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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to the Year 3 children in Miss Slater's class who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. It was a beautiful Mass. Well done to all of the children who received Holy Communion over the past few weeks at the Holy Communion Masses. Thank you for praying for our children on their Sacramental journey.

YEAR 4 CLASSROOM SUITE BLESSING BY BISHOP MARK



We were delighted that Bishop Mark visited our school today to bless our Year 4 classrooms. It was a very special moment for the children, staff, governors and friends of St Vincent's.

BLESSING OF CLASSROOMS:

Lord God almighty,

in your kindness hear our prayers.

We dedicate this building to the education of young people,

to the progress of sciences,



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and to learning.

Make it a place where students and teachers,

imbued with the words of truth,

will search for the wisdom that guides the Christian life

and strive wholeheartedly

to stand by Christ as their teacher,

who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

BLESSING OF PUPILS:

Lord our God,

in your wisdom and love

you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.

In times long past you sent us your prophets

to teach us your laws

and to bear witness to your undying love.

You sent us your Son

to teach us by word and example

that true wisdom comes from you alone.

Send your Spirit upon these students

and their teachers

and fill them with your blessings.

Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies



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and share what they have learned in the service of others.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

INTERNATIONAL MASS



Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came to our International Mass on Thursday. It was lovely to see children and parents dressed in cultural clothes and hear children read in other languages.

We gave thanks for our diverse community and celebrated all that our community brings to St Vincent's. Thank you also to Fr Tom who celebrated Mass with us.

#Passionate about learning #Be respectful #Be Kind #Make a difference

MEASLES



Please see the information from Public Health. A letter is also attached regarding symptoms of measles. Measles is circulating in Greater Manchester and is very contagious. Every case of measles can transmit the infection to up to 18 unvaccinated cases. For most people measles is a mild illness, for others it can be dangerous, leading to disability and death. A measles outbreak is hugely disruptive to health care services. Trafford's Public Health Team is working with health, social and education partners to reduce the risk of an outbreak in our borough.

Our greatest line of defence is ensuring our children and young people have had both Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccinations. This vaccination is usually given at one year old and then at 3 years and 4 months. Children need to have had both vaccinations to be fully protected. Public Health are asking for your support by having your child vaccinated.



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WALK TO SCHOOL CLASS WINNERS



Well done to Miss Hollins' and Miss Reid's class for winning the 'Walk to School Challenge' last week by recording the most active journeys to school. Every child in school will receive a Travel Tracker badge today for their participation.

PTA - PARENT/CHILD FOOTBALL MATCH

Thank you to the PTA and Phil Spencer for organising the child and parent football match yesterday. A great time was had by all!



ATTENDANCE



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ROUTINE APPOINTMENTS

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

TERM TIME ABSENCE

Please note we do not authorise holidays in term time. We also do not permit children to leave school early to travel to a holiday destination. Any absence of this kind will be recorded as unauthorised.

TERM DATES FOR 2023 AND 2024-2025

Please see the link for our term dates so that holidays can be booked outside of term time, during our school holidays. <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/term-dates-school-day-attendance/6182>

SUPPORTING FAMILIES

We monitor the attendance of all children. Children who have patterns of non-attendance or attendance below 90% will be contacted by school to offer support to improve attendance rates.

Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RMH	95.33	2CG/EL	97	4JM	95.33
RLT	97.33	2AB	97.33	5CL	99.68
RLD	97.67	3ES	97.33	5LM	96.33
1LH	97	3DMcD	98.67	5CL	99.68
1AMcC	99	3CN/CR	95.67	6NS	93.33
1CR	99.33	4FJ	96	6DH	93.87
2LC	99.33	4HB	94	6DK	98
Overall percentage: 96.80%					

SUMMER FUN

Please find below the link to Raring to go for Altrincham and Sale. There are lots of activities the children can take part in listed on the website.

<https://raring2go.co.uk/area/altrincham-and-sale/>



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We break up today and the children return to school on Monday 12 June. I hope you have a lovely holiday with your family.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

