

# St Vincent de Paul Catholic School – Newsletter

## 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016



Dear Parents,

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding our annual May Procession at 9:30am



The whole school will be taking part to honour Our Lady. You are warmly invited to share with us in this special celebration.

We will be offering our prayers, our songs and beautiful Flowers to Mary in a specially made grotto. Last year the children were exceptionally reflective and made the whole experience very reverent and meaningful and I am sure we can experience this again on Thursday.

Thank you to all the parents who will be able to join us.

### A Big Thank You from PSA

Thank you to all those who brought in unwanted clothes etc. for the Bags2School event. We managed to raise just over £200, which is fantastic. Thank you for your continued support.

### Flower Festival

Our Stevenage parish will be holding a Flower Festival, "Community Spirit", next weekend, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> at St Hilda's Church. The PSA need volunteers to man their stall in the charities area of the precinct. Please contact the committee via PSA email, Facebook events page, or leave a message with the office for Mrs Sherry. We hope you will all support the parish event which includes a performance by our children in the marquee.

### Netball

On Saturday some Year 6 girls took part in a local netball tournament at Knebworth and after all their matches they came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of the 6 teams that took part. Damisi, who was the team captain said; "The tournament on Saturday was very challenging because we found most teams hard to play against but we won every match apart from the last one which ended 6-2. We are very proud to come second place."

Angelica said; "It was a really competitive game against Knebworth Blue which was the only game we lost but everybody played well and Damisi was a great team captain. I think our team did very well and we deserved to come 2<sup>nd</sup> place."

The Year 6 team did very well.

Congratulations to all of them. A special thank you to Mrs Levy for giving up her Saturday to coach us. Many thanks.

### Invitation to Rosary Gathering

During the month of May we honour Mary the Mother of God and turn to her in a special way for guidance and protection. All children and parents are invited to come along to our Rosary gathering which is held every morning during the month of May in the Junior Hall at 8:40 am. Each morning we say a decade of the Rosary, keeping in mind a particular intention. This week we have been saying decades of the Joyful Mysteries. It would be wonderful to see as many as possible and it is lovely to see so many regulars.

### Eco Committee

The children remembered that at this time last year, many families were leaving their cars and walking a lot more with the "Beat the Street" initiative. Following discussions on the parking challenges, pupils suggested some alternative places, a short distance from school, where cars could be left. Apart from the Maze and Noah's Ark car park off Shephall View, it was suggested that families from the north of Stevenage may find places in the Archer and Lonsdale Road area and use the underpass on Fairlands Way, opposite the church. Please be considerate to our neighbours when parking near our school.

### Pupil Prayer:

Dear Lord, Look after all those who are in our school. Keep us safe and bless us all. Amen.

*(Apostle of Mercy- Conor C)*

### Attendance this week

R: GI Mozart 99.3%	PL/TL O'Connor 98.7%
Yr 1: SC Mistral 95.3%	VH Stein 95.3%
Yr 2: AP Pasteur 97.3%	LMc More 96%
Yr 3: JC Hildegard 97.7%	CH Seacole 97.7%
Yr 4: DA Bonifacio 99.3%	AS/SH Michelangelo 95.7%
Yr 5: BH Agnesi 99.3%	GB Teresa 98.7%
Yr 6: EG Shakespeare 99%	RJ Tolkien 95.2%

*Whole school 97.5% - Lenny the Lion will be busy this week, he has three classes to visit, well done Reception, Mrs Ireton, Year 4, Mr Arnese, and Year 5, Mr Hodson.*