

Newsletter

Friday 20th July 2018

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Last day of school

Monday 23rd July

Summer Holidays

Monday 3rd – Tuesday 4th September

Teacher Training Days

Wednesday 5th September

Back to school (Hooray!)

Monday 10th September

Y5 Bikeability (day 1)

Tuesday 11th September

Y6 to Washington Hall

Wednesday 12th September

Y5 Bikeability (day 2)

Thursday 13th September

Y3 to Rising Sun Country Park

Y5 to Jarrow Hall

Please see the school website for more events.

Our Year 6 pupils have come to the end of their time at Primary School: a wonderful adventure of discovery, development, friendships and faith. Whilst their journey at St. Vincent's has ended and a new chapter in their education is just about to begin, their journey of faith continues.



The children are leaving St. Vincent's with confidence, self-worth, high expectations and grand aspirations: they are the engineers, doctors, airline pilots, actors, vets, artists and lawyers of the future, and we are very proud of them all. They will remain in our thoughts and prayers. Good bye and God Bless, Year 6.



Both Year 2 and Year 4 have now been to The Hancock Museum to explore the exhibits of The Great Exhibition of the North. The exhibition is open until 9th September and is well worth a visit: there is no entry charge.



Y2 want to thank everyone for the generous donations made to their Food Bank Collection Event.

On Thursday, Mrs McDonnell and a small group of Y2 pupils delivered over 400 tins to Elim Church, on Shields Road.



Last Friday, Year 5 spent the day at The Rising Sun Country Park to complete their DT topic, Bread Making.



This week we say 'Goodbye, good luck and God bless' not only to our clever class of Y6 pupils, but also to 2 valued members of staff.

Mr Turner joined St. Vincent's in 2016 as a Newly Qualified Teacher. Now, after 3 years as St. Vincent's Year 3 teacher, he is moving to Gibside Special School to teach a small group of mixed-aged SEN pupils. Mr Turner's gentle nature will be greatly missed by us all.

Mrs Sikora joined the school last September to provide classroom support in Year 1. As a qualified teacher, Mrs Sikora is leaving St. Vincent's to build-up her portfolio of teaching experience.

Lola-Rose (Y5) has provided the last joke for this academic year:

Q. Why do bees have sticky hair?

A. Because they have honeycombs!



ATTENDANCE

"Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated – **pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education.**" DfE 2013

Last Week's Attendance	
Class	Attendance
Reception	95.9%
Year 1	92.3%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	91.8%
Year 4	98.3%
Year 5	90.7%
Year 6	96.2%
Total	94.5%

Thank goodness for Y2, Y4 and Y6: particularly Y4 who deserve a round-of-applause for getting the top result: bravo!

Today, pupils with fantastic school attendance for the 2017-18 academic year were congratulated.

23 pupils with 100% and 27 pupils with 99% attendance spent the morning on the Fun Bus parked on the school driveway: fortunately an ice-cream van was ready and waiting in the play-ground to help them cool down with a deliciously refreshing ice-cream cone.

Year 4 received the attendance trophy for having the best attendance for the summer term, 98%. Superb!

Three cheers went to Y2 who had the best attendance, 97.3%, for the full year. Hoorah!



'Thank you' children for your tenacity and resilience. 'Thank you' parents for your continued support. 'Thank you' staff for your hard-work and unwavering commitment to your pupils. We wish you all a sunny and safe six weeks holiday: rest, relax and, children, READ! See you in September. Best wishes from Governors and Ms. Ness.

