The staff have planned some fun activities for Year 6's last day and are ready to treat them. We hope and pray that they have a fitting last day and are all praying for good weather as to bring all Year 6 children together in their bubbles, we need to be outside!

We are also preparing to say farewell to Angelo and Samuel. It is always sad to say farewell to our children but we know that they all have an exciting journey ahead of them and we look forward to hearing stories of their great successes. Good luck and God bless!



Next week will also be Mrs Harriss' final week in our school community. Mrs Harriss, who works in the school office, is taking early retirement after an amazing 13 years of dedicated service to the school. Mrs Harriss has served the school brilliantly during this time being the helpful voice on the end of the phone, a font of knowledge in relation to school admissions and a compassionate helping hand when pupils are feeling poorly. We will all miss her dedicated support and her friendship. We all wish Mrs Harriss a happy and fruitful early retirement.

For all of our leavers, pupils and staff, we send our traditional blessing:



Next week, you will receive a ParentMail with your child's report attached. This has been a difficult task this year with all that has gone on since March. As such, where we have reported on attainment, it is only based upon what was achieved up until March 20<sup>th</sup>. I do hope that you enjoy reading about your child's successes throughout this unusual year! With this report you will also receive a flyer explaining who your child's teacher will be next year. Your child will also receive a link to a video that will contain a 'virtual goodbye' from their current class teacher and a 'virtual hello' from their new teacher. We hope that this will help the children to feel that they have 'closure' on their current class and will aid transition to the next.

This week I am completing the risk assessment for reopening to all pupils in September. Governors will be meeting virtually to discuss this early next week. Once it has been approved, I will be able to write to everyone with information of how we plan to implement the government's latest guidance for schools. Thank you for your patience as we work towards this. Please do continue to email (head@stvincent.herts.sch.uk) to me any concerns that you currently have in relation to September in order that I can take them into account.

This week's Friday Vlog, featuring our Virtual assembly on Wednesday with a theme of 'listening' can be accessed via the following link: <https://youtu.be/VhkE3-IEy6c>  
It is always a pleasure to join together with our children for assembly – it is the highlight of my week! I do hope that you enjoy sharing in it too.

God bless you and those most dear to you.

Jon White  
**Headteacher**



## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July Final day of term for all pupils (including Key Workers)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July Extra Staff Development Day (no pupils)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July INSET day (no pupils)

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep INSET day (no pupils)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep Start of Autumn term for pupils



# Summer Holiday Childcare Provision in Stevenage

Where: Fairlands primary School, Pound Avenue, Stevenage, Hertfordshire SG1 3JA  
Contact: Liberty Grimmer 01493 717575



Where: Roebuck Academy, St. Margarets, Stevenage, SG2 8RQ

Contact: Jessie George on 07542 199 299

Website details: <https://www.brighterdayskidsclub.co.uk/>



Where: Trots Hill, Wisden Rd, Stevenage SG1 5JD

Contact: [WWW.RISINGSTARS-WRAPAROUND.CO.UK](http://WWW.RISINGSTARS-WRAPAROUND.CO.UK)



PLEASE NOTE THESE SCHEMES ARE RUN BY EXTERNAL PROVIDERS PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE SCHOOL WHO ARE PROVIDING THE SPACE ONLY.

Holiday Camps are a fantastic way for children to continue to maintain social skills during the summer holidays. Particularly during this time where they may have less social interactions due to schools being partially closed. They also offer an opportunity for parents to work while their children are having fun.



**Book early to avoid disappointment.**



**Trots Hill Primary and Nursery**

Week 1 - 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th July

Week 2 - 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st July

Week 3 - 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th August

Week 4 - 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th August

Week 5 - 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st August

**SPECIAL SUMMER PRICE!**

£15 - HALF DAY (UP TO 5 HOURS)

£20 - FULL DAY 8AM - 5PM

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