



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

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Year 6 (Tolkien) Class Information Letter – Spring 2020

Welcome to the Spring Term. The children have returned keen and eager to learn. We look forward to working with them all.

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 Tolkien, the reward system used currently is based around raffle tickets. Pupils who excel, show good learning behaviours or go above and beyond expectations will be rewarded with a ticket. Pupils can receive multiple tickets throughout the day. At the end of the school day, a single raffle ticket is selected resulting in that pupil receiving a reward for the next day, which is sitting in a comfortable office chair.

In **RE** we shall continue to follow the liturgical year. Epiphany is followed by Candlemas and then Lent. Our topics are EXPLORING THE MASS and JESUS THE MESSIAH.

In **English** we will be exploring persuasive and biographical writing, story writing, poetry exploration, comprehension and grammar related to preparation for SATS.

In **Maths** we will be studying area and perimeter, long division, fractions, angles, properties of shapes, algebra and co-ordinates.

Science Electricity and Light.

Computing Text adventure, coding and SATs revision.

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). Children will need their P.E. kit every Monday, Thursday (Shakespeare) and Friday (Tolkien) but it is advisable to leave the PE kit in school and only take home each half term. This term we will focus on gymnastic sequences, athletics and dance related to FLIGHT FROM DANGER.

Home learning is set on Fridays for English and Maths. However, in the spring term a short piece of homework will be set every evening, in preparation for SATS and secondary school. Please ensure that these pieces of home learning are completed to the necessary date.



General information:

The children will be regularly attending Parish Mass 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 may bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable for a morning snack if they wish.

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.

Children in KS2 are expected to bring their Reading Books to school each day. They may bring their book, pencil case, snack and homework 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.

In preparation for SATs, it is advised that your children attend school every day. Pupils will be preparing lots at school but will also be having activities to complete at home. Please ensure that your children are getting plenty of rest in the build-up to the tests. Pupils are expected to attend booster sessions (if invited), as this is a great way of getting an extra confidence boost and correcting any misconceptions.

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 all your support throughout the year. Please feel free to contact the school office if you have any questions and we will contact you at a convenient time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Crump & Mr Prendergast

