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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

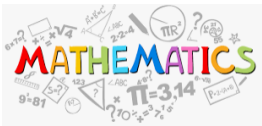
Dear Parents,

### HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to the Year 3 children in Mrs McDuff's class who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. It was a very special occasion. Tomorrow Mrs Needham and Mrs Robinson's class will make their First Holy Communion, and Miss Slater's class will receive their First Holy Communion on 20 May. Thank you for praying for our children on their sacramental journey.

### DFE LETTER FROM THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION



This week we were delighted to receive a letter from Nick Gibb, Minister for Education. The letter recognised that our Year 4 Multiplication tables check results for last year averaged at 24.5 out of 25. This data places our school in the top 200 schools in England. Please see the link to read the letter in full. We are delighted to have received this letter and wanted to share it with parents and thank you for your support.

[Congratulatory letter from Nick Gibb on our Year 4 MTC results](#)

### YEAR 5 ROBINWOOD RESIDENTIAL



Well done to all of the Year 5 children and staff who had a wonderful time at Robinwood last week. They experienced so many new activities including canoeing, raft building, caving and the giant swing ride, and challenged themselves to learn new skills. This residential plays an important role in developing resilience and in



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giving the children strength of character. Thank you to all of the staff also who ensured the children had such an amazing experience.

## MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week. Mental Health Awareness Week is an opportunity for each class to continue conversations about mental health in the classroom and beyond. Each class will carry out activities to further understand what mental health is and the difference between every day small feelings and big feelings. We will be focussing on resilience, how to be a good listener and communicator and how to be brave.

Please visit our website for information about how we support the mental health of our children through our curriculum, pastoral support in school and outside agencies.

If you would like to speak to Mrs Gee or Mrs E Sutton regarding a pastoral matter, please email the office for them to contact you. [admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk)

### Outside agencies and local offer support available

<http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/wellbeing-at-st-vincents/49441>

<https://www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/localoffer.page?newlocalofferchannel=0>

### Curriculum for physical, social, health education.

<http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/SV%20PSHE%20and%20RSE%20progression.pdf>



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## WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK



Next week is 'National Walk to School Week'. This five-day walking challenge is a celebration of the walk to school and the perfect activity to run as part of National Walking Month this May. In school, through the use of each class' daily travel tracker, pupils will be encouraged to walk, wheel, cycle, park and stride and scoot to school every day of the week as well as completing laps of our school daily mile track with their class. Through this challenge, children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended 60 minutes minimum of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates.

### Why walk to school?

Walking to school can help children to feel more independent, confident and in control of themselves too. They'll learn the route from home to school, which can boost their navigation skills, and they'll learn more about road safety. Once children are old enough to walk to school by themselves, they'll already have the confidence and the knowledge that they need to get there safely.

Another great benefit of Walk to School Week is that it reduces the morning traffic. Instead of driving to school in the car and contributing to congestion, carbon emissions, and pollution, you can bypass this completely by walking. Over time, we will all have cleaner air if there are fewer cars on the road. You can do your part by getting involved with Walk to School Week and leaving your car at home or parking at a nearby location such as Tesco or The Old Hall and walking part of the way. This way you can help to reduce carbon emissions and enjoy all the benefits of walking at the same time.

Walk to School Week also provides a great opportunity to build strong bonds in the community and enjoy increased social interaction. Walk in groups with friends and take a look at your surroundings and what you can see on your route to school. Parents and teachers are encouraged to get involved too.

We track how children get to school. The current 'Travel Tracker' class active leaders are:

Infant department: Miss Hollins

Junior department: Miss Hobday



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## FREE PARENTING PROGRAMME



The Solihull Parenting Programme is free and open to all parents. The online programme offers tips and guidance for a range of scenarios parents may face. Understanding this can make it easier to work with your child's behaviour as well as supporting their development. More details about the programme and details on how to join it are attached.

Please do have a look to see what it offers.

Level 1 lays the foundation for understanding your child.

Level 2 looks at some particular aspects of parenting: sleeping and anger management, together with more about how we interact with each other.

## 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 click on this 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	96.67%	2CG/EL	98.33%	4JM	94.58%
RLT	96.67%	2AB	99.58%	5Jk	100%
RML	97.08%	3ES	97.92%	5LM	100%
1LH	97.50%	3DMcD	97.92%	5CL	99.19%



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1AMcC	97.50%	3CN/CR	95.00%	6NS	98.33%
1CR	97.08%	4FJ	99.17%	6DH	89.52%
2LC	100%	4HB	98.75%	6DK	93.33%
<b>Overall percentage: 97.33%</b>					

## IMPORTANT DATES - SUMMER 1

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday	13 May	Y3 First Holy Communion 10am Mrs Needham/Mrs Robinson's class	St Vincent's Church
Monday	15 May	KS1 SATS Week	-
Thursday	18 May	Whole School Ascension Day Mass 9:30am	School field
Saturday	20 May	Y3 First Holy Communion 10am Miss Slater's class	St Vincent's Church
Wednesday	24 May	History enrichment day	-
Thursday	25 May	Whole School International Mass 9:30am	School Field
Friday	26 May	Parents 'Stay and Pray': 9am Led by Y2	Infant department hall
Friday	26 May	Bishop Mark to Bless the new Classroom Suite	Year 4 classroom block
Friday	26 May	School closes for half term	-

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

