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Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Parents,

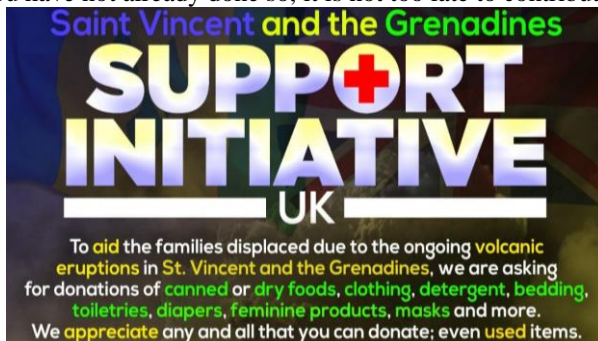
Eid arrangements

As we are approaching the end of the holy month of Ramadan, we understand that our Muslim families would like to celebrate this special occasion. As it is believed that Eid Al-Fitr will fall on **either Wednesday 12th or Thursday 13th May**, Muslim pupils will be entitled to take **ONE DAY** off school for religious observance. Any additional days taken outside of Eid will be classed as unauthorised absence. School will be open as usual next week for all other pupils who do not celebrate Eid. They will be expected to attend school as normal. A letter will have been given out to all Muslim pupils. **Please make sure to complete the reply slip on the letter by Monday 10th May** so that we know how many pupils will be absent from school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Muslim families a very happy Eid Mubarak.

St. Vincent Appeal

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we have been encouraging pupils and staff to bring in donations to help those who have been left homeless as the result of the volcanic eruption of La Soufriere on the island of St Vincent. Ms Ashton, who is originally from St. Vincent, was particularly overwhelmed by your generosity. We cannot thank you enough for your kindness. The donations will be collected next Tuesday and sent to the support initiative who will then organise the transportation of goods to the island. If you have not already done so, it is not too late to contribute as we will be accepting donations until next Tuesday.



Additional information

MHFA= Mental Health First Aid

Congratulations to a group of staff and parents who have successfully completed a Mental Health First Aid course recently.

What is MHFA?

MHFA is the help offered to a person developing a mental health issue, experiencing a worsening of an existing mental health issue or in a mental health crisis. The first aid is given until appropriate professional help is received or until the crisis appears to have been resolved. The course taught us how to spot the early signs of a mental health issue, how to offer and provide initial help and how to guide a person towards appropriate treatment.

If you or your child require support in this area, please approach any one of the staff MHFA champions. They will be wearing a lime green lanyard and MHFA badge.



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English Training opportunities for parents

Dandelion Learning is an organisation that delivers high quality English training and support for schools across the UK. They have recently launched two **free** online courses for parents who have children at primary school. These courses will equip you with useful knowledge so that you would be able to support your child at home.

Course 1: Getting to Grips with Grammar

Monday 10th May 2021 7pm – 7.45pm

Thursday 15th July 7pm-7.45pm

This session will explore the following:

- Grammatical terminology. Consolidate your understanding of word classes including nouns, verbs, adjectives, determiners, conjunctions, pronouns and adverbs.
- Ways to support your child at home with their understanding of grammar.

Click on the following link to register for the course: <https://www.dandelionlearning.co.uk/helping-parents-with-home-learning-getting-to-grips-with-grammar/>

Course 2: Raising a Reader

Thursday 20th May 2021 7pm – 7.45pm

We know from current research that children of all ages who read for pleasure perform better in all subjects. Reading for pleasure also builds empathy, improves wellbeing and has a dramatic impact on life outcomes. This session will explore practical tips on how to help your child to foster a love of reading.

Click on the following link to register for the course: <https://www.dandelionlearning.co.uk/raising-a-reader-top-tips-for-parents-to-foster-a-love-of-reading-free-training/>

Upcoming Key Dates

Parent Coffee Mornings: 'How to communicate with your child effectively'

17th May 09.30 to 10.30 Via Zoom= All parents

18th May repeat of above for Arabic speakers

19th May repeat of above for Romanian speakers.

Links to the meetings will be emailed to you in advance.

Other key dates

- Thursday 27th May: Year 5 and 6 parent meeting (RSE curriculum) 9:30am
- Friday 28th May: Staff Inset Day. **School will be closed to all pupils.**
- Monday 31st - Friday 4th June: Half term
- Thursday 10th June: Parents Forum 9:30am
- Friday 16th July: Reports go out
- Thursday 22nd July: End of term. **Summer holidays begin.**

Kind Regards,

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