

# ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### COVID UPDATE

You will know that Covid safety changes will come into effect in the next few weeks. We are currently working through these changes and will communicate September arrangements with you before the end of term. The summer response from gov.uk can be found on this link:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/999419/COVID-19\\_Response\\_Summer\\_2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/999419/COVID-19_Response_Summer_2021.pdf)

We are in regular contact with Public Health Trafford regarding the cases of Covid amongst our school community. It is vitally important that we all follow government and public health guidelines to keep infection rates down. Please note that if anyone in your household develops Covid symptoms, the whole household must isolate and you must not send your child to school.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

We are looking forward to the Holy Communion Mass for Mrs Needham and Mrs Jennings' class on Saturday 10 July at 10am at St Vincent's church. Miss Slater's Holy Communion Mass will take place on Saturday 17 July at 10am at St Vincent's church.

### MOVING UP SESSIONS

Today, we arranged for the children to meet their new class teacher. They spent time getting to know each other and completed transition work. With the help of technology, our isolating teachers were also able to spend time with their new class.

As a treat, Year 6 enjoyed Forest School sessions based on teamwork, social skills and the world around them.

We were also pleased to invite our new reception children into school to see their classroom and meet their teacher. We are looking forward to the children and their family joining our St Vincent's community.



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## End of Year Reports

We recognise that everyone has a part to play when it comes to reducing waste and we are continuing our drive to reduce our carbon footprint and become a paperless school.

In line with our sustainability plan, our end of year reports will be uploaded to Google Classroom to each child's account/profile so that parents can access their child's report this way. Reports are scheduled to go 'live' on Friday 16 July on Google Classroom at 9am. If you wish to discuss your child's report with the teacher, please contact the helpdesk and this will be arranged.

The DfE laid regulations to remove the requirement to report pupils' attendance data for the 2020/2021 academic year, in recognition of the impact of COVID-19 on possible attendance. Additionally, following the cancellation of the summer 2021 national curriculum assessments, the DfE has laid regulations to remove the requirement to report the outcomes of key stages 1 and 2 tests or teacher assessments in this year's reports. Schools have been asked to take a proportionate approach in deciding what information to include within pupils' reports this year and therefore we have included information on attainment, effort and suggested targets. The children have worked hard this year during periods of disruption and we felt that this should be recognised in their report.

## WINNERS! GREATER MANCHESTER MOCK TRIALS

Eleven pupils from Year 5 took part in an exciting mock trial competition on Friday 2 July. The trial was run by 'Greater Manchester Magistrates in the Community' with six schools competing from across Manchester. It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to get a taste of a career in the legal profession. St Vincent's pupils were responsible for presenting the case for the defence and our team included 2 defence solicitors, the defendants themselves, witnesses, a court usher, magistrates and even a court reporter and artist. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and had diligently prepared their defence case. The proceedings were professionally conducted over Zoom and after a nail-biting trial, the defendants were successfully found not guilty. The overall winner of the day was then judged by the magistrates as the team who presented their case most effectively. The St Vincent's team won the trophy and came away with £50 in book tokens. This is a great result for the legal team of St Vincent's and a huge congratulations to all of those involved.

## TRAFFORD MUSIC SERVICE

Thank you to Trafford Music Service who put on an exciting musical extravaganza this week. The children had a great time listening to the musicians and also enjoyed participating in songs with children across Trafford.

Trafford Music Service would like to invite new members to join their infant sessions for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at the Claremont Music Centre for September.

Their infant musicians have continued learning throughout the pandemic, both online and back at the music centre and they would love to inspire more children to join a choir and learn an instrument; please see the attached flyer for details.



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## RARING TO GO MAGAZINE

The brand new "summer holiday" magazine contains handy information for local families and showcases several of our local businesses and community groups; you will also find ideas for days out this summer and check out the information about our new books for schools competition, The Wildlife Trust's Action for insects guide. In addition, details of local clubs and much more, can be accessed through this link:

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/altrinchamandsale/summer>

## SELF-CARE SUMMER

Just as we look after our physical health, it is important to look after our mental health. Self-care is all about what you can do to help yourself feel better or to keep yourself feeling good; it is the best way to look after our own mental health and wellbeing. It can help your body and mind to relax, drift away, or be more energised.

There are lots of different ways you can try self-care: dancing, spending time with friends, playing sports, laughing, drawing, spending time with pets - anything that makes you feel good! Please follow the link from Mentally Healthy Schools for ideas for self-care activities during the summer break.

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2080/final-selfcaresummer-primary.pdf>

## PASTORAL DROP IN

The next drop-in for parents is on Tuesday 13 July - 1:30pm - 3:30pm; you can sign up for a call with Mrs Robinson by following the details below. Please visit <https://stvincentscatholicprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointment.

The details should correspond to the details we have on record in order for you to gain access; please contact [admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk) if you have any questions.

## SCHOOL MEALS

For current year 3 to 6 taking school meals, please ensure any amount owing on your ParentPay school meal account is cleared by next Friday 16 July; you will also need to ensure your account is topped up so that you can pay for meals taken up to the end of term, Friday 23 July 2021. Please also be reminded that if you require a change of meal pattern for your child, an email must be sent to the school office and a week's notice will need to be given before this change can take effect; no other means, but email, are accepted when advising of meal changes.

## COMMUNICATION HOME - EMAILS

Current years 1 to 5 will shortly receive an email home asking you to complete a form to confirm the email addresses you wish to be used for future communications. The form to complete is very simple to use and should be completed no later than **Friday 16 July**.



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## PTA NEWS

### PTA BIG SUMMER RAFFLE

Only 8 days to go! Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the 54 amazing prizes (full prize list attached to the newsletter).

Tickets are £1 each and can be purchased online through RAFFALL using this link:

<https://raffall.com/244584/enter-raffle-to-win-local-prizes-hosted-by-st-vincents-pta>

You will need to register on the site and answer a simple question (hint. apple!) to be eligible to enter the draw for a prize. The raffle will close at 8pm on Saturday 17 July and winners will be automatically drawn by the RAFFALL system and allocated prizes in the order they are listed. Winners will be notified by email and the PTA will contact them to arrange collection.

Please share the link with your local family and friends so we can raise as much money as possible for our school but be mindful that most of the prizes are vouchers, which must be redeemed locally.

### PTA SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

We hope you have enjoyed growing your sunflowers over the last few months; we can't wait to see the results!

Please email a picture of your sunflower along with its height, the diameter of the flower head and the name and class of your child to [stvincentspta@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentspta@gmail.com) for a chance to win a small prize. Prizes will be awarded to the winning infant and junior in each of the following categories: tallest sunflower, shortest sunflower and widest flower head; entries must be received by Friday 16 July and prizes will be handed out the following week.

## WATER SAFETY

With limited swimming over the last year, it will be important to remind the children how to stay safe in or alongside water; some of these resources might be helpful for use at home:

- Canal and River Trust - Summer water safety  
<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/safety-on-our-waterways/summer-water-safety>
- Water Safety at the beach  
<https://www.rlss.org.uk/water-safety-at-the-beach>
- RNLI – Activity sheets and posters  
<https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources/activity-sheets-and-posters>



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- Colin the Coastguard  
<https://colinthe coastguard.com/>

## SUN SAFETY

As the weather gets hotter in the UK, we naturally want to be outside. Cbeebies have produced a programme about keeping safe in the sun for younger children that you may want to watch with a younger child; see these tips for Staying Safe in the Sun (CBeebies) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/sun-safety-for-kids>

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Y2 Miss Campbell's class 99.66%
Highest junior class attendance	Y5 Miss Kirk's class 99.67%
Overall school attendance	96.57%

\*Please note that disability related absence is not taken into account when calculating best attendance

We work in partnership with parents. Mrs Tiernan (deputy head teacher based in the infant department), and Mrs Sutton (deputy head teacher based in the junior department), and I are very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Kind regards,

Mrs Harrop

