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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

INTERNATIONAL MASS

We are looking forward to our international Mass next week. The Mass will be another opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity found across our school community. This year, it will take place on Thursday 20 May and will involve our children reading scripture and prayers in their home language as well as showing that we are united in diversity during the offertory procession. It is a very special Mass and one that in normal times is attended by our parents and families. As we are currently unable to do this, we will share the recording with you via our school YouTube channel.

Our school has a wonderful sense of community and this Mass is an opportunity to recognise the many wonderful cultures and backgrounds that make our school the special and unique place it is.

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

Attached is a safeguarding newsletter detailing who is responsible for the various aspects of safeguarding. It also details who to contact if you have a question or want to share information.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

This week, during our year group assemblies, we discussed the theme of Mental Health Awareness Week 'Connect with Nature'. We talked about the forthcoming Walk to School Week and the children were very excited to join together for this school challenge.

The 5-day challenge takes place from the 17th - 21st of May and the theme this year is Walking Superpowers and the challenge will focus on the walking superpowers that benefit individuals, communities and the planet.

Throughout the week, pupils will be introduced to the Walking Superpowers who will teach them all about these benefits and reinforce the power of walking, superhero style!

Each class will work collectively to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week. Each day children will record the number of active journeys made on the classroom wallchart and learn about a new walking superpower. Individual activity diaries, daily stickers and end of week pupil rewards will complement this activity, reinforcing the benefits and keeping children engaged.



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CYCLING

We are pleased to share that we have had a new bike storage rack installed on the school site near the Balmoral Road gate entrance. We also have plans to install scooter storage in the summer term. This is a wonderful new resource, which will encourage cycling and scooting to school. However, it is important that we ensure all of our children remain safe when travelling to and from school.

We recognise the many positive health benefits and environmental effects of students cycling to and from school. We are therefore looking to encourage this form of travel for our children. Next week, the children will be taking part in class based road safety lessons and we have written guidelines for cycling to and from school that can be found in the attached letter; please read the letter carefully so that we can work together to keep our children safe as they travel to and from school.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be going ahead as a closed event next week due to current restrictions. Children will be competing and supporting each other outside within their year groups. Class bubbles will continue to be socially distanced from each other. Children will need to make sure that they have their usual PE kits in school so that they can change for the event. Photos will be shared through Google Classroom for each class so that you can share in their enjoyment.

OUR RECOVERY CURRICULUM

This week we will share some of our actions for our recovery curriculum. Throughout the pandemic, we have been focused on ensuring the children receive the highest standard of teaching and learning at home or in critical worker school.

Since our return to school in March, we have been focused on closing any gaps in learning. We have been working through our 16 week curriculum recovery roadmap, which will take us to the end of the summer term. Throughout this time, we have ensured we have provided quality first teaching, together with interventions and tutoring support where needed.



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HISTORY DAY INFORMATION

On the Wednesday 19 May, we will spend the day learning about periods of history. This is a good opportunity for children to expand their knowledge of their history topic through enrichments and will make for a memorable day.

To enhance the experience for the children, we would like them to come into school dressed as a person from their year group's topic; please see suggestions below. We have purposely chosen themes for costumes that can be easily put together. An email has been sent out previously with the details on, but is included below as a reminder.

Reception: The 1960s - Children can choose outfits from the 1960s (flowers in hair, head bands, coloured glasses, bright coloured trousers, dresses, tops, sandals) or skirts/dresses with tights and boots, dark trousers, white shirt, narrow tie.

Year 1: Great Explorers – Children can choose which kind of explorer they would like to be. They could wear trousers and a t-shirt paired with accessories, such as toy binoculars and/or a safari hat.

Year 2: The Titanic - Children can choose which class they will be (first, second or third). Children can wear flat caps, trousers and shirt or dresses or long skirts with a white blouse or t-shirt.

Year 3: Ancient Egyptians - Children can wear a large adult's t-shirt over some shorts which they can fasten with a belt over the top and wear sandals.

Year 4: The Romans - Children can choose to be a Roman soldier or a Roman citizen. Soldiers can wear red PE tops and shorts, sandals, small plastic dagger (helmet/armour provided by school). Citizens can wear a white sheet wrapped around as a toga or white pillow case with head and arm holes cut out, belt and sandals (wreath or head band optional).

Year 5: Influential Americans throughout History – Please choose an influential American and base your outfit choice on them.

Year 6: WW2 - Evacuation Children – Children can wear a cap or woollen hat and they should have knee-length trousers. (Cardigan or woolly jumper optional.) Other options include a beret, headscarf or woollen hat and a knee-length dress or skirt.

PASTORAL DROP IN REMINDER

Thank you to those parents who attended our pastoral drop in. The next drop in is on Tuesday 18 May from 1:30 - 3:30pm. You can sign up for a call with Mrs Gee by following the details below. Please visit <https://stvincentscatholicprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointments.

The above details should correspond to the details we have on record in order for you to gain access, please contact admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk if you have any questions.



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ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Reception Miss Turnbull, Y2 Mr Nicholls and Y2 Mrs Burke/Mrs Robinson all 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Y3 Miss Slater and Y6 Mrs Bullock both 100%
Overall school attendance	98.19%

*Please note that disability related absence is not taken into account when calculating best attendance

We work in partnership with parents. Mrs Tiernan (deputy head teacher based in the infant department), and Mrs Sutton (deputy head teacher based in the junior department), and I are very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Kind regards,

Mrs Harrop

