

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER


Dear Parents,

ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent

Today's reading
Matthew 3:1-12
Today we heard a story about John the Baptist. John told everybody that Jesus was coming and that they needed to get ready. John warns the people coming to be baptised that they need to change their lives for the better. This will help them to be ready for Jesus.





Today's reflection
If we change our lives for the better and try to do the right things, we can help to make the world a happier place for other people too.

How are you going to change your life for the better this Advent?
What will you do for others so that you are ready when Jesus comes?

Please see the attachment for more information about church Christmas services in Hale.

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR



A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA who organised a magnificent Christmas fair. A lot of time and effort was needed to plan, set up and tidy up the fair and we relied on lots of staff, parent and governor help to make the fair a success. With your help we raised a huge amount and we will let you know the total figure once the Christmas raffle has taken place.

Thank you for being a great St Vincent team. It was wonderful to be able to come together to share some Christmas fun.

Thank you also to the PTA for organising a successful Advent Wreath making evening that took place this week.

The Christmas Raffle will take place on 17 December and more information about the wonderful prizes and how to buy tickets is available on the attachment.



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MINI VINNIE HOME INSTEAD



Our Mini Vinnie children created special Christmas cards to send to those who may be feeling lonely or isolated as part of our link with Home Instead Altrincham. Thanks to all of the children for being a Santa to a Senior. You have made such a difference to many during Advent.

ADVENT GIVING

In our reception areas, you can find boxes where you can donate food for Cornerstone Day Centre and Alty Gives Back. Please donate what you are able to and drop the item off either at the classroom door or through the admin office.

TRAFFORD MAYOR'S VISIT



Our junior leadership team invited Councillor Chris Boyes, Mayor of Trafford to St Vincent's. The Mayor came to our assembly where he talked about his role. The children learned all about how the Mayor chairs meetings and takes part in other civic duties such as Citizenship Ceremonies.

The Mayor of Trafford also invites families to a celebration of Christmas on Saturday 10 December, please see the flyer attached for more information.



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ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY



There will be an additional bank holiday on Monday 8 May 2023 to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

Following the announcement of an additional bank holiday on 8 May 2023, the dates for key stage 2, year 6 (KS2) tests scheduled for that week have been changed. The new schedule will be:

- Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

Please note that it is essential that all children attend school on these dates.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES ESOL COURSES



Do you want to learn or improve your English? There are lots of free friendly support groups in the local area who can provide help in learning English.

Please click on the link to find out more. <https://gmesol.org/esol-in-trafford/>



The Hub English class

The Hub Community Centre, Pownall Road, Altrincham, WA14 2SZ

Tel: 0161 941 2018

Email: englishclass@ourhub.org

Based at The Hub Community Centre, near Sainsbury's in Altrincham, The Hub English class provides a welcoming environment for people wanting to improve and gain confidence in their English skills, while learning more about UK culture. Classes are free, offered as part of The Hub Community Centre's service to the community. Teachers are ESOL trained, delivering unaccredited courses at Elementary and intermediate levels.

[Visit their website to find out more about The Hub English class](#)



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AUTUMN 2 DATES LIST

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

ATTENDANCE



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

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Y2 Miss Campbell's class 99.33%



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Highest junior class attendance	Y4 Miss Jamieson's class 99.33%
Overall school attendance	94.76%

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

