

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I hope that you enjoyed half term with your family. We are looking forward to a busy half term in the run up to Advent. Please note the dates for the autumn term at the end of the newsletter.

PARENTS' EVENING



It was good to see so many parents attending parents' evening. Please see the year group curriculum plans for each year group to help further support children in their learning as well as the subject progression grids.

<http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/curriculum-information/63387>

<http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/curriculum-progression-grids/63389>

TEA ROOM CHATS



We are starting a new group called "Tea Room Chats" and everybody is welcome especially newcomers and international new arrival families. We want our parents to meet others, make new friends and network. This group will meet every half term on a Friday morning in the infant hall at **9am** for tea, coffee and lots of chats. The first Tea Room chat will take place on **Friday 11 November**. The children will help by serving biscuits and we hope to see lots of you there!



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SAFER CHILDREN WORKSHOPS



This week we invited Safer Children in to school to work with each of our Year 5 and Year 6 classes on how they can keep themselves safe. The workshops support our PSHE scheme and focus on staying safe on line, including the use of social media sites and grooming dangers, up skirting, youth produced imagery, educating about safe and unsafe touch, and staying informed on how to protect yourself. All of the activities were interactive and delivered in an age appropriate way. It is important that our older children have an awareness of the dangers they might face on and offline and who they can talk to if they are ever worried. We encourage parents to continue these discussions at home.

E-SAFETY PARENT WORKSHOP

As well as our workshops in school, Safer Children will be holding an E-safety Workshop for parents on **Wednesday 16th November at 6:30 pm in the junior department hall**. The workshop is designed to give parents and carers a greater understanding of the online world so we can all support the children with the risks, and encourage positive online use. Topics to be covered will include supporting us with harmful content online, privacy and security, cyberbullying, gaming, live-streaming, grooming, self-image and identity, popular apps and social media and how to make things safer within the home. It is important that we understand the online world for children and young people so that we recognise and respond to online risks. Parents are encouraged to talk to children about online risks so that they understand why they need to stay safe online. The workshop will allow parents to share experiences, learn from other parents and carers, and most importantly know where to get help.

PARKING

As parking is restricted on Orchard and Osborne Roads, we encourage parents to park and stride to school. Many parents park at Tesco and walk through the Balmoral Road gate to collect children.

Please note that parents must not park on the double yellow lines around the school as they are there to keep our children safe. Thank you in advance for helping to safeguard our school community.

NUT-FREE SCHOOL



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At our school we operate as a nut free zone. Please ensure that children are not provided with products in their lunch bags that contain nuts. We have a number of children in school who would be put at significant risk if they were to come into contact with any nut based items. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

SCHOOL TIMINGS



Thank you for ensuring children in the junior department are arriving at the new morning time.

Department	Doors open	Start time	End time
Infant	8:45am	9am	3:30pm
Junior	8:40am	8:55am	3:25pm

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE - RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2023 APPLICATIONS



Trafford are accepting applications for Reception places until 15 January 2023. 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. **The supplementary form must be submitted along with the baptismal certificate to St Vincent's office before 15 January 2023.**

http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/ADM_Supplementary_Application_Form.pdf. Please contact our admin team if you have any questions about the admission process.



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PARENT AND TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Christmas Fair: Saturday 26 November 12pm - 3pm



The PTA have been busy planning this year's Christmas Fair and lots of parents and school staff have already volunteered to help on the day. There are still volunteers needed to help to run some of the stalls on the day. If you are able to spare an hour or two to help, please can you contact the PTA via your class representative.

In order for the Christmas fair to be the great success that it has been in the past, the PTA will be asking for donations throughout November. This week they are appealing for:

- Unwanted new gifts (both adult and children) e.g. gift sets, toiletry/beauty sets/boxed games etc.
- Clean and in good condition Teddy bears / soft toys
- Clean and in good condition Christmas clothing e.g. Christmas jumpers/pyjamas

Please hand in items to the junior and infant offices. All donations are welcome!

Advent Wreath Making Evening: Thursday 1st December 7pm



All parents, family members and friends of St. Vincent's are welcome to join the PTA at this festive event; either to make a lovely Christmas wreath or just to enjoy a few glasses of mulled wine. Tickets are on sale via ParentPay today.



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AUTUMN 2 DATES LIST

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	10 November	KS1 Class Assembly: 9.15am led by Y1 Mrs Dreniw's class	Infant department hall
Friday	11 November	Remembrance Day	-
Friday	11 November	Tea Room Chats 9am	Infant department hall
Monday	14 November	Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week	-
Monday	14 November	Inter Faith Week	-
Wednesday	16 November	Parent Safety Workshop	Junior department hall
Thursday	17 November	Holy Communion Meeting for Year 3 Parents 6:30pm	Junior department hall
Friday	18 November	Parents 'Stay and Pray': 9am Led by Y6	Junior department hall
Sunday	20 November	Y3 Enrolment Mass 10am	St. Vincent's Church
Sunday	20 November	Y3 Enrolment Mass 10:30am	Holy Angels Church
Monday	21 November	International Children's Day	-
Thursday	24 November	Infant Advent Liturgy: 9:30am Junior Advent Mass: 9:15am	Department halls
Saturday	26 November	Christmas fair 12 - 3pm	Infant and junior department halls
Thursday	01 December	Advent Mass: 9:30am	Infant hall Junior hall
Thursday	01 December	PTA Wreath Making 7pm	Infant hall
Friday	02 December	Y3 Advent Assembly: 9:15am Led by Y3 Mrs McDuff's class	Junior department hall
Monday	05 December	Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal	Infant department hall
Monday	05 December	Y4 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal	Junior department hall
Tuesday	06 December	Reception Nativity Play 1/2: 9:30am	Infant department hall



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Tuesday	06 December	Y4 Christmas Play 1/2: 2pm	Junior department hall
Wednesday	07 December	Reception Nativity Play 2/2: 9:30am	Infant department hall
Wednesday	07 December	Y4 Christmas Play 2/2: 6:30pm	Junior department hall
Thursday	08 December	Christmas Lunch/ Parties/ Father Christmas Visit	Department halls
Thursday	08 December	KS2 Advent Assembly: 9am Led by Y6 Miss Kane's class	Junior department hall
Wednesday	14 December	Advent Service 6:30pm	St Vincent's Church
Thursday	15 December	KS2 Class Assembly: Led by Y5 Mrs Maguire's class	Junior department hall
Thursday	19 December	Christmas Pantomime	
Tuesday	20 December	School Closes	-
CHRISTMAS BREAK			

ATTENDANCE



Please note we do not authorise holidays in term time.

Attendance figures for previous week	
Highest infant class attendance	Y2 Miss Campbell's class 99.65%
Highest junior class attendance	Y5 Mrs Maguire's class 98.35%
Overall school attendance	95.65%

We offer an open door to parents. If you have any questions about school life, please liaise with your class teacher. Mrs Farrell (infant department deputy head), Mrs Sutton (junior department deputy head), and I are also available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

