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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

WELLBEING AWARD



We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Wellbeing Award for the second time. The external assessor was very impressed with the way in which we prioritise the wellbeing of all. The assessor was delighted to see our wellbeing vision and strategy in action and could see how we support the emotional and physical wellbeing in school. Thank you to our parents, governors, children and staff who spoke to the assessor so positively about our wellbeing activities. It is clear to see that the children are helped to let their light shine!



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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 6-10 FEBRUARY



We are looking forward to a range of activities supporting children's mental health week. Pupils will be taking part in yoga lessons, 5 a day physical challenges, buddy dining and on Friday 10 February there will be a Dress to Impress day where children will be able to express themselves.

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

The February action for happiness calendar is below. You may want to have fun working through each day as a family.

Friendly February 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them	2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone	4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)	5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour		
6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	12 Focus on being kind rather than being right
13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you	15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message	16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing
20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them	22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones
27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today					

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SAFER INTERNET DAY



On Tuesday 7 February we will be taking part in Safer Internet Day 2023. Safer Internet Day is a campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology. Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise online safety messages.

To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers that are available at: saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents. Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films that you can use at home with your child.

We have planned a wide range of activities for the children to complete on the day including assemblies led by our Digital Leaders, virtual assemblies by the BBC and expert speakers, the police and cyber security experts.

KS2 children will all have a piece of homework this weekend relating to the theme for this year, **"Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online"**. If you would like to speak to us about online safety at school or home, please contact your child's class teacher.

SONGWRITER COMPETITION



Calling all St Vincent's young songwriters, singers, musicians and producers.

'THE SONG ACADEMY YOUNG SONGWRITER 2023 COMPETITION' – is open for entries!

Written your own original songs? Fancy writing your first song?...Then get ready to enter The Song Academy Young Songwriter 2023 competition! Open for entries until the 31st March 2023. This competition is open for ages 8-18 and is a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore all of their fantastic composition skills and express themselves through song. Entries will be considered by a star studded judging panel and there are some fantastic



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musical prizes to be won. For more information and song writing tips please have a look at: www.songacademy.co.uk/SAYS23

DIOCESE BUILDING FUND



Thank you to those parents who have already paid their contribution to the Diocesan Building Fund. Families are asked to make a contribution of £105 per child whilst at St Vincent's (or £15 per child per year).

For those who have not yet paid, please log on to your ParentPay account to make your voluntary contribution:

- For reception - Diocesan Building Fund for 2022 Intake
- For year 1 - Diocesan Building Fund for 2021 Intake
- For year 2 - Diocesan Building Fund for 2020 Intake
- For year 3 - Diocesan Building Fund for 2019 Intake
- For year 4 - Diocesan Building Fund for 2018 Intake
- For year 5 - Diocesan Building Fund for 2017 Intake
- For year 6 - Diocesan Building Fund 2022-2023
- All years - Diocesan Building Fund Extra Voluntary Contributions 2022-2023

St Vincent's has benefitted from a programme of repair and refurbishment funded by the Diocese over the past few years and all contributions are gratefully received. [Parentpay](#)

DATES LIST

Please see below the remaining events for this half term.

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	06 February	Children's Mental Health Week	School
Tuesday	07 February	Safer Internet Day	School
Tuesday	07 February	Year 6 Parent Meeting- Assessment	Junior department hall
Wednesday	08 February	Year 2 Parent Meeting- Assessment	Infant department hall
Thursday	09 February	Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm Miss Slater's class	St. Vincent's Church



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Thursday	09 February	Eco Leaders' Pre-loved Uniform Swap 3-3:45pm	Infant Hall
Friday	10 February	Dress to Impress Day	School
Friday	10 February	School closes for half term	School

Please follow this link for the dates for the rest of the school year and the sacramental programme.

<http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/key-school-events-and-dates/13549>

ATTENDANCE



Please note we do not authorise holidays in term time. Please see the link for our term dates.

<http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/term-dates-school-day-attendance/6182>

We monitor the attendance of all children and here are the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RMH	95%	2CG/EL	100%	4JM	94.7%
RLT	96.7%	2AB	99.3%	5JK	94%
RML	99.3%	3ES	94.7%	5LM	100%
1LH	98.3%	3DMcD	98.3%	5CL	98.1%
1AMcC	92.7%	3CN/CR	98.3%	6NS	96.7%
1CR	95%	4FJ	97.3%	6DH	94.2%
2LC	96%	4HB	95%	6DK	98.7%
Overall percentage: 96.8%					

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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), Mrs Sutton (junior department deputy) and I are also available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

