

# ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### LENTEN FUNDRAISING



Thank you for all of the donations on ParentPay in exchange for 'silly sock' day. The funds raised today will go towards supporting the Turkey-Syria earthquake appeal.

As we journey through Lent, the children will be learning about the Easter story and Stations of the Cross. Please also see the [Lenten Planner](#) sent previously for further details about our Lenten Masses.

### PARENTS' EVENING



We are looking forward to welcoming you all on Thursday 23 March at parents' evening. We ask that all parents sign up to a slot via parent login on School Spider. During parents evening, your child's books will be displayed on the tables in their classroom for you to look through their work. Please visit the classroom to see where your child learns and then go to the infant or junior hall where you will meet your child's class teacher.

### ASSOCIATE BOARD MEMBER - REPRESENTATION FROM ETHNIC MINORITY BACKGROUNDS



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We aim to have a diverse representation on our board and committees, and would therefore **like applications from ethnic minority backgrounds and other under-represented groups**. If you would like to talk about the role, please contact [admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk) #Make a difference #Passionate about learning #Be Respectful #Be kind

## ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE



Did you know that we have some curriculum documents that have been translated into several languages on our website? Please visit the link below to find out how to get involved in school life and how to help children learn. <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/english-as-an-additional-language/134200>

## CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS DAY



March is National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month and Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day is Saturday 25 March, however we will celebrate this in school on Friday 24 March. A cerebral palsy advocacy group started this initiative, where by supporters and schools around the world come together by wearing the colour green to show support. To mark this month and day we would like children to wear a green accessory with their uniform on Friday 24 March. It is so important for us to acknowledge this day and reflect on the diversity within our own school community. #makeadifference

## SCIENCE WEEK



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This week we have been celebrating science and engineering as part of British Science Week. The children have enjoyed carrying out science experiments at home and in school. They have learnt about sound and vibration through a music performance and were visited by a STEM ambassador who used flash paper to make flames, a mixture of chemicals to make elephant toothpaste and a non-Newtonian fluid...or slime!

Thank you to the parent volunteers who also visited the children to talk to them about their careers in science and engineering. The children were truly inspired. [#passionateaboutlearning](https://twitter.com/passionateaboutlearning)



## PTA UPDATE

**Easter Eggstravaganza**  
Friday 31st March  
3.15pm - 4.15pm  
INFANT PLAYGROUND AND HALL

Join us for a fun hour of Easter activities for all the family, including Easter egg tombolas, Easter hunt, lucky dip, guess the bunny's name, homemade cakes and more!

Tokens will be available to buy in advance. Volunteers are still needed; please contact your class PTA rep if you would like to help.

**CHEESE & WINE TASTING EVENING**  
*Hosted by Reserve Wines*  
*Award winning local wine merchants*

20 APRIL 8PM (DOORS OPEN @ 7.30)  
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*Indulge your senses with a selection of fabulous wines and cheeses and enjoy a relaxed evening while raising money for our children.*

TICKETS: £30 PER PERSON  
AVAILABLE VIA PARENTPAY

The next PTA event will be the Easter Eggstravaganza for the children on Friday 31 March at 3:15pm. To minimise queues, tokens will be available to buy on ParentPay next week. This will be a 'non uniform day' in exchange for an Easter egg donation (see below). Please do not bring the eggs prior to this day. Many thanks.

Reception/Year 1	Donations of small eggs (i.e. Creme egg boxes, Kinder, bags of Mini eggs, little Lindt bunnies etc.)
Year 2 – 6	Donation of boxed a Easter egg (any size)



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Cheese and Wine Night for parents is on Thursday 20 April (tickets are still available to buy on ParentPay) #Make a difference

## DATES LIST SPRING 2

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	23 March	Parents' Evening 3:45-7pm	Department halls
Thursday	23 March	KS2 Class Assembly: Led by Y3 Miss Slater's class 9am	Junior department hall
Friday	24 March	Mindfulness Activities - £1 donation on ParentPay to St Ann's Hospice	
Friday	24 March	Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day (wear a green accessory)	
Tuesday	28 March	Year 1 Easter Liturgy 9:15am	Infant department hall
Tuesday	28 March	KS2 Lenten Service: 6:30pm	Holy Angels Church
Wednesday	29 March	Year 1 Easter Liturgy 9:15	Infant department hall
Thursday	30 March	Junior Lenten Mass: 9:30am Infant Lenten Mass: 9:15am	Junior Hall Infant hall
Friday	31 March	Parents 'Stay and Pray': Led by Y3 9am	Junior department hall
Friday	31 March	PTA Easter Eggstravaganza (non uniform day in exchange for an Easter egg)	Infant playground and hall
Tuesday	04 April	School closes for Easter	-

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## ATTENDANCE



**Routine Appointments** - We ask that all routine appointments for the dentist and opticians be taken outside of school time.

**Please note we do not authorise holidays in term time. Please see the [website for our term dates](#).**

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

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RMH	98.67%	2CG/EL	97.67%	4JM	97.33%
RLT	94.33%	2AB	90.67%	5JK	96.99%
RML	96%	3ES	92%	5LM	98.67%
1LH	98.33%	3DMcD	97.24%	5CL	97.74%
1AMcC	98.33%	3CN/CR	99.33%	6NS	99.33%
1CR	97%	4FJ	99.33%	6DH	91.61%
2LC	98%	4HB	97%	6DK	93%
<b>Overall percentage: 96.59%</b>					

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

