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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

YEAR 3 HOLY COMMUNION

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On Saturday, Mrs McDuff's class will make their First Holy Communion. The children are fully prepared and excited to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at St Vincent's church. Please pray for them on their special day.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR 3 CHILDREN

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom
as they grow into full discipleship.

Amen

CURRICULUM

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This half term the children will be learning lots of new knowledge and skills. Please follow the year group page to find out the topics your children will be learning about. If you would like to know more about a subject, please follow the curriculum link to see how the curriculum allows children to know and remember more.

<https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/curriculum/63387>

TRAFFORD LIBRARIES

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We value our local libraries and the children enjoy visiting them as part of our reading enrichments. Our local libraries hold many wonderful events such as, community workshops, author visits and special groups for younger children. Please see the X handle for more information. @TraffLibraries

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

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If you would like to know more about the support we offer children with special needs, please follow the link to our website page. You will find information about how we can help your child and the wider family. Please get in touch with our SENDCos, Mrs Farrell (infant dept.) and Mrs Sutton (junior dept.) via admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk.

<https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/send-and-the-local-offer/8336>

Please follow the link to sign up to receive The Link newsletter for parents of children with SEND.

<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/special-educational-needs-and-disability/secure/SEND-newsletter-registration-form.aspx>



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Please follow the link to find out about the services Trafford offer.

<https://www.trafforddirectory.co.uk/kb5/trafford/fsd/localoffer.page?newlocalofferchannel=0>

ONLINE SAFETY

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Our pupils are growing up in a world of ever-changing technology and we educate them to be safe online. Below are a list of useful websites, advice and resources that you may find helpful when navigating online safety with your child. At the bottom of this page are resources that your child can directly access as well, to help them learn about online safety.

USEFUL RESOURCES AND LINKS

- Thinkuknow <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>
- Internet Matters <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/esafety-leaflets-resources/>
- National Online Safety <https://nationalcollege.com/parents>
- NSPCC <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>
- Child net <http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>
- CEOP <http://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN TO USE

Below are some links that children themselves can access for help when navigating the subject of online safety:

- https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/
- https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/
- <https://www.netsmartkids.org/>
- <https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin/>

CURRICULUM UPDATES

School Values: Be Passionate about Learning

This week we have added the Reading Curriculum 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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Reading Curriculum Overview



Be Respectful - We develop tolerance and respect by reading about different cultures.



Be Passionate about Learning - We read challenging texts developing our stamina and a love of reading.



Be Kind - We read to learn about other people and to learn more about ourselves. We develop compassion this way.



Make a Difference - We read to learn about our place in the wider world, develop morally and spiritually and to grow as people, ready to make a difference to the world around us.

Reading at St Vincent's

The aim of our reading curriculum is to:

Equip children with the skills to become confident, fluent and engaged readers.

Enable children to become familiar with a wide range of texts, genres, authors.

Children learn to read so that they can read to learn and access the wider curriculum and apply these skills to the wider world.

At St Vincent's, we believe that all our children can become fluent readers and writers. This is why we teach early reading through Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised, which is a systematic and synthetic phonics programme. We start teaching phonics in Reception with the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised progression, which ensures children build on their growing knowledge of the alphabetic code, mastering phonics to read and spell as they move through school.

Find out more here: [Reading](#)

Comprehension

At our school, we value reading as a crucial life skill. By the time children leave us, they read confidently for meaning and regularly enjoy reading for pleasure. Our readers are equipped with the tools to tackle unfamiliar vocabulary. We encourage our children to see themselves as readers for both pleasure and purpose. From EYFS to Year 6 the children are taught the following key strategies to use as 'a toolkit' to support their reading and comprehension of a text. These strategies include; activating prior knowledge, self-correcting, clarifying, predicting, vocabulary, retelling, summarising, inferring, text analysis, questioning, interpretive strategies and visualisation.



Reading for Pleasure

"It is impossible to mandate that pupils read for pleasure, but teachers can inspire pupils and engage them in reading widely. This depends, however, on embedding a school culture that values and supports reading for pleasure. (The Reading Framework July 2023)

We value reading for pleasure highly and work hard as a school to grow our Reading for Pleasure pedagogy.

Here are some of the popular events that appear in our RFP calendar.

- National Storytelling Week
- Jolabokafloð - the tradition of giving and sharing of books at Christmas.
- Poetry in the community
- Local Library visits
- Author visits



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ATTENDANCE

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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. We do not authorise holidays in term time.

Please ensure your child comes to school and is collected from class/after school club on time each day.

Please see below the attendance percentages for the **last week** of the Spring Term

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Rec-Mrs Dreniw	98.28%	Y2-Mrs Burke	100%	Y4-Mrs Gerrard /Mrs Leather	96%
Rec-Miss Turnbull	98.62%	Y2-Mrs Wormald/Mrs Robinson	98.67%	Y5-Mrs Luckham	97.67%
Rec-Miss Doherty	94.33%	Y3-Mrs McDuff	95.33%	Y5-Mrs Maguire	98.67%
Y1-Mr McCann	98.67%	Y3-Miss Hutton	100%	Y5-Miss Hobday	97.59%
Y1-Miss Hollins	95.86%	Y3-Mrs Needham/Mrs Jennings	95.16%	Y6-Mrs Sheldon	97.67%
Y1-Miss Reid	99.33%	Y4-Mrs Lawrence	98.67%	Y6-Mrs O'Keefe/Miss Kirk	96.33%
Y2-Miss Campbell	97.24%	Y4-Mr Kerigan	98.67%	Y6-Mrs Black	98.06%
Overall percentage: 97.66%					

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DATES FOR SUMMER 1 HALF TERM

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
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

