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Dear Parents,

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

CAREERS WEEK

School Values: Make a Difference Be Passionate about Learning Be Kind Be Respectful



"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

We would like to express our gratitude to all the wonderful parents and carers this week who have inspired our children by giving talks about their chosen careers. We were amazed and delighted to hear about all the different jobs, skills and opportunities you have. We even made it on to the TV! <https://twitter.com/StVincentsPr>. The children have been relating their learning in school to different skills such as speaking, listening, aiming high, leadership, problem solving, creativity, staying positive and teamwork. The children know to choose a career they have passion for, and we know that whatever they decide to do in the future, they will continue to let their lights shine brightly and fulfil their dreams and the plan that God has for them.

HISTORY ENRICHMENT DAY

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Last Friday, our school celebrated History Day. Each year group was assigned a time period of history to study for the day. Children were able to fully immerse themselves within their time period through a range of cross-curricular English and maths and afternoon activities to celebrate their time period or topic. Children wrote non-chronological reports and diary entries, created posters and artwork and took part in enrichment trips, amongst many other activities, allowing history to come to life. It was wonderful to see all children expanding their knowledge and having a memorable day.

WIDER PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT- YEAR 5 ROBIN WOOD RESIDENTIAL

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This week Year 5 went to Robinwood activity centre. The children went for three days and two nights. They had so much fun and enjoyed a range of activities including raft building, caving, piranha pool and team building activities.

During their time away, the children really bonded with each other and developed character building resilience by trying new and exciting activities. We are delighted to support children's wider personal development in this way and I am sure they will fondly remember the residential for many years to come.

Thank you to all of the staff who took the children along and ensured a good time was had by all.

ONLINE PARENTING COURSES

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Online parenting courses are a great way to get advice and learn new skills in the comfort of your own home and at times to suit you.

The courses below give helpful techniques and ideas. Parents can access the courses on demand so that you can work through them at your own pace. Our range of courses are below. Please follow the link to access the courses: [Online parenting classes | Family Lives](#)



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CURRICULUM UPDATES

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This week we have added an environmental education update to the newsletter. You can also follow the link below for all other curriculum updates: <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/curriculum/63387>



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Eco/Environmental Overview



Be Respectful - We develop respect and tolerance for others by learning about different places and cultures.



Be Passionate about Learning - We challenge ourselves to know and understand the world better.



Be Kind - We learn about our place in creation to be compassionate citizens of the world.



Make a Difference - We learn about our place in the world so that we can responsibly make a difference and look after our planet.



During the Autumn term the Eco Team planted lots of daffodil bulbs in the school garden and covered them with lots of fresh compost. Each raised bed was dug over, weeded and raked over ready to plant lots and lots of plants in the Spring.

The printer ink cartridge collection boxes have been filling up nicely too.

2023-2024 Targets

- To replant and rejuvenate the school allotment (growing a lot of the new plants from seed)
- Collect printer ink cartridges for recycling
- Hold a second-hand uniform sale
- Apply for the Blue Peter Eco Badge
- Apply for the Eco Award for schools
- Create an anti-litter poster using recycled products
- Write to local supermarkets to find out what they are doing to reduce the use of single use plastics
- Continue to collect litter in the school grounds
- Continue to recycle paper using separate bins

Environmental Facts:

Did you know...

- Around 27,000 trees are cut down each day.
- 78% of marine mammals are at risk of choking on plastic
- Recycling a glass bottle causes 20% less air pollution and 50% less water pollution than when a new bottle is made.
- You can help the environment by using less plastic, recycle as much as you can and by planting a tree.



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ATTENDANCE

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Please see below the attendance percentages for the **last week** of term.

Please note the term dates for 2023-24 and 2024-25:

- [2023-2024](#)
- [2024-2025](#)

If your child is absent, we require the specific reason for absence. Please also ensure your child arrives to school on time and is picked up from the classroom door on time.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLDo	98	2AB	98.3	4CG/RF	99.6
RLT	99.3	2OW/CR	97.3	5CL	96.3
RLDr	98.9	3DM	99.6	5LM	94.3
1AM	96.3	3LH	95.8	5DH	97.9
1MH	97.9	3CN/JJ	99.3	6NS	98.6
1CR	100	4ML	98.6	6SK/COK	96
2LC	93.4	4JK	99.6	6DB	97.4
Overall percentage: 97.8%					

DATES FOR SUMMER 1

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	02 May	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am: led by Reception Mrs Dreniw's class	Infant hall
Thursday	02 May	Polling Day	Junior Department Hall



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Saturday	04 May	First Holy Communion: Mrs McDuff's class 10am (9:30am at Westleigh)	St Vincent's Church
Thursday	09 May	Whole School Ascension Mass: 9:05am	Field/playground
Saturday	11 May	Y3 First Holy Communion: Miss Hutton's class 10am (9:30am at Westleigh)	St Vincent's Church
Sunday	12 May	First Holy Communion for children of Holy Angels parish 10:30am	Holy Angels Church
Monday	13 May	KS2 SATS Week	-
Friday	17 May	Parents 'Stay and Share' : 8:30am: Y1-6	Y1-6 Classrooms
Saturday	18 May	Y3 First Holy Communion: Mrs Needham's/Mrs Jennings' class : 10am (9:30am at Westleigh)	St Vincent's Church
Monday	20 May	Infant Sports Day 9:30 – 11:30 am Year 1 and 2 Sports Day 1:30pm – 2:30pm Reception Sports Day	School Field
Tuesday	21 May	Junior Sports Day 9:30 – 11:30 am Year 5 and 6 Sports Day 1:30pm – 3:15 pm Year 3 and 4 Sports Day	School Field
Thursday	23 May	Whole School International Mass 9:05am	Field/playground
Friday	24 May	School closes for half term	-
HALF-TERM HOLIDAY			

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, Mrs Sutton (junior department deputy, and I are also available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop
Headteacher

