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1st December 2023

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

ADVENT

First Sunday of Advent

Advent is a special time when we get ready for the coming of Jesus.

Today's reading

Mark 13:33-37

The gospel story is telling us that we must be ready when Jesus comes again, but that we cannot be exactly sure when that will be, so we must try to be ready all the time.

Today's reflection

When we look around, we sometimes see people who need our help.

Let's remember this.

This Advent, let's look out especially for people who have been forced to leave everything behind to find somewhere safe to live.

Advent is the period of four Sundays before Christmas. This Sunday we begin to celebrate the season of Advent, a time of waiting and prayer. It's a special time to pause and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus to the world. We know that Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. We have been teaching the children about the coming of Jesus into the world and that Advent is a time of preparation to celebrate the coming of Jesus.

The Wednesday Word focus this week is Advent. Please follow [this link](#) to learn more about it. Each Sunday Gospel may be found under the Catholic Life tab on the school website [The Wednesday Word](#)

ADVENT FAMILY PLANNER



We have lots of activities planned for the children during Advent including Mass, Advent Services, Assemblies, nativities and performances. To help parents at this busy time, please see the [Advent planner](#) families can refer to.



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HOLIDAY CLUB CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA – FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2023



As promised, we are sharing with you our very exciting Activity Planner for our one-day only holiday club – Christmas Extravaganza, which will take place on Friday 22 December. The day will be filled with pure Christmas magic and joy, with lots of activities for the children to take part in; it will also include a Christmas party, an afternoon movie with hot chocolate and gingerbread, and other surprises that we have up our sleeve! We still have availability for full days as well as short days if your child would like to get involved. Please head over to School Spider to book your sessions, the bookings will close as soon as the sessions are gone.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE



In recent months there has been an increase in cases of measles throughout the country, this is partly due to the low uptake of the MMR vaccine in children nationally. The number of cases of measles is a serious concern and infection is more likely to spread.

IntraHealth has been commissioned to deliver MMR vaccines to primary school aged children in school. Children who have not received both doses of their MMR vaccine will be offered these in school. Children who require either one or two doses of the vaccine will be identified using their Child Health Record, the nurses will then send consent forms into school to issue to parents. The nurses will then arrange a date to come into school to administer the vaccine to the consented pupils.

The attached information helps to explain in further detail what measles is and the benefits of the MMR vaccination. For any MMR queries please contact Nina Brookfield by emailing mmrgm@intrahealth.co.uk Consent forms will be delivered in the coming weeks and the nurse will arrange the vaccination session once these have been returned.

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE - RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2024 APPLICATIONS

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2024, please follow the steps below.

Trafford are accepting applications for Reception places until the deadline of 15 January 2024. Please see the following guidance to help you in your application.



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<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/Primary/primary-school-admissions.aspx>

Catholic schools also require a supplementary form and copy of baptismal certificate to be submitted. **These must be submitted to our school office before 15 January 2024.**

https://spaces.schoolspider.co.uk/uploads/120/files/5.ADM_New_Supplementary_Application_Form.pdf

Please contact our admin team if you have any questions about the admission process, admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk.

CHRISTMAS FAIR TOMORROW: SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 12-3PM



Preparations for our Christmas Fair tomorrow are now underway. Please come along to support this wonderful festive event.

ST VINCENT'S PTA RAFFLE STARTS TODAY

Please see below QR code to enter this year's raffle and prizes that can be won. The raffle opens today until noon 18th December 2023. Good luck!



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St Vincent's Christmas Online Raffle
ends noon 18th Dec

£1 a ticket

Draw Prizes

- Escape room experience (Code to Exit)
- Apple magic keyboard & mouse (Joe McCann)
- Concert tickets (Stoller Hall)
- £50 voucher (Toast)
- 1 day of holiday camp x2 (Bowdon LTC)
- Michael Kors bag & more (Boots)
- Personal training session (Chrysalis Lifestyle & Fitness)
- £50 Amazon gift card (Mount Nuclear Safety)
- £25 voucher (Chill Factor)
- £20 voucher (Laundry B)
- £20 gift card (Jake Shoes)
- Bottle of gin liqueur (Tesco)
- Children's reading bundle (Count on Me Tuition)
- £10 voucher (Gift+Home)
- £10 voucher (California Coffee & Wine)
- 5x drinks (Rhode Island Coffee)
- 2x tubs Cadbury Heroes (ASDA) ...& more!

RARING TO GO WINTER EDITION

The new winter issue of Raring2go! Altrincham & Sale magazine is now available online. This issue contains exciting details about local days out and festive family fun. It also includes a festive theatre guide and a look at clubs and classes offering taster sessions. There is also a competition to win a family ticket to The Snow Queen at Waterside, Sale. Please follow the link for more information:
<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/altrinchamandsale/winter2023/>

AUTUMN 2 DATES

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday	02 December	PTA Christmas Fair	Both departments
Monday	04 December	Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal	Infant hall
Monday	04 December	Y4 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal	Junior hall
Tuesday	05 December	Reception Nativity Play 1/2: 9:15am	Infant hall
Tuesday	05 December	Y4 Christmas Concert 1/2: 1:45pm	Junior hall
Wednesday	06 December	Reception Nativity Play 2/2: 9:15am	Infant hall
Wednesday	06 December	Y4 Christmas Concert 2/2: 6:30pm	Junior hall
Thursday	07 December	Advent Mass 9:15am	Infant hall Junior hall
Friday	08 December	Parents 'Stay and Share' : 8:30am: Y1-6	Y1-6 Classrooms



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Wednesday	13 December	Christmas Lunch/ Parties/ Father Christmas Visit	Both departments
Thursday	14 December	KS2 Class Assembly 9:15 led by Y4 Mrs Bullock's class	Junior hall
Monday	18 December	Christmas Service 6:30pm	St Vincent's Church
Wednesday	20 December	Christmas Pantomime	Both departments
Thursday	21 December	School Closes	-
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY			

ATTENDANCE

Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Rec-Mrs Dreniw	84.33%	Y2-Mrs Burke	98%	Y4-Mrs Gerrard /Mrs Leather	97.33%
Rec-Miss Turnbull	94.83%	Y2-Mrs Wormald/Mrs Robinson	99.33%	Y5-Mrs Luckham	98%
Rec-Miss Doherty	94.67%	Y3-Mrs McDuff	98%	Y5-Mrs Maguire	93%
Y1-Mr McCann	98.67%	Y3-Miss Hutton	89.03%	Y5-Miss Hobday	93%
Y1-Miss Hollins	100%	Y3-Mrs Needham/Mrs Jennings	97.33%	Y6-Mrs Sheldon	97.33%
Y1-Miss Reid	98%	Y4-Mrs Bullock	97.33%	Y6-Mrs O'Keefe/Miss Kirk	99.33%
Y2-Miss Campbell	95.33%	Y4-Mr Kerigan	99.33%	Y6-Mrs Black	95.81%
Overall percentage: 96.09%					

We offer an open door to parents. If you have any questions about school life, please liaise with your class teacher. Mrs Farrell (infant deputy head), Mrs Sutton (junior deputy head), and I are also available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

