



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 Autumn 2024**

Welcome back to school and thank you for ensuring your child was well prepared for the beginning of term, we were very pleased to see them and they are all settling well into the new routines of Year 3.

The adults who will be working in Year 3 Seacole this year are Mr Paul Marsden (Class teacher) and Miss Deschamps (Teaching assistant).

The adults who will be working in Year 3 Hildegard this year are Miss Sallie Culkin (Class teacher) and Mrs Worthington (Teaching assistant).

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 class the reward system involves stickers for effort, positive behaviour choices or for good work. They are collected in a booklet and a small prize is awarded when they have collected 20.

Curriculum

Please find below some highlights of our Autumn Term curriculum:

Each week you will also receive a link to **The Wednesday Word** to which will help you to support your child's faith journey throughout the liturgical year.

We shall continue to follow the liturgical year, beginning with Ordinary Time, leading up to the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Home Learning

Home learning tasks will be set through Purple Mash and a worksheet with weekly activities and tasks. This will include a maths or English activity and their weekly spellings. The children will be do a short spelling check on Fridays. Homework books will go home on a Friday and returned by Friday the following week.

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



links to recommended reading books for our class. As your children progress with their reading it becomes more important to question them about the text they are reading, the types of grammar and punctuation in the sentences and the authors choice of vocabulary. As far as possible, please ensure that your child reads at home as often as possible to develop both their reading 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. Please ensure that grapes are cut in half.

The only jewellery permitted in school is one small pair of ear studs (please remove for PE days) and an inexpensive watch from Year 2. Long hair must be tied back during school hours.

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. If you have not yet returned to end of the day permission slip please do so. We are very pleased with the sensible independence shown by all the pupils in adapting to the new routines in place.

Food items

Please remember that it is school policy that pupils are not able to bring in sweets, cakes, biscuits or any other food items to share, marking the celebration of any event (e.g. birthdays). This is due to the complexities of allergies, dietary requirements and other aspects of personal choice.

Twitter & Pupil Post

Please follow the school on Twitter @svdp_school and via the weekly Pupil Post which can be found on our school website. This is proving to be a great 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:

Parent Consultations

Our first parent consultation of the year will occur 18th and 19th November.

Thank you in anticipation for your support throughout the year. We look forward to working in close partnership with you to ensure your child is happy and progressing well in school.

Yours sincerely

Mr Paul Marsden and Miss Sallie Culkin

