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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,



The new school year is a good time to remind parents about our Mission and Values. Our Mission and values permeate through everything we do. Attached is a document outlining our mission, values, scripture and prayer associated with our values. Please do read the attached overview of our mission so that we can work in partnership to be consistent in promoting our mission and St Vincent values.

OUR MISSION

'Let your light shine.'

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.' John 8:v12

At St Vincent's Catholic Primary School we celebrate, the uniqueness of each child as created in the image of God. We aim to provide a high quality education and environment where each person can develop their individual potential. Christ's example of love and care, shown by St Vincent de Paul, is encouraged through every aspect of school life and developed in partnership with parents, the parish and in the wider community. As a Catholic School, our faith permeates all aspects of school life. Our mission underpins our beliefs and values, which can be seen below.

We also have our St Vincent values. We refer to our values all of the time and they underpin all we do. Please read the attached for further information.



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REMINDER: WELCOME SUNDAY ST VINCENT'S CHURCH

Welcome Back
Sunday

Welcome Sunday this year is the 16th and 17th September. After each of the Masses at St Vincent's church, the parish community will have a chance to meet and mingle with each other whilst enjoying some refreshments. This is part of our parish initiative to build community.

As part of Welcome Sunday, we especially invite all families with children who have started Reception to the 10am Children's Mass and all families with children who have started in Year 7 to the 6:30pm Mass. At these Masses, a blessing will be given for the start of this new step in the children's academic life.

Help needed - we need a few volunteers to help serve refreshments during Welcome Sunday. If you could offer a little bit of time before or after Mass please let the parish office know.

On 17th September, it is also the Altrincham 10k and the area will be busy. Please check your route on www.altrincham10k.com

CURRICULUM INFORMATION



On our website you will find information about what your child is learning. The autumn curriculum information is on each year group page. Please read through the documents below to help support your child in their learning. We will share more information about the curriculum during our parent meetings on the dates list.

Reception: [Curriculum Termly Overview for Autumn 2023](#)

Year 1: [Curriculum Termly Overview for Autumn 2023](#)

Year 2: [Curriculum Termly Overview for Autumn 2023](#)

Year 3: [Curriculum Termly Overview for Autumn 2023](#)

Year 4: [Curriculum Termly Overview for Autumn 2023](#)



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Year 5: [Curriculum Termly Overview for Autumn 2023](#)

Year 6: [Curriculum Termly Overview for Autumn 2023](#)

SPECIAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY INFORMATION



The **August 2023** issue of the [LINK SEND newsletter](#) is now available. The newsletter is for parents and carers of children and young people who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities. **If you would like to receive this newsletter directly, you can sign up using this short [online form](#).** Please let the SEND team know if there is anything you'd like to see in future editions by emailing FIS@trafford.gov.uk

CHATTY CAFES FOR PARENTS OF SEND CHILDREN AND CARERS

Parent and carers in Trafford are invited to friendly coffee mornings for peer to peer support, signposting, listening to guest speakers and to enjoy some wellbeing sessions. Free tea and coffee will be provided.
[Trafford Directory | Chatty Cafés](#)

KEEPING HEALTHY AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



Schools have been issued with general guidance for parents on how to reduce the spread of infection with the people you live with if you have Covid-19. Please read the attached poster as a guide.

Schools also been issued with guidance for managing infectious diseases. If you are unsure whether to keep your child off school, please read the guidance below for help.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/managing-specific-infectious-diseases-a-to-z>



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WHOLE SCHOOL DATES LIST



The key dates have been set for the academic year. On the list, you will see the date, event and location. The full list can be seen on this link [Whole year dates](#) and autumn 1 dates can be seen below:

Autumn 1 Dates

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	21 September	New School Year Mass: 9:15am	Playground/field
Thursday	21 September	PTA Annual General Meeting: 6:30pm	Infant hall
Wednesday	27 September	St Vincent de Paul Feast Day	-
Wednesday	27 September	Junior Department Curriculum Evening Y3 Curriculum Evening 4:30 - 5:15pm Y4 Curriculum Evening 5:15 - 6:00pm Y5 Curriculum Evening 6:00 - 6:45pm Y6 Curriculum Evening 6:45 - 7:30pm	Junior hall
Thursday	28 September	Infant Department Curriculum Evening Reception Curriculum Evening 4:30 - 5:15pm Phonics Workshop Reception/Y1 5:15 - 5:45pm Y1 Curriculum Evening 5:45 - 6:30pm Y2 Curriculum Evening 6:30 - 7:15pm	Infant hall
Friday	29 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning: 9am	Junior hall
Monday	02 October	Dyslexia Awareness week	
Tuesday	03 October	Black History Month	-
Tuesday	03 October	CAFOD Family Fast Day/Harvest fundraising commences	-



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Thursday	05 October	KS1 Class Assembly 9:15am led by Y2 Mrs Burke's class	Infant hall
Thursday	05 October	Junior Harvest Mass: 9:15am	Junior hall
Friday	06 October	Parents 'Stay and Pray': 9:15am led by Y1	Infant hall
Tuesday	10 October	World Mental Health Day	
Thursday	12 October	KS2 Class Assembly 9:15am led by Y5 Mrs Maguire's class	Junior hall
Friday	13 October	Parents 'Stay and Share' : 8:30am: Y1-6	Y1-6 Classrooms
Friday	13 October	PTA Quiz Night	Infant hall
Wednesday	18 October	Open Morning	Across school
Thursday	19 October	KS1 Class Assembly 9:15 led by Y2 Miss Campbell's class	Infant hall
Friday	20 October	Show Racism The Red Card Day	-
Friday	20 October	School closes for Half Term	-

ATTENDANCE



ROUTINE APPOINTMENTS

We ask that all routine appointments for the dentist and opticians be taken outside of school time. Should a non-routine appointment be needed in school time, please produce the appointment confirmation to the admin team.



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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 destination. We are obliged to record any absence of this kind as unauthorised.

Please see the link for our term dates so that holidays can be booked outside of term time, during our school holidays [Term dates and school day](#)

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 %
RML	96.11	2AB	98.33	4CG/EL	94.17
RLT	100	2OW/CR	99.17	5CL	97.08
RLD	98.89	3DM	97.08	5LM	100
1AM	95.83	3LH	91.25	5DH	96.55
1MH	100	3CN/JJ	99.17	6NS	98.33
1CR	96.67	4HB	99.58	6SK/CO	96.67
2LC	100	4JK	95.42	6DB	98.39
Overall percentage: 97.52%					

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Yours sincerely,

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