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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We have been praying for peace in our world. We will be reaching out to our brothers and sisters through our Lenten appeals.

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.

LENT

It was lovely to welcome Canon Jonathan and Fr Robert into school this week to celebrate Mass on Ash Wednesday. The children have made their Lenten promises and it was wonderful to see a number of children wearing purple accessories on purple Wednesday.

Please find our Lenten Planner attached with all the liturgical events and school activities we will be doing over the next six weeks to prepare during this special time. Donations for the Lenten fundraising may be given using ParentPay.



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A LENTEN REFLECTION

The word Lent comes from an old English word for the season of spring, a time of freshness and new beginnings, a time of new life. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we have new life in him, a new beginning, a fresh start. We know how the story of Lent ends, suffering becomes joy, death ends in the resurrection.

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| Give up complaining | focus on gratitude. |
| Give up pessimism | become an optimist. |
| Give up harsh judgments | think kindly thoughts. |
| Give up worry | trust Divine Providence. |
| Give up discouragement | be full of hope. |
| Give up bitterness | turn to forgiveness. |
| Give up hatred | return good for evil. |
| Give up being negative | be positive. |
| Give up anger | be more patient. |
| Give up pettiness | become mature. |
| Give up gloom | enjoy the beauty that is all around you. |
| Give up jealousy | pray for trust. |
| Give up gossiping | control your tongue. |
| Give up sin | turn to virtue. |
| Give up giving up | hang in there! |

Loving Father, you give us lives that are beautiful. Full of potential and full of joy.

Help us to use this Lent to make the very best of those lives and to strip away those things that are holding us back from you and from being the loving and kind people you made us to be.



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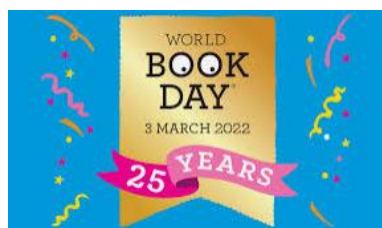
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Give me the courage to reflect, the grace to pray, the love to reach out and the patience to wait for the joy of Easter.

Amen.

WORLD BOOK DAY



Yesterday we welcomed a number of exciting book characters into our school as our children and staff dressed up for World Book Day. World Book Day is celebrating its 25th year and we came together to celebrate and promote a love of reading throughout the school.

Children met with a buddy class to share a story. Y6 read to Y3; Y5 read to Y2; Y4 read to Y1; Y3 read to reception; Y2 read to nursery and we even had a Masked Reader session!



OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS DATES

We will be holding two open mornings on Tuesday 15 March and Wednesday 16 March for prospective parents to have a tour of the school. In order to stagger visitors, they are by appointment only. Please contact the school office to book a place. The tour can also include a visit to the nursery if you wish.

If you have any questions about a nursery place, please contact office@stvincentsnursery.com



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PTA EVENTS

Our tickets are selling fast. If your child would like to attend the disco or film night, please log on to Parentpay.

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| Friday 29 April | Year 2 Disco | 6:30pm - 7:45pm Infant Hall |
| | Y5 & Y6 Film Night | 6:15pm – 8:00pm Junior Hall |
| Friday 6 May | Year 1 Disco | 6:30pm - 7:45pm Infant Hall |
| | Y3 & Y4 Film Night | 6:15pm – 8:00pm Junior Hall |
| Friday 8th July | Reception Disco | 3:45pm – 5:00pm Infant Hall |

We are asking for volunteer parent helpers for the Y1 & Y2 Disco and the Y3 & 4 and Y5 & 6 Film Nights. If your child is attending one of the year group events, we would be grateful for your support as a volunteer alongside staff at the event. Please email PTA admin at stvincentspta@gmail.com if you can help.

2022 PTA CHALLENGE

Thank you to all of the families who took up the 2022 challenge to raise money for our PTA. The grand total raised is over £1304, which is fantastic. We will reporting on some of the projects the PTA are raising money for in the near future.

SPRING 2 DATES LIST

| DAY | DATE | EVENT | LOCATION |
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| Monday | 07 March | Science Week | |
| Monday | 07 March | Reception 'Stay and Play' for Parents – Class ML 9:15-10:15am | Rec Outdoor Area |
| Tuesday | 08 March | Reception 'Stay and Play' for Parents – Class LT 9:15-10:15am | Rec Outdoor Area |
| Wednesday | 09 March | Reception 'Stay and Play' for Parents – Class MH 9:15-10:15am | Rec Outdoor Area |
| Thursday | 10 March | Y3 Parents First Holy Communion Meeting 6:30pm | Junior department hall |



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| Thursday | 10 March | Whole staff INSET | 3.45-.5.45pm |
| Thursday | 10 March | KS2 Class Assembly: Y4 Miss Campbell's Class Y4 Miss Campbell's class parents to attend 9:05am | Junior department hall |
| Friday | 11 March | CAFOD Lenten Fast Day: Lenten fundraising commences | See Lenten planner |
| Tuesday | 15 March | Open Morning | St Vincent's School |
| Wednesday | 16 March | Open Morning | St Vincent's School |
| Thursday | 17 March | KS2 Class Assembly: Y3 Miss Slater's Class Y3 Miss Slater's class parents to attend 9:05am | Junior department hall |
| Thursday | 24 March | Parents' Evening 3:45-7:30pm | Face to face |
| Thursday | 24 March | KS2 Class Assembly: Y3 Mrs McDuff's Class Y3 Mrs McDuff's class parents to attend 9:05am | Junior department hall |
| Tuesday | 29 March | Class Photos | St Vincent's School |
| Wednesday | 30 March | Class Photos | St Vincent's School |
| Thursday | 31 March | Reception Class Assembly: Miss Turnbull's Class Rec Miss Turnbull's class parents to attend 9:05am | Infant department hall |
| Tuesday | 05 April | KS2 Lenten Service: Year 5 to lead. 6.30pm Y3-6 Children and parents | Holy Angels Church |
| Tuesday | 05 April | Y1 Lenten Liturgy 9:15am – Y1 parents only | Infant Hall |
| Wednesday | 06 April | Y1 Lenten Liturgy 9:15am – Y1 parents only | Infant Hall |
| Thursday | 07 April | Infant and Junior Mass in each dept for all children and staff only | Department Halls |
| Friday | 08 April | Parent's Reflection: 10am | St. Vincent's School |
| EASTER HOLIDAY | | | |



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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 | |
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| Highest infant class attendance | Year 2 Mrs Dreniw class 100% |
| Highest junior class attendance | Year 4 Mrs McDuff's class 99.33% |
| Overall school attendance | 96.1% |

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

We work in partnership with parents. Mrs Tiernan (deputy head teacher based in the infant department), and Mrs Farrell (deputy head teacher based in the junior department), and I are very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

