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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we have come to the end of another academic year. This year has been another year where we have needed to play our part in moving through the pandemic.

We are proud of the way St Vincent's has risen to this challenge. With flexibility, resilience, courage and a caring heart, we have upheld our catholic values of love, care and compassion to get through this time.

We hope that next academic year we can reduce some of our control measures. We are keen to give the children greater flexibility in school and further opportunities to let their light shine. A new risk assessment is now in place. This was sent to parents yesterday and can be found on our website together with our operational guidance for parents and children. <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/safeguarding-risk-assessment/86578>

Earlier this week you will have received the end of year letter from Mrs Donnachie; Chair of the Board of Governors. The letter refers to our journey this year and, despite the challenges, our many achievements and successes this year; please do take the time to read it. http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/GN_End_of_year_letter_2020-2021.pdf

The St Vincent community is very special. We have shown a true partnership in supporting our children during this time. We could not have achieved what we have without our team spirit and support for each other. There are very many people to thank for enabling us to respond to the pandemic in the safest way possible.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

I would like to thank the board of Governors for their support in ensuring St Vincent's School, Nursery and Sunshine Club remain the best they can be. I am grateful for their continued commitment and dedication to St Vincent's.

PARISH OF ST VINCENT'S AND HOLY ANGELS

Thank you to Fr Jonathan, Fr Tom, Fr Robert for arranging online and in-person masses. They have worked with us to ensure our children have received their sacraments and carried on with their weekly visits to school.

CHILDREN

I am so very proud of our children. They have continued to keep to our covid guidelines and have demonstrated high levels of resilience and maturity throughout the pandemic. They have been sensible in their approach to distancing, handwashing and keeping in class bubbles. We are looking forward to the children to have fewer restrictions in September and giving the children exciting opportunities.



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STAFF

I have said many times that we are a wonderful team at St Vincent's; during our lockdowns and the recovery of covid, the staff have pulled together to work through the many challenges we have faced. The teachers, teaching assistants, office staff and site staff are fully committed to the school; this is what makes us such a special community. I would like to thank all staff for their unwavering dedication to the school.

PARENTS

Thank you to you, the parents, who have worked so hard with the children on Google Classrooms in lockdowns and isolations. It has been so important to work in partnership with you to ensure the children received the best possible educational provision during this time. We could not have achieved what we have without your support.

PTA

Thank you to everyone who has helped arrange our PTA events and for parents who attended events. The PTA has worked hard to raise money to fund school projects and special treats for the children and we are also grateful for parent support in these events. We will continue with a PTA AGM in the autumn term so, please, look out for the meeting arrangements in the new school year.

As mentioned on the staffing letter sent earlier this month, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Bloor, Mr Fowler and Miss Sykes. Whilst it is always difficult to see members of our community move on, we thank them for all they have contributed to St Vincent's, and we wish them all well in their future ventures. We also wish Mrs Sutton well for starting her maternity leave in September; Mrs Farrell will become acting deputy headteacher then.

We finish today for the summer break; Years 1 to Year 6 return to school on Tuesday 7 September; Reception children will start school on Wednesday 8 September. Please check the start and end times on the operational plan sent earlier this week.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Harrop

Headteacher

