



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

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Class Information Letter – Year 3 - Hildegard

Welcome back and happy New Year. We would like to thank you all very much for your cards and gifts at the end of last term. This newsletter gives a little bit of information about when/where things are happening in year 3.

Behaviour and Rewards

Our school uses the Hertfordshire Steps approach which supports a therapeutic ethos, early intervention and professional responses to complex, challenging or high-risk behaviours. We have developed three universal school rules which each class has spent time exploring and these are:

- Be ready
- Be respectful
- Be safe

In Year 3 Hildegard the reward system is merit points. The children are also awarded stickers for trying to keep the school rules e.g. being ready to learn, for showing respect to others and for keeping themselves and others safe.

Curriculum

Here is information relating to the Spring Term curriculum. If you look on the school website you will see how this fits into the curriculum for the entire Key Stage. This may help you to plan interesting visits that match your child's syllabus.

In RE we shall continue to follow the liturgical year. Our themes are **Sacrament of Reconciliation** and **Celebrating the Mass**.

English: we will be studying Traditional Tales (Fiction), Explanation and Report (Non-Fiction), Haiku, Tanka and Kennings (Poetry) and word-building. The children will also focus a text during Our Take One Book week.

Maths: we will be learning about addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, interpreting data, angles, lines, 2D shapes, perimeter, fractions, mental maths and problem solving.

Science: our topics are Forces and Magnets and Animals including Humans.

Computing: the children will be learning about Touch Typing, Email and Spreadsheets.



Topics: our topic is Geography and will involve locating countries, towns and cities within the UK and Europe. Our art and DT will be linked to this topic.

Music: we will follow Sing Up and songs we will work on will include My Dog, Step Back Baby, Chilled Out Clap Rap and The Bare Necessities. We will also be improvising, composing and recording from other sources.

PSHE: Our topics are: Feelings and Emotions, Healthy Relationships and Valuing Difference.

Physical Education

Throughout the whole school all PE kits consist of navy shorts and white round necked t-shirt (all KS2 pupils will be expected to also have a navy track suit and trainers). If it has been less than six weeks since ears were pierced they must be taped up at home. If it has been more than six weeks they must be taken out for school.

Children will need their P.E. kit every Tuesday but it is advisable to leave the PE kit in school and only take it home each half term.

Swimming

Please make sure the children bring their swimming costumes, towels and goggles and swimming hat (if required), in a large bag which will fit all of their clothes, shoes and winter coat inside to store in the lockers at the pool on a Wednesday. For girls this must be a one piece costume and long hair must be tied back.

Home Learning

Home learning is set on Fridays to be returned no later than the following Wednesday. This will include Maths, English, RE or Science. This is supplemented by spellings, number bonds and times tables. Children must be reading at home at least three times a week. We appreciate that children in Year three, preparing for their First Holy Communion will also have homework set by catechists.

Children in KS2 are expected to bring their Reading Books to school each day. They may bring their book, snack and home learning books in a small bag but please bear in mind the limited space in their personal locker which also stores PE kit and their outdoor wear and, on Wednesdays, their swimming kit!

General information:

The children will be attending Parish Mass regularly during the term.

Water Bottle: All children are encouraged to drink plenty of water during the day, therefore, please supply your child with a refillable sports top water bottle. This must ONLY contain water, NO juices.

Children in KS2 may bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable for a morning snack if they wish. Please ensure the snack is stored in their bag and not their lunch box as the lunch trolley is taken to the KS1 hall after registration.

Jewellery: NO jewellery should be worn in school including earrings. Those with pierced ears must remove the earrings during school hours. If you wish your child to have their ears pierced this



should take place at the beginning of the summer holidays to ensure the ears are healed before returning in September.

Long hair must be tied back during school hours.

Plimsolls: all pupils must have a pair of well-fitted plimsolls in school. Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named. Lost property is now in a blue box directly outside our main office area and is accessible at all times.

I hope to get the opportunity to meet with you all at our next Parent Consultations and I am looking forward to sharing the progress and attainment of you children. These meetings will be on:

Monday 10th February: 3.30pm – 7.30pm

Tuesday 11th February: 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Please visit our newly updated class pages on the school website at <https://www.stvincent.herts.sch.uk/os-classes.html> for helpful information about supporting your child's learning. This includes an explanation of methods in mathematics as well as some helpful websites to support learning.

Thank you for your support as we move into our second term of the year. If you need to speak to one of us the best way to do so is to speak to us at the classroom door or outside of school hours via our school email address cblythe@stvincent.herts.sch.uk or sculkin@stvincent.herts.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Miss Culkin, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Copeland.

