



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 Autumn 2024**

Welcome back to school after the Summer break and thank you for ensuring your child was well prepared for the beginning of the new term. We were very pleased to see them, and they are all settling back into our established routines in Year 4. 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 children are rewarded with positive praise and table points which can earn the table extra playtime on a Friday. We will also choose a 'Star of the week' which will receive a certificate. Behaviour that exceeds our expectations will now 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. Please note that toys are not permitted in school.

Home Learning

Home learning tasks will be set using Purple Mash for Spellings and TT Rockstars for times tables. 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 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 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 their sentences and the author's choice of vocabulary. As far as possible, please ensure that your child reads at home four times a week 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. 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 and Swimming kit

Please ensure pupils are dressed in the correct and appropriate PE kit on our PE days (Tuesdays). Pupils should be able to do PE indoors or outdoors on this day and therefore require suitable kit linked to the weather forecast. Also, please ensure that pupils have their swimming kit in school on a Wednesday. Many pupils have missed sessions for various reasons and should only be if a child has a condition, such as an ear infection, where a doctor has advised for the pupil not to go into the water. This is also part of the curriculum and needs to be assessed on a consistent basis.

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, please ensure you are punctual with regards to pick up times.

X (Twitter) & Pupil Post

Please follow the school on Twitter @svdp_school and via the weekly Pupil Post (easily accessed through the 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.

Communication

If you have any concerns at any point during the year, please do not hesitate in contacting us by making an appointment or by 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.

Parent Consultations

Monday 18th November

Tuesday 19th November

Yours sincerely,

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Year 4 Teachers

