

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

COVID SAFETY - PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Trafford Public Health have given guidance to all schools in response to Trafford having the third highest Covid rates across Greater Manchester. With increasing cases in 5-16 year olds, children and young people aged between the ages of 5 and 16 are now advised to stay at home when a sibling or household member tests positive for COVID-19 (via either a PCR or Lateral Flow test).

On days 3-5 following the onset of symptoms in the sibling who has tested positive (or test date if the positive case had no symptoms), the close contact child should get a PCR test. If this is negative, they can return to the setting, but should isolate again immediately and get another test if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 at a later date.

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL MEASURES

As we are seeing increased cases in our setting, we have reviewed our measures in consultation with Public Health at Trafford. They have seen some evidence that events held by schools have resulted in an increase in cases, therefore, we have reviewed forthcoming events in school with the safety of our community as a priority.

Next week's curriculum evenings will be recorded and made available to parents in place of on-site presentations. In addition, class assemblies and Masses will be recorded or streamed until further notice.

We understand that this is as disappointing for you as it is for our school, but we must act with the most recent information and advice we are given. We hope that we can open up the school to parents as soon as we are able to.

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY - THE ROSARY AND HOW TO USE ROSARY BEADS

The word "Rosary" means a chain of roses and the roses are prayers. The Rosary Prayer tells us about the life of Jesus and His Mother, Mary. In the Church, the month of October is, by custom, the month of the Rosary but people do use this prayer the all year round. Please see attached instructions for how to pray the Rosary – you might like to pray together as a family.



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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to all who came along to our Macmillan coffee morning last week. It was lovely to see our parents in our open-air café. We raised a staggering £721.29; thank you for supporting this important charity.

THE FEAST OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

We acknowledge the Feast of St Vincent De Paul by using his example of giving back to those in need. We decided to hold an own clothes day in exchange for a donation. We are pleased to share that we raised £671.20 for the Afghanistan refugee appeal; thank you for your support.

HARVEST FUNDRAISING

Our Harvest activities will commence next week; please read the Harvest planner for information on how families can help support those in need.

PASTORAL DROP IN

The next virtual drop-in for parents is on Tuesday 5 October from 1:30pm to 3:30pm; you can sign up for a call with Mrs Gee by following the details below; to book your appointments, please visit <https://stvincentscatholicprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk>.

For parents new to the school, SchoolCloud is an online system that allows staff and parents to communicate via video call.

You need to log in to <https://stvincentscatholicprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk> with the following information:

- Parent's Name
- Parent's Email
- Child's Name
- Child's DOB

The above details should correspond to the details we have on record in order for you to gain access, please contact helpdesk@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk if you have any questions.

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

The termly curriculum newsletters are now on the website under curriculum information; please follow the relevant year group for more information: [Curriculum information](#).



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PTA

Today, you will have received an email from the PTA detailing how we are looking to work this year. We are looking to involve at least one class representative from each class to help raise funds for our school. As children have progressed through the school and moved onto secondary school, we have lost some of our experienced PTA members. That, together with the difficulties of covid, has meant that we have not held face-to-face events and therefore have not been able to recruit new PTA members. For this reason, we see this year as a relaunch of our PTA. We need your help to bring our community together, for parents to get to know each other and raise vital funds for our school.

The co-chairs, Laura Manley and Suzanne Dickinson will be stepping down this year. I would like to sincerely thank them for all of their time, commitment and creativity during their time as co-chairs.

Our treasurer Sarah Smith and secretary Sarah White are keen to remain in their roles but we do need parents who will support and shadow these roles to ensure our PTA succession planning is robust.

If you would like to talk to the PTA about your involvement, please email stvincentspta@gmail.com. Please do attend our PTA AGM on Wednesday 20 October at 7:30pm; you are most welcome.

WALK TO SCHOOL – THIS WEEK TOTAL ACTIVE TRIPS: 2,169

October is National Walk to School month. Throughout October, consider the contribution that traffic pollution makes to climate change and the effects it has on wildlife and natural habitats around the world. Walking to school reduces our carbon emissions, supporting natural habitats and animals across the globe; please see below for Living Streets' Walk the World Challenge <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/iwtsm>.

Please let us know if you enter this challenge, as we would love to hear about it!

TO ENTER:

1. Choose an animal or natural habitat endangered due to climate change and walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park & Stride to school this October to protect it.
2. Share with us on social media (Twitter or Instagram) which animal/habitat you have chosen to protect and why. We'd love to see your pictures, videos, drawings or costumes so get creative!
3. Make sure you use the #WalkForTheWorld hashtag and tag us @LivingStreets.


This social media prize draw is open to UK schools and families who have a social media account. **One post equals one entry, so we encourage you to post as much as you can, even every day of the month picking a different animal to increase your chances of winning!**

THE PRIZES:


There are **six prizes in total**; three prizes for school accounts and three for parents/carers accounts.

- **SCHOOL ACCOUNTS:** We have **three £100 vouchers** up for grabs to buy our **Walk to School resources** for your school.
- **PARENT/CARERS ACCOUNTS:** We have **three £100 vouchers** from a sustainable children clothing brand.

SCOOT TO SCHOOL TO PROTECT THE CHEETAHS!



CIAN WALKS TO SCHOOL TO PROTECT THE PENGUINS!





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ATTENDANCE

Each week we report **attendance**; please note we do not authorise holidays in term time.

Attendance figures for previous week:

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Y1 Mrs Wormal/Mrs Gerrard's Class 98.25%
Highest junior class attendance	Y3 Mrs McDuff 98.7%
Overall school attendance	94.65%

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

We aim to be a listening school and offer an open door to parents. Mrs Farrell (deputy head teacher based in the junior department), Mrs Tiernan (deputy head teacher based in the infant department), and I are very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

