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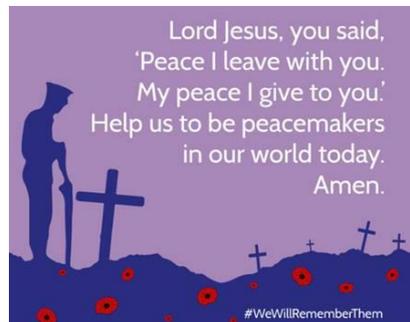
Friday 12 November 2021

Dear Parents,

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

REMEMBRANCE

On 11 November, we observed a two minute silence to remember those who lost their lives in conflict.



INTER FAITH WEEK

Inter Faith Week 2021 takes place from 14-21 November. Each year, Inter Faith Week begins on Remembrance Sunday, and runs until the following Sunday. Remembrance Sunday was chosen as a start day to encourage people to remember together the contributions of all faiths, and to consider how best to create a just, peaceful, and harmonious world. Please see the sheet attached which gives examples of the 'golden rule' from different religious traditions, as an example of shared values. Building good relationships and working partnerships between people of different faiths and beliefs is part of the year-round work of many people and organisations across the UK.

Having a special week provides a focal point, helping to open inter faith activity up to a wider audience so that more and more people are made aware of the importance of this vital work and are able to participate in it.

Inter Faith Week:

- **Highlights** the good work done by local faith, inter faith and faith-based groups and organisations
- **Draws** new people into inter faith learning and cooperation
- **Enables** greater interaction between people of different backgrounds
- **Helps** develop integrated and neighbourly communities
- **Celebrates** diversity and commonality
- **Opens** new possibilities for partnership



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ANTI-BULLYING/FRIENDSHIP WEEK: MONDAY 15 - FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER

Don't forget your odd socks on Monday!

Anti-Bullying Week 2021 will be taking place from Monday 15 to Friday 19 November and the theme is One Kind Word. The week will start with **odd socks day**. It is designed to be fun! It is an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique. In a world that can sometimes feel like it is filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point.

On Monday 'Odd Socks Day' marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Assemblies will take place in both departments with a reminder about our Anti-Bullying policy. At 11am KS2 pupils will join BBC Teach for a specially designed Live Lesson to mark Anti-Bullying Week 2021. It's a half-hour interactive programme for primary schools, highlighting some of the issues around bullying

Through the week activities from the ABA Anti-Bullying Week pack will be used in all year groups.

Our anti bullying work is revisited regularly and is enhanced by our PSHE, assemblies and mission of the school.

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL ABUSE

During anti-bullying week we will also be focusing on protecting children from sexual abuse. This can be peer on peer or child to adult. Each year we use the NSPCC PANTS lesson plan to inform the children about this important matter. Here is a link to this resource <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

PASTORAL DROP-IN

The next drop in for parents is on **Tuesday 16 November** 1:30pm-3:30pm. You can sign up for a call with Mrs Robinson by following the details below. Please visit <https://stvincentscatholicprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointment.



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PASTORAL PARENT WORKSHOP - TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2PM

How can we encourage our children to build and maintain their self-esteem?

We are delighted to be holding another of our Pastoral Workshops on Tuesday 23 November at 2pm. The theme of this workshop will be 'Building and Maintaining self-esteem and Resilience'. Low self-esteem can be a real barrier for learning. Lack of confidence can also lead to an inability to cope with life's challenges. Nurturing children's confidence is therefore a great way to both enable learning and maintain wellbeing.

This workshop forms part of our important pastoral support and also links with our work on Character Education. You can join by following the zoom link but it would be useful to know in advance numbers attending so we ask that you email the helpdesk to confirm attendance. If you are unsure and haven't let us know, you can still attend on the day.

Zoom Link:

Topic: Pastoral Workshop Self Esteem and Resilience

Time: Nov 23, 2021 02:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/5049788409?pwd=SFdneWpOSnQ0VWk2THNhZ1FuRGZpZz09>

Meeting ID: 504 978 8409

Passcode: t4dSWY

PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the parental survey. We are pleased with the overwhelmingly positive responses provided across all aspects of school including child wellbeing and personal development, educational provision, pupil achievement, and school community.

Of course, there are always opportunities to enhance our provision and your suggestions will help us to shape this. We are already well progressed with some suggestions provided, such as holiday club provision and extra-curricular clubs. I am pleased to share that we are already progressed at looking at the feasibility of offering a holiday club service and will share further updates in due course. We have also increased extra-curricular club capacity this half term and will continue to see how we may be able to increase this further in the future.



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RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2022 APPLICATIONS

Trafford are accepting applications for Reception places until 15 January 2022. Please see the following guidance to help you in your application.

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

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

Catholic schools also require a supplementary form to be submitted. **This must be submitted to the school along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate before 15 January 2022.**

The supplementary form may be downloaded from the school website [here](#). Please contact our admin team for further information about the admissions process.

RECEPTION 2023 APPLICATIONS

The Admission Policy for September 2023 is currently being consulted on. You may find more information [here](#) from the admissions page of the school website.

PARENTAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DIOCESAN SCHOOLS BUILDING FUND

Thank you to those parents who have already managed to make their voluntary contribution to the Diocesan Building Fund. Families are asked to make a contribution of £105 per child whilst at St Vincent's (or £15 per child per year).

For those who have not yet had the chance, please log on to your ParentPay account to the following items to make your contribution:

- For reception - Diocesan Building Fund for 2021 Intake
- For year 1 - Diocesan Building Fund for 2020 Intake
- For year 2 - Diocesan Building Fund for 2019 Intake
- For year 3 - Diocesan Building Fund for 2018 Intake
- For year 4 - Diocesan Building Fund for 2017 Intake
- For year 5/6 - Diocesan Building Fund 2021-2022
- All years - Diocesan Building Fund Extra Voluntary Contributions 2021-2022

St Vincent's has benefitted from a programme of repair and refurbishment funded by the Diocese over the past few years and all contributions are gratefully received.



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ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Each week we report attendance. Please note we do not authorise holidays in term time.

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Reception Miss Hollins, Y1 Miss Hutton, Y1 Mrs Wormall/Mrs Gerrard all 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Y4 Mrs Bullock 100%
Overall school attendance	96.8%

*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

