



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to be writing this newsletter with the sun shining and the children playing so beautifully outside.

I would like to thank all the visitors who attended our Mary Procession yesterday. The children sang beautifully and it was a lovely celebration of Mary during this special month of May. Thank you for all the positive feedback, it is greatly appreciated.

This half term, we have been focusing on respect and the Catholic Social Teaching value, *Dignity of the Worker*. It is such an important value and hopefully helps to prepare all our children to understand the importance of respect within our school and wider community.



Congratulations to all the children across the school who have made their First Confession and First Holy Communion. I have been privileged to attend the celebrations at St Joseph's with Mrs Batty and Miss Culkin. Both Mrs Batty and Miss Culkin have shared how wonderful the celebrations at St Hilda's have been too. Well done everyone, we look forward to celebrating as a whole school.

This half term we have, as always, welcomed a number of visitors to our school, including Mr Leason, the Chair of the Board for DoWAT (Diocese of Westminster Academy Trust). Every term is busy and exciting here at St Vincent de Paul School, but this term has been especially busy with trips, visits and workshops. We feel passionately about children having enrichment opportunities so I would like to thank all the staff who have led these events.

Reception enjoyed a trip to Standalone Farm, Year 3 visited the Fitzwilliam Museum and Year 4 spent a day at the University of Hertfordshire. Year 2 and Year 3 have worked with a local sculptor as part of the Regeneration Project for Stevenage, while Years 3 and 4 have been learning about how Stevenage and the changes over time and what its future may look like- .Exciting time ahead!



Competitions and events



As always, we have also been showing our competitive side. Well done to the Year 5 Maths Team, who won the Maths Challenge against other schools and achieved the highest score ever recorded at the event! Congratulations also to the Year 4 Ultimate Frisbee Team, who won three games and drew one. Fantastic team spirit was shown by the Year 3 golfers, and congratulations to the boys' football team for winning Division 2. Well done too to the netball team for their fantastic teamwork and spirit.

Staffing

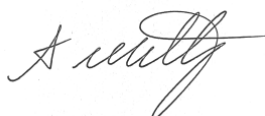
It is with sadness that our wonderful Year 1 teacher and Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Hargrave, will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Mrs Hargrave has a long history with the school, having attended here herself as a child, worked here since 1990, and had her own children educated here. As you can imagine, she will be sorely missed, but as with many of our staff, it will not be a farewell but rather a "see you soon," as she certainly will not be a stranger to the school community. Mrs Hargrave will be replaced by Mrs Tilli.

Changes in Weather

As the weather begins to change and warmer days approach, we kindly ask parents to ensure children come to school prepared for the conditions. Please apply once a day suncream before school and provide your child with a named hat and water bottle. It is also important that children always wear socks/ tights and appropriate school shoes to ensure they remain safe and comfortable.

Have a wonderful Half Term.

Kindest regards



Alexandra Whitty
Headteacher



