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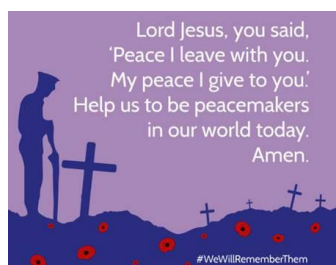


Friday 11 November 2022

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

REMEMBRANCE



As today is Remembrance Day, in school the children and staff paid their respect to those who have sacrificed their lives in war. The pupil prayer leads from both departments read out prayers which was followed by Peter in year 5 playing The Last Post, followed by a two minute silence.

Yesterday, Mrs Dreniw's year 1 class delivered a lovely assembly about Remembrance Sunday which taught us about the bravery of the soldiers during World War 1 through prayer and song.

SACRAMENTAL MEETING



On Thursday 17 November there will be a Sacramental Meeting for all parents whose children are in Year 3. Please note that parents of children in Year 3 and above who have not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation or First Holy Communion are invited to attend the meeting. Canon Jonathan will be present to talk through the Sacramental Programme.

Ann Tipper from the Christian Resource company will be also attending and we will be offering prayer bags and other resources to purchase.



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STAY AND PRAY Y6



On Friday 18 November at 9am we will be holding a Stay and Pray session led by Year 6 children in the junior department hall. The children will lead the prayer and parents in Y6 and across school are welcome to join us. This is a lovely opportunity to see how we lead prayer sessions in school.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2022: REACH OUT 14 – 18 NOVEMBER

This year's theme for anti-bullying week is 'Reach Out'; the purpose of this theme is to teach children to reach out to show each other the support they need. We will be doing this by joining the Anti Bullying Alliance's campaign by wearing odd socks on Monday 14 November to highlight that we are all unique and different. At St Vincent's we encourage the children to celebrate their uniqueness every day.

We will also be celebrating World Kindness Day on Monday 14 November through special assemblies from the charity '52 Lives School of Kindness' and through our new school kindness campaign where we have been noticing our children's kind behaviour and displaying it on our kindness trees. Finally, we will be carrying out work in class so that children understand the definition of 'bullying', the roles people can play and how they can show kindness and reach out to others.



TEA ROOM CHATS



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Thank you for all of the parents and carers who attended our Tea Room Chat this morning. It was wonderful to get our community together and to welcome some of our families who are new to the school. We would also like to thank Chun Mak (Alex) from Trafford Hongkongers for attending as they are available to offer support to our local families who are new to the area. The next Tea Room Chat will be held on Friday 13 January. Please join us or let us know if you could offer any support of this kind for our school community.

PARENT EXPERTS IN COMPUTING/ONLINE SAFETY



Do you work in the technology industry? Does your role involve any online safety aspects? If so, we are inviting parents to come forward to help work with our children and if possible be in school on Safer Internet Day on 7 February 2023.

If you are able to offer some expert knowledge, please contact Mrs Needham via the admin email or let your child's class teacher know you may be able to help. We hope to hear from parents working in their field so that we can work together on this important aspect of safeguarding.

THE SUNSHINE CLUB HOLIDAY PROVISION

Following the success of the half term holiday club, we have planned a very exciting Christmas Extravaganza where the children can enjoy a full day of Christmas magic. It will take place on Wednesday 21st December. The day will be filled with special surprises for the children so that their day is filled with Christmas fun.

Bookings are also open for February half term care running from 13 - 17 February.

E-SAFETY PARENT WORKSHOP-REMINDER



This is a reminder that we will be holding an E-safety Workshop for parents on **Wednesday 16 November at 6:30 pm in the junior department hall**. We will welcome an outside speaker to lead the session.

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. The workshop content will include supporting



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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.

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, and copy of baptismal certificate if applicable, to be submitted. **The supplementary form must be submitted 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.

PARENT AND TEACHER ASSOCIATION



CHRISTMAS FAIR: SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 12PM-3PM



Thank you so much for your donations so far towards the Christmas Fair, they are very much appreciated and will still be accepted over the next few weeks.

This week the PTA are appealing for specific items per year group. These are:



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Reception	Beauty products
Year 1	Sweets/mince pies
Year 2	Sweets/mince pies
Year 3	New/like new toys
Year 4	New/like new toys
Year 5	Chocolates/selection boxes
Year 6	Festive food items for hampers (not including mince pies)

Please hand in items to the junior and infant department office. All donations are welcome.

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.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING EVENING: THURSDAY 1 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 now.



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AUTUMN 2 DATES LIST

Day	Date	Event	Location
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 1	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 hall department
Tuesday	06 December	Y4 Christmas Play 1/2: 2pm	Junior department hall
Wednesday	07 December	Reception Nativity Play 2/2: 9:30am	Infant hall department
Wednesday	07 December	Y4 Christmas Play 2/2: 6:30pm	Junior department hall



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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. Each week we report attendance.

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Y1 Mrs Dreniw's class 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Y6 Mrs Sheldon's class 100%
Overall school attendance	96.76%

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

