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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Liturgical Season of Lent

School Values: Make a Difference

KEY STAGE TWO EASTER SERVICE



It was lovely to come together during Holy Week to see the Year 5 and Key Stage Two Easter Service. The children lead us through the Easter story beautifully with well-chosen scripture, prayer and wonderful singing.

Thank you for all of your support during the season of Lent. Thank you for the high levels of attendance at the Year 1 and Year 5 Easter Service. Thank you also for so many parents supporting Mass, class assemblies and Stay and Pray during this time.

During Lent we have focused on raising funds for CAFOD. At the last count, we have raised £1,290! This is a huge amount and will make such a difference to Catholic Aid for Overseas Development. If you would like to know more about the work of CAFOD, please follow this link. [The Big Lent Walk 2024 for Schools \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://The Big Lent Walk 2024 for Schools (cafod.org.uk))

EASTER ACTIVITY HELP FOR UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES

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During Lent, our Prayer Leaders are asking for your help. We are linking with some schools in underdeveloped countries so that they can have the stationery supplies that they need for school.

Do you have some spare stationery at home? Someone could make very good use of these items.

If you can, please donate the following:

- pencil case
- pens
- pencils
- rubbers
- rulers
- highlighters
- felt tips

If you would like to, you are also welcome to include a nice prayer or note for the child who receives the pencil case.

Please bring the donated items to school by Friday 19th April so that the Prayer Leaders can put the pencil cases together and pack them to be shipped at the end of April.

CURRICULUM UPDATES

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This week we have added the Design and Technology Curriculum update to the newsletter. 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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Design and Technology Curriculum Overview



Be Respectful

We learn about others' designs and evaluate them to assist us in creating our own.



Be Passionate about Learning

We challenge ourselves to refine our designs, using a range of design methods and materials to produce our best work.



Be Kind

We learn to positively evaluate the work of ourselves and others, knowing that responses can be varied and valid.



Make a Difference

We develop a range of critical thinking skills that help us grow and prepare us for our next steps.

Design and Technology at St Vincent's

At St Vincent's, our Design & Technology curriculum offers children a wide range of opportunities to develop creative, technical and practical understanding and skills. We aim for our children to develop a set of skills, knowledge and understanding that they will be able to apply to challenges that they meet in real life now and in the future.

All of our D&T units link directly to other year groups. As the children progress from EYFS to Year 6, they are continuously reviewing and building on the skills they have acquired in previous years. For instance, in Year 2 the children will design their own freestanding chair and will review these skills again in Year 6 to design and create their own playground.



How can I get more involved?

- The 'Revolution Manchester' exhibit at the Science and Industry Museum invites you to find out more about how our city's rich engineering heritage has shaped modern day technology.
- Go to a gallery and look at paintings and photographs. How have fashions changed? How has transport changed?
- Create a birthday breakfast for a family member. Design the meal – which flavours go well together?

Autumn 2

These are the topics taught in the second half of the Autumn term in Design and Technology:

EYFS	Exploring textures
Year 1	Mechanisms: Sliders and Levers (Moving Storybook)
Year 2	Structures: Freestanding Structures (Baby Bear's Chair)
Year 3	Mechanical Systems: Levers and Linkages (Moving Christmas Cards)
Year 4	Mechanical Systems: Pneumatics (Moving Monsters)
Year 5	Electrical Systems: Electronic Greeting Card
Year 6	Structures: Playgrounds

Spring 2

These are the topics taught in the second half of the Spring term in Design and Technology:

EYFS	Exploring design
Year 1	Food: Preparing Fruits and Vegetables (Smoothies)
Year 2	Mechanisms: Wheels and Axles (Fairgrounds)
Year 3	Textiles: Cushions
Year 4	Electrical Systems: Torches
Year 5	Mechanical Systems: Making a pop-up book
Year 6	Electrical Systems: Steady Hand Game

Summer 2

These are the topics taught in the second half of the Summer term in Design and Technology:

EYFS	To use their imagination in design
Year 1	Textiles: Puppets
Year 2	Food: A Balanced Diet (Wraps)
Year 3	Food: Eating Seasonally (Tarts)
Year 4	Food: Adapting a Recipe (Biscuits)
Year 5	Food: What could be healthier? (Pizza)
Year 6	Food: Come Dine with Me

Would you like to see more D&T in action? Make sure to follow us on social media!



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MR BRINDLEY

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Today will be Mr Brindley's last day at St Vincent's as our Site Manager. I wanted to say a big thank you to Mr Brindley for the 23 years he has given to St Vincent's. We have been blessed with a Site Manager who is so knowledgeable, kind and caring. It has been a joy to work with him over the years. We will certainly miss him and we hope he has a long and happy retirement.

EASTER FUN

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There are lots of exciting activities on locally. Here are some ideas for family fun days out:

[Easter Fun in Altrincham for all the Family | Visit Altrincham](#)

[Things To Do In Cheshire This Easter Holidays 2024 - Family On The Go](#)

[Cheshire and Greater Manchester | England | National Trust](#)

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/altrinchamandsale/spring2024/>



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ATTENDANCE

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Please see below the attendance percentages for **last week** and attendance and punctuality reminders:

Attendance

Please note the term dates for 2023-24 and 2024-25:

[Term dates 2023/24](#)

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We do not authorise school holidays in term time. If your child is absent, we require the specific reason for absence.

Appointment letters should be presented to the office when you notify the school of an appointment during the school day.

Punctuality

Children should arrive to school before the school bell at 8:55am in the junior department and 9am in the infant department.

Children should be collected on time at the end of the school day, which is 3:25pm in the junior department and 3:30pm in the infant department.

Children should also be collected on time from extra-curricular activities after school.

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Rec-Mrs Dreniw	96.9%	Y2-Mrs Burke	96.33%	Y4-Mrs Gerrard /Mrs Foulkes	97.67%
Rec-Miss Turnbull	99.33%	Y2-Mrs Wormall/Mrs Robinson	93.33%	Y5-Mrs Luckham	96%
Rec-Miss Doherty	96%	Y3-Mrs McDuff	97.67%	Y5-Mrs Maguire	95.67%



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Y1-Mr McCann	98.33%	Y3-Miss Hutton	99.03%	Y5-Miss Hobday	96.67%
Y1-Miss Hollins	96.9%	Y3-Mrs Needham/Mrs Jennings	98.06%	Y6-Mrs Sheldon	94%
Y1-Miss Reid	98.67%	Y4-Mrs Lawrence	93.33%	Y6-Mrs O'Keefe/Miss Kirk	97.67%
Y2-Miss Campbell	95.33%	Y4-Mr Kerigan	98%	Y6-Mrs Black	96.13%
Overall percentage: 96.72%					

It has been a wonderful half term that, as usual, has flown by. We break up today for Easter and all children are expected to return to school on Monday 15th April. I hope you have a wonderful break with your family.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

