



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 4 Summer 2024**

Welcome back to school after the Easter break and thank you for ensuring your child was well prepared for the beginning of the new term.

All the pupils have made substantial progress so far on their incredible journey this year!

Here are just a few gentle reminders we would like to bring to your attention again.

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 safe.
- Be respectful.

In Year 4 Michelangelo, children are rewarded with positive praise and encouraged to keep our three school rules – 'Be ready,' 'Be safe' and 'Be respectful.' Behaviour that exceeds our expectations will be rewarded with a 'Wow' Award which you will receive in the post. This marks impeccable behaviour from a child based on our three school rules.

REMINDERS - PLEASE NOTE THAT TOYS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN SCHOOL UNLESS AGREED WITH A MEMBER OF STAFF AND LINKS TO A SPECIFIC NEED. ITEMS OF CLOTHING SUCH AS THOSE USED FOR PE SHOULD ALSO HAVE A NAME ON THE LABEL SO THEY CAN BE RETURNED IF MISPLACED.

Home Learning

Home learning tasks will be set using **Purple Mash for Spellings** and **Maths Frame for times tables**. Please see the home learning book for a breakdown of tasks. Our Google Classroom is accessible via the following link: <https://classroom.google.com/> All children will be provided with their own log ins and passwords which will be in their reading record books. If your child needs a reminder, please contact us.

Reading continues to be an important focus and we are keen that the children read as much as possible, both aloud to an adult and silently to themselves. The class page on the school website has



links to recommended reading books for our class. As the children progress with their reading, it becomes more important to question them about the text they are reading, the types of grammar and punctuation within the sentences and the authors choice of vocabulary. As far as possible, please ensure that your child reads at home four times a week to develop both their fluency and comprehension skills.

General information:

Water Bottle & snacks: 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. Many children also bring a fruit or vegetable snack to eat at morning break. The only jewellery permitted in school is one small pair of ear studs (please remove for PE days), and an inexpensive watch. Long hair must be tied back during school hours.

PE kit

Please ensure pupils are dressed in the correct and appropriate PE kit on our PE days (Tuesdays and Thursdays). Pupils should be able to do PE indoors or outdoors on these days and therefore require suitable kit linked to the weather forecast.

Plimsolls and indoor shoes: All pupils must have a pair of well-fitted indoor shoes in school. Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named.

Pick up procedures – keeping everyone safe.

Thank you for your continued compliance and patience for the safe arrival and leaving procedures at school. Also, a big thank you for now keeping to our earlier start times.

'X' & Pupil Post

Please follow the school on Twitter @svdp_school (easily accessed through the school website) and via the weekly Pupil Post. This is proving to be a thorough source of communication for our school and enables you to see what is happening in the class on a regular basis.

School Website – curriculum links

The class information pages of our school website can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.stvincent.herts.sch.uk/os-classes.html>

Here you will find many curriculum links relevant to your child's current learning. Please do spend some time exploring these pages if you can.

On the website you also find a link to our Curriculum Statement which explains our approach to all areas of the curriculum. It can be viewed via the following link:

[Curriculum-Statement-May-2023.pdf \(stvincent.herts.sch.uk\)](http://www.stvincent.herts.sch.uk/Curriculum-Statement-May-2023.pdf)

Communication

If you have any concerns at any point during the year, please do not hesitate in contacting us by making an appointment or calling the school. Please remember that no problem is too small; anything that is important to you and your child is important to us too.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr D Arnese
(Year 4 Teacher)**

