

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 16 December 2022

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER


Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderful time in school during this season of Advent. Our Masses, Nativities, Year 4 Christmas Performance, Advent assemblies and charitable work have all made this such a special time.

We know it is a busy time for families too so thank you for your support at this time.

We are looking forward to a new year full of wonderful experiences and joy.

ADVENT




Fourth Sunday of Advent


Today's reading
Matthew 1:18-24

Today we hear of Joseph receiving good news – Mary, his wife, was expecting a very important baby! It is just a week left until Christmas Day.

How can we make sure we are prepared to receive the good news of Jesus today, and in the next week?



Today's prayer
God of light,
you sent your angel to tell Joseph that Jesus was a special baby.
Help us to remember that all babies are special
because they are all part of your family and you love us all.
Amen



ADVENT SERVICE



Thank you to everyone who attended the Advent Service at St Vincent's Church this week. It was lovely to be able to come together for this special moment. Thank you also for your donations to Francis House Children's Hospice. We raised £280.25.



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RECEPTION AND YEAR 4 NATIVITY DOWNLOADS

The digital downloads of the Reception and Year 4 Nativity performances are now available to purchase from Hartshead Productions. Please follow the link below for further details <https://www.hartsheadproductions.co.uk/st-vincents>

PTA LOGO COMPETITION WINNER

The PTA received so many fantastic entries for their logo design competition and it was a very difficult to choose the winner. With the help of the school council they decided on the following design, which was created by Maria Choo in Mrs Luckham's class. Well done Maria!



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PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



There is just one more day to buy tickets for the Christmas Raffle with some great prizes to be won. Please use the link below to purchase them before the draw tomorrow:

<https://raffall.com/324357/enter-raffle-to-win-christmas-prize-draw-hosted-by-st-vincents-pta>

SVP CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Mini Vinnies have once again been turning their concern into action by entertaining the beneficiaries at the SVP Christmas Party at Westleigh. They sang carols with actions and signing, told lots of jokes, played solo instruments and the parishioners also enjoyed an Irish Dance reel. It was such a privilege and joy to be able to participate in the Christmas party once again.



ADVENT MASSES AND SERVICES

St Vincent's Parish Masses and Services:



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Saturday 24 December	12:15pm last Mass of Advent 4pm Christmas Vigil Mass for the vulnerable and elderly 5:30pm Christmas Vigil Mass for children 7:30pm Christmas Vigil Mass 11:30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass
Sunday 25 December	8:30am, 10am and 11:30am – No Evening Mass
Monday 26 December	12:15pm Mass

Everyone is invited to St Vincent's Carol Service which is this Sunday 18th December at 2pm in Church, followed by refreshments in Westleigh.

HOLY ANGELS PARISH MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 24 December	5pm Mass 8pm Carols 8:30pm Mass
Sunday 25 December	8:30am Mass 10:30am Mass
Monday 26 December	9am Mass

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE - RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2023 APPLICATIONS



Trafford are accepting applications for Reception places until 15 January 2023. Please see the following guidance to help you in your application.

<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/Admissions.aspx>

<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/composite-prospectus/Primary/Introduction.aspx>



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Catholic schools also require a supplementary form, and copy of baptismal certificate if applicable, to be submitted. **The supplementary form must be submitted to St Vincent's office before 15 January 2023.**

http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/ADM_Supplementary_Application_Form.pdf Please contact our admin team if you have any questions about the admission process.

READING FOR PLEASURE

Has your child been inspired by The World Cup? Here is a booklist from The Literacy Trust all about football. <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/football-reading-list/>

***Football Star* by Mina Javaherbin**

This is an inspiring story of a Brazilian boy who dreams of being a football star – and the sister who steps in to help his team win a game. Set in a country where football stars are often shaped by poverty, this tale of defying the expected scores a big win for all.

***Willy the Wizard* by Anthony Browne**

A heart-warming picture book about a young chimp finding his footballing confidence, with great themes of resilience, standing up for yourself and growth. The beautiful illustrations make this book one to be shared – you'll find something new to talk about in each reading.

Ages 9 to 12 Years

***Girls FC 1: Do Goalkeepers Wear Tiaras?* by Helena Pielichaty**

Nine-year-old Megan Fawcett loves football and is desperate to be on her school team. She tries everything to get the coach to notice her (even wearing a tiara!), but nothing seems to do the trick. Then Megan has her big brainwave: she could start her own team. An all-girls team!

***The Story of the World Cup* by Richard Brassey**

From the first tournament in Uruguay to England's legendary 1966 win and beyond, with red cards, penalty shoot-outs and goals galore, this book is full of fun facts football fans can use to impress their family and friends.

***Barry Loser is the Best at Football – NOT!* by Jim Smith**

Everyone at Barry's school has gone football crazy, but Barry gets thrown out of the team for being rubbish. Then it turns out that his best friend Bunky is a super striker – so Barry becomes his manager. The cup final match is approaching and Bunky's getting carried away with his football fame – can Barry keep his head in the game?

***The Story of Football* by Rob Lloyd Jones**



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A history of 'the beautiful game', which tells the story of football – from its beginnings in the Roman Army to the modern day Premier League.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Please see the Christmas activities below and attached poster:

Raring2go! Altrincham & Sale Winter 22 magazine - <https://bit.ly/R2GWinter22>

Trafford Libraries Festive Rhyme times and Story times

There is still some time to join in the Trafford Library Christmas festivities. Please see below the lovely activities they have planned.

FESTIVE RHYMETIMES

MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER: TIMPERLEY AT 2PM
TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER: URMSTON AT 11AM + WOODSEND AT 11:15AM + HALE AT 2PM
THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER: ALTRINCHAM AT 11AM
FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER: SALE AT 10:30AM + STRET福德 AT 10:45AM
MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER: TIMPERLEY AT 2PM
TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER: URMSTON AT 11AM + WOODSEND AT 11:15AM + HALE AT 2PM
THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER: ALTRINCHAM AT 11AM
FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER: SALE AT 10:30AM + STRET福德 AT 10:45AM
MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER: TIMPERLEY AT 2PM
TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER: URMSTON AT 11AM + WOODSEND AT 11:15AM + HALE AT 2PM
THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER: ALTRINCHAM AT 11AM
FRIDAY 23RD DECEMBER: SALE AT 10:30AM + STRET福德 AT 10:45AM

 DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER IF YOU HAVE ONE!

FESTIVE STORYTIMES

MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER: ALTRINCHAM AT 11AM
TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER: SALE AT 10:30AM + OLD TRAFFORD AT 10:30AM + PARTINGTON AT 2PM
WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER: STRET福德 AT 11AM
THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER: URMSTON AT 11AM + TIMPERLEY AT 2PM
FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER: HALE AT 2PM
TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER: SALE AT 10:30AM + OLD TRAFFORD AT 10:30AM + PARTINGTON AT 2PM
WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER: STRET福德 AT 11AM
THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER: URMSTON AT 11AM + TIMPERLEY AT 2PM
FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER: HALE AT 2PM
MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER: ALTRINCHAM AT 11AM
TUESDAY 20TH DECEMBER: SALE AT 10:30AM + OLD TRAFFORD AT 10:30AM + PARTINGTON AT 2PM
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ATTENDANCE



Please note we do not authorise holidays in term time. Each week we report attendance.

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Reception Mrs Lawrence's class 98.00%
Highest junior class attendance	Y3 Mrs McDuff's class 93.06%
Overall school attendance	93.06%

We offer an open door to parents. If you have any questions about school life, please liaise with your class teacher. Mrs Farrell (infant department deputy head), Mrs Sutton (junior department deputy head), and I are also available to work in partnership with you.



Once again, I would like to thank you for your support for the school this year. I hope you have a very happy Christmas and New Year. School will close on Tuesday 20 December and will reopen on Tuesday 3 January.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

