



Dear Parents,

**Minie Vinnies** Several year ago our school established a Mini Vinnies Group and children are given the opportunity to volunteer to become members. This is an exciting venture for our children and school. We are part of the National and International St Vincent de Paul Society that helps those less fortunate than ourselves. This year the Minie Vinnies have had their first meeting and would like to hold a book sale next Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, selling second-hand books. If you have any second-hand books then please donate them. All monies raised will be donated to the people of Haiti, who have suffered so terribly in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.

**Rosary:** Thank you to all those who have been joining us in our daily Rosary

### Harvest Assembly

We held our annual Harvest Festival Assembly today, led by Year 3. They told the story of Ruben and his family and how they struggled to farm for enough food. Help from Cafod enabled them to build a green house and produce enough food. The children sang beautifully. Well done. Thank you to everyone who made such generous donations towards Stevenage Haven.

### Early Years outside area

Could parents refrain from letting their children play in the gated Early Years area before and after school. The area is a designated classroom area and therefore needs to be clear and safe for the pupils to use once school starts. We understand it is difficult to not allow your children to play on the equipment and use the outside toys but we will be keeping the gates closed before 8.45am so would appreciate your co-operation with this matter. The gates will also be closed after school and therefore, once again, we would appreciate your children not using the equipment.

### Class Name: Tolkien

Over the next couple of weeks we will be investigating the history of our class names and will be starting with Year 6 Tolkien. Tolkien was an English writer and wrote books such as, The Hobbit and The



Lord of the Rings. He is known as J.R.R Tolkien which stands for John Ronald Reuel Tolkien. He had three children called Christopher, Priscilla and Michael Tolkien. Tolkien was a devout Catholic and his faith was an important part of his life.

### Pupil profile: Lennie



This week Lennie (Year 1) is Star of the Week in his class. Lennie loves school and says he works hard, "I love writing. I am good at that. I am kind and listen to my mum." Lennie loves it when he uses the school i-pads and would love it if he could

play on them all afternoon! He also enjoys playing football; his best friend is Henry. When Lennie grows up he would like to be a racing car driver or a mechanic, fixing the racing cars.

*Reported by: Sean, Michael, Maisie and Bridie*

### Basketball Tournament

Some Year 6 students attended a Stevenage Basketball Tournament on Wednesday. "We went to Barnwell School along with lots of other schools from Stevenage. We won all our games except for one which we drew," explained Sean. They got all the way to the final and the last match was a draw against Giles School. There was extra time and then Golden Goal. The first team to score would be the winner and guess what ... we won!! Sean said, "Sophia scored a goal in the Golden Goal time which meant we won the whole tournament." Congratulations to the team.

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### Attendance this week

R: GI Mozart 98.7%	PL/TL O'Connor 97%
Yr 1: SC Mistral 97.1%	VH Stein 95.3%
Yr 2: AP Pasteur 98.6%	LMc More 97.7%
Yr 3: JC Hildegard 95.3%	CH Seacole 97.3%
Yr 4: DA Bonifacio 96.7%	AS/SH Michelangelo 97.7%
Yr 5: CB Agnesi 99.3%	GB Teresa 97.7%
Yr 6: EG Shakespeare 95.7%	RJ Tolkien 96%

*Whole school 97.2% - Mrs Blyth's class achieved the best attendance this week so Aristotle will be paying them a visit.*

### FOOD BANK

St Joseph's Church collect food donations every Sunday for our local food bank. If parents would also like to make a contribution there is a tub available in our main reception area.

