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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

CANDLEMAS

School Values: Make a Difference Be Passionate about Learning Be Kind Be Respectful



Today we celebrated Candlemas where we reflected on the presentation of Jesus in the temple and the official end to Christmastide. We all said the Candlemas prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the true light enlightening us all.

Today as we celebrate the feast of Candlemas and see the flames of these candles burning bright,

Let it remind us that they are a symbol of you,

Lord, the true light shining in the darkness of this world.

Help us to live in that light, to make it our own, so that we can be a guiding light to others by what we do, what we say and by who we are.

May we, by following your example increase the light and therefore lessen the darkness in our world.

May we be light-bearers who will help to spread your kingdom on earth.

We ask in your name.

Amen.

Mrs Black's Y6 class held a special assembly for Candlemas this week. Fr Robert also came to the assembly and we thanked Fr Robert for all of the support he has given St Vincent's school and wider parish over the years. We wished him well for his move to his new parish and presented him with a lovely card signed by all of the children.



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YEAR 3 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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Well done to the Year 3 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. It was a lovely service. Thank you for keeping the Year 3 children in your prayers throughout their Reconciliation. The children will be continuing their Sacramental Journey by preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist, for when they make their First Holy Communion in the summer term.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME SPONSORS

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On Monday 5 February at 10am, we will welcome the Sacramental sponsors to the Junior Department Hall for a special reflection. The sponsors have been chosen by families to help guide the children on their Sacramental journey. The reflection is a special time for sponsors and children to come together. Year 3 children will lead the reflection and it will focus on thanking their sponsors for their guidance and support.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

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Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme for this year is **'My Voice Matters'**.



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'My Voice Matters' is about empowering children with the tools they need to express themselves. During Children's Mental Health Week we want all children to be able to say with conviction 'My Voice Matters' which links with the Rights Respecting Article 13 - Sharing thoughts freely. In support of this theme the whole school will be taking part in debating a chosen topic.

Debating also fits in with the British value of Mutual Respect and Tolerance and Individual Liberty.

INTERNET SAFETY WEEK

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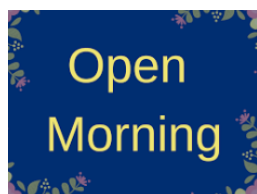
Safer Internet Day will be celebrated on **Tuesday 6 February 2024**, with thousands of people across the UK working together to champion youth voice and engage in conversations about how we can all work together to make the internet a fun and safe place. It is a great opportunity to focus on online safety with your child, whatever their age. This year's theme is all about change and influence online and there are a range of activities and support on the website below to help you talk about these issues and ideas with your child, in an age-appropriate way.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

In school, we will be engaging in assemblies presented by the digital leaders, watching a virtual assembly by BBC teach and discussing lots of ways we can keep safe when we are online.

OPEN MORNING

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We will be having our Open Morning on **Wednesday 6 March** when we will be welcoming prospective parents to the school in order to see both the school and nursery in action. Please let friends and family know the date and should they wish to book on a tour they can do so by contacting the School Office on admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk. Tours are taking place at **9:15am, 10am, 10.45am and 11.15am**.



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SUNSHINE HOLIDAY CLUB

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A reminder that our Sunshine Holiday Club will be operating during February half term from **Monday 12 to Friday 16 February**. The sessions can currently still be booked through School Spider so please do not delay booking your child in if they would like to join in the fun; the booking portal will close first thing on Monday 5 February. Attached is our Activity Planner so that the children can see what they can look forward to. As usual, there are many exciting activities on offer, including outings, workshops and competitions, to make it a very exciting week of fun. Please note, **the February holiday club will operate in the INFANT department**, due to building works taking place in the Junior department. If you have any queries, please email holidayclub@stvincentsnursery.com.

DATES LIST

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Please see the dates list for this half term.

Please follow this link for the dates for the rest of the school year. <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/key-school-events-and-dates/13549>

| DAY | DATE | EVENT | LOCATION |
|----------|-------------|--|------------------------|
| Monday | 05 February | Children's Mental Health Week 10am – Sponsor Liturgy Service of Reflection | Junior department hall |
| Thursday | 08 February | KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am : Led by Y1 Miss Reid's class | Infant department hall |



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| Friday | 09 February | School closes for half term 3:30pm | |
| Tuesday | 20 February | School re-opens to pupils | |
| HALF TERM BREAK | | | |

ATTENDANCE

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Please see below the attendance percentages for **last week**.

| Class | Attendance % | Class | Attendance % | Class | Attendance % |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|
| RML | 99 | 2AB | 100 | 4CG/EL | 98.35 |
| RLT | 98 | 2OW/CR | 99.3 | 5CL | 98.7 |
| RLD | 93 | 3DM | 96 | 5LM | 96.7 |
| 1AM | 92 | 3LH | 95.5 | 5DH | 96.7 |
| 1MH | 98.35 | 3CN/JJ | 98.1 | 6NS | 99.65 |
| 1CR | 96.7 | 4ML | 96.25 | 6SK/CO | 99 |
| 2LC | 98 | 4JK | 95.35 | 6DB | 97.4 |
| Overall percentage: 97.25 % | | | | | |

CURRICULUM UPDATES

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This week we have added the British Values Curriculum update to the newsletter. Please take a read of it. You can also follow the link below for all other curriculum updates:
<https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/curriculum/63387>



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British Values at St Vincent's



Be Respectful



Be Kind



Be Passionate about Learning



Make a Difference

The Rule of Law:

At St Vincent's we ensure that school rules and expectations are clear and fair through:

Our Behaviour policy- Stay on Green, Classroom rules and Class Charts.

In Year 6 our children complete their cycling proficiency enabling children to understand the rules of the road and the dangers that happen if they break them.

What are British Values?

At St. Vincent's learning about British values forms a key part of our children's spiritual, moral, cultural and social education. We also develop and promote British Values throughout our school and within our curriculum. The five British values that the Government has identified for schools to focus on are:

BRITISH VALUES



Democracy:

Children are involved in democratic processes through the election of our school Pupil groups- Through these groups the children are involved in decision making.

During a normal school day children will vote for a variety of activities for example what book they would like to hear read at the end of the day.

Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs:

At St Vincent's we equip our pupils with the ability to develop positive values, understand their own beliefs and their place in a culturally diverse society. We celebrate the differences between all people and cultures and aim to recognise what is good in everything we do and learn about. Through Multi Faith weeks and special events such as United Nations Day, This is also taught through assemblies, collective worship and our PSHE scheme.

Individual Liberty:

At St. Vincent's our pupils are actively encouraged, and given the freedom to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment.

For example, by signing up for extra-curricular clubs and choosing the level of challenge in some lessons

Mutual respect:

Be Respectful is one of our core values.

We are very proud to be a Silver Rights Respecting School where pupils are encouraged to know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms. They are advised how to exercise these safely, for example through our E-Safety policy and PSHE work on keeping myself safe.

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We offer an open door to parents and 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 available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

