

FRIDAY BULLETIN

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At the beginning of the week, we were fortunate to be able to attend Mass in the Cathedral in honour of our patron, St Vincent de Paul. Under 'normal' circumstances, we would have celebrated as a whole-school community in our own hall, so we are very grateful that the Cathedral were willing to accommodate our eldest classes (Years 3 to 6), within the strict new arrangements. Mass was celebrated by Fr Julio and he was joined by Fr Vincent who will soon take over as our new school chaplain. Fr Julio visited the classes this week to talk to them about the feast of the Guardian Angels and to say goodbye (but not farewell!). We thank Fr Julio for his three years of service as our chaplain and look forward to working with Fr Vincent.

A special mention must go to each of the four classes who attended for their exemplary behaviour and participation. On the next page you can see an example of how the classes were celebrating our patron's special feast day.

My sincere thanks to everyone who has responded so positively to the recent requests for financial support with both the annual Governors' Fund and also the new St Vincent Fund. These much-needed sources of income will greatly improve what we are able to provide, to the benefit of everyone.

Kind regards, Mr N Scott Cree (Head Teacher)

October Prayer Focus: Our Lady of the Rosary

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these Mysteries of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.



ATTENDANCE (w/c 21.9.20)	
Reception	83.5
Year 1	89.6
Year 2	82.2
Year 3	89.2
Year 4	97.5
Year 5	88.9
Year 6	96.8
Whole School	90.4
Well done Year 4!	

This week's GOLD AWARDS	
Reception	Jethro
Year 1	Eden
Year 2	Naomi
Year 3	Oliver
Year 4	Abigail
Year 5	Alex
Year 6	Milkias
CONGRATULATIONS!	

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The display to St Vincent in the school hall featuring contributions from the different classes. Thank you to Miss McAteer for organising this.

Communication and extra-curricular activities

We are hoping to gradually re-introduce more extra-curricular activities to the school day after half term, depending on the local situation and government advice. We are also exploring how to maintain the strong links we have with parents-including through our **PTFA**. Further information will follow soon about virtual 'Meet the Teacher' meetings and additional ways that you can communicate with us. Please remember that your opinions are always valued and although we cannot meet with you in person, we are still available to talk. If you have any queries or concerns, simply let the office staff know that you would like an appointment and we will arrange this for a mutually convenient time by telephone or video call as appropriate.

Respecting our neighbours

We politely remind you to **please respect our neighbours** by not blocking access to residential doors or gathering on the opposite side of Morpeth Terrace to the school. Thank you for complying with this request.

By queuing at socially-distanced intervals alongside either playground (according to the gate your child will enter), we are also not restricting use of both pavements by other pedestrians.

Attendance & Punctuality

Please continue to make every effort to be on-time for the start of the school day. Absences should be reported in the usual way by telephoning the school office after 8:30 a.m.

Pupil Premium

All parents are requested to check whether their child may be eligible to receive the Pupil Premium, for which the school receives additional funding. The LGfL (London Grid for Learning) has an **online eligibility checker** which if you are eligible, provides a certificate that you can present to the school office as evidence.

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The eligibility checker can be found here: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

School Lunches

School lunches are charged at **£2.30** per day. All payments should be made via Parent Pay. If you are changing from a packed lunch to a school lunch (or vice versa), please inform the school office providing **at least half a term's notice**. Thank you.

This term, school lunches can be paid on Parent Pay in increments as follows:

- Autumn Term 1 cost: £80.50
- Autumn Term 2 cost: £80.50
- Total Autumn Term cost: £161.00

Please ensure that you have supplied medical diet information as previously requested.

Birthdays

We want to celebrate children's birthdays with them in school, but **please do not send in party bags, cakes or sweets as these will not be allowed to be shared**. Instead, pupils celebrating a birthday may have the privilege of **wearing their own clothes** on their special day, or the nearest day to it if this falls on a weekend or during a school holiday.

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