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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

HARVEST FUNDRAISING

At this time of year, we focus on the harvest. The children will be learning to give thanks for the food we have. Children will be learning about how we can help those less fortunate during harvest time, by contributing to our harvest collections.

Then God said, *"I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food."* Genesis 1:29

This year we will be supporting three charities in our harvest appeal, which are as follows:

TRAFFORD SOUTH FOODBANK

Trafford South Foodbank provides emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis.

CORNERSTONE DAY CENTRE

Cornerstone is a day centre dedicated to helping homeless vulnerable adults. Cornerstone Day Centre offers a hot meal in a friendly and supportive environment.

CAFOD

Catholic Aid for Overseas Development (CAFOD) is the official aid agency for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. With your help, we reach out to people living in hard-to-reach places, in war zones and those who face discrimination.

MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER - FOOD DONATIONS

Each year we ask children to bring in food donations. We divide the donations between Cornerstone Day Centre and Trafford South Foodbank.

In order to have a variety of food, we ask each year group to bring in specific items. Please send your child to school with the item so they can pass it to their class teacher.

- Reception Tinned meat/tinned fish
- Year 1 Tinned fruit/rice pudding/custard
- Year 2 Coffee/tea/juice/sugar



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- Year 3 Instant mash/stock cubes
- Year 4 Pasta/tinned tomatoes/tinned spaghetti/ beans
- Year 5 Jam/ sponge puddings
- Year 6 Porridge

We require parent volunteers to transport goods to Cornerstone Day Centre, 104b Denmark Road, Manchester, M15 6JS, and Trafford South Foodbank, Timperley. Please email the school on admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk if you are able to help on Monday 9th or Tuesday 10th October at 9am. All offers of help are very welcome.

THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER - HARVEST MASS AT 9:15AM

Mass will take place in both the infant and junior department halls.

FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER - FAMILY FAST DAY 'OWN CLOTHES DAY' (£1 DONATION)

On Friday 6th October we will be holding our Family Fast Day, where pupils can come to school in non-uniform for a £1 donation, payable on ParentPay. The proceeds of Family Fast Day go to CAFOD, which supports people around the world who have been affected by extreme disasters such as flooding. Donations go towards emergency doctor's appointments, food and medical care for vulnerable mothers and their new born babies and get mobile medical clinics to areas where there are no hospitals. Your love and support is needed now more than ever.

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

On the newsletter last week we shared the curriculum planners for each year group for the Autumn term. The curriculum planners contain information about what your child will learn in each subject this term. If you need to refer to the autumn planner, please visit the year group information tab on our website. <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/>

It was really good to meet parents this week at our curriculum information meetings. Lots of information was shared, therefore, we have uploaded the presentations to the year group pages. The link to the website pages are below:

[Reception Curriculum Evening presentation](#)

[Year 1 Curriculum Evening presentation](#)

[Year 2 Curriculum Evening presentation](#)

[Year 3 Curriculum Evening presentation](#)

[Year 4 Curriculum Evening presentation](#)



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[Year 5 Curriculum Evening presentation](#)

[Year 6 Curriculum Evening presentation](#)

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN IN EACH SUBJECT

If you would like to know how children build their knowledge and skills, please see subject specific progression grids for each subject. These detail how children will build cumulative knowledge from reception to Year 6 in each subject.

[Phonics](#)

[Reading](#)

[Writing](#)

[Mathematics](#)

[Religious Education](#)

[Science](#)

[History](#)

[Geography](#)

[Music](#)

[Art](#)

[Physical Education](#)

[Computing](#)

[French](#)

[PSHE](#)

HOW WILL I KNOW HOW MY CHILD IS DOING?

We let you know how your child is progressing in many ways:



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- Parents' evening will happen twice a year on Thursday 2nd November 2023 and Thursday 21st March 2024 where you will be able to meet with your child's teacher and look through all your child's books in their classroom.
- Stay and share sessions to look at the books in each classroom before school on the following dates:
 - 13th October 2023
 - 8th December 2023
 - 26th January 2024
 - 1st March 2024
 - 17th May 2024
- Parents will receive an interim report at the first parents' evening in November.
- Parents will receive the end of year report in July.
- Reception classes have Tapestry communications
- All classes have Google classroom

As discussed at our curriculum meetings this week, please contact school if you have a question or would like more information via email admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk

TRAFFORD SUNRISE PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS 2023

Please see the attached flyer for mental health and wellbeing workshops being held next month in Trafford.

PTA NEWS

Attached is a poster for the upcoming PTA Quiz Night on Friday 13th October. Tickets are still available to buy on ParentPay.

There will also be a PTA Christmas Fair Planning Meeting on Thursday 5th October at The Griffin in Bowdon at 7:30pm. Please come along to offer your help and support for this big annual event, everyone is welcome.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

If your child is wearing the summer uniform, we ask that now the weather is getting colder that they wear the winter uniform. If you are unsure what this consists of, please see the [uniform tab](#) on our website.



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AUTUMN 1 DATES



DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	02 October	Dyslexia Awareness week	
Tuesday	03 October	Black History Month	-
Tuesday	03 October	CAFOD Family Fast Day/Harvest fundraising commences	-
Thursday	05 October	KS1 Class Assembly 9:15am led by Y2 Mrs Burke's class	Infant hall
Thursday	05 October	Junior Harvest Mass: 9:15am	Junior hall
Friday	06 October	Parents 'Stay and Pray': 9:15am led by Y1	Infant hall
Tuesday	10 October	World Mental Health Day	
Thursday	12 October	KS2 Class Assembly 9:15am led by Y5 Mrs Maguire's class	Junior hall
Friday	13 October	Parents 'Stay and Share' : 8:30am: Y1-6	Y1-6 Classrooms
Friday	13 October	PTA Quiz Night	Infant hall
Wednesday	18 October	Open Morning	Across school
Thursday	19 October	KS1 Class Assembly 9:15 led by Y2 Miss Campbell's class	Infant hall
Friday	20 October	Show Racism The Red Card Day	-
Friday	20 October	School closes for Half Term	-
HALF TERM HOLIDAY			



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PUNCTUALITY

Please note that children are reported as late if they arrive at school after 8:55am juniors and 9am infants. We ask that parents leave home in good time so that children can arrive on time and enjoy a calm start to the day.

ATTENDANCE

Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
Rec-Mrs Dreniw	95.67%	Y2-Mrs Burke	97%	Y4-Mrs Gerrard/Mrs Leather	97%
Rec-Miss Turnbull	97.78%	Y2-Mrs Wormald/Mrs Robinson	98%	Y5-Mrs Luckham	98.33%
Rec-Miss Doherty	99.33%	Y3-Mrs McDuff	100%	Y5-Mrs Maguire	98.62%
Y1-Mr McCann	99.33%	Y3-Miss Hutton	92.33%	Y5-Miss Hobday	96.21%
Y1-Miss Hollins	98.67%	Y3-Mrs Needham/Mrs Jennings	98.67%	Y6-Mrs Sheldon	95.33%
Y1-Miss Reid	92%	Y4-Mrs Bullock	95.33%	Y6-Mrs O'Keefe/Miss Slater	98.67%
Y2-Miss Campbell	96.67%	Y4-Mr Kerigan	96%	Y6-Mrs Black	92.9%
Overall percentage: 96.84%					

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher