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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

YEAR 3 RECONCILIATION

Our Year 3 children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this term. Please pray for our children on their faith journey as part of our school and parish community.

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN ON THEIR FIRST RECONCILIATION

Dear Lord,

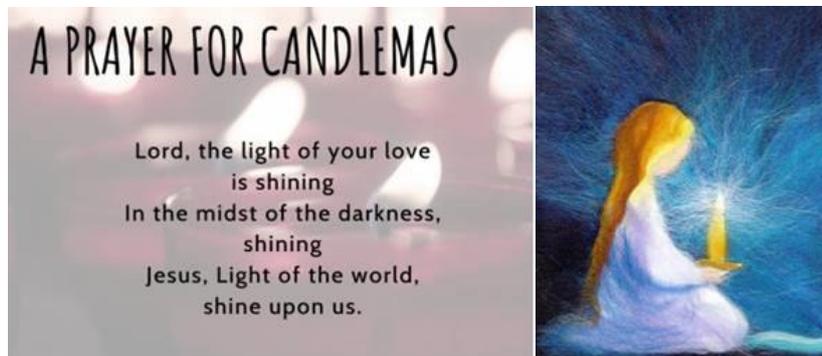
When we go astray, Jesus, our Good Shepherd, always welcomes us back with joy and makes us new again.

On your First Reconciliation may you know God's love and forgiveness that He has for you and for each and every one of us.

Amen

CANDLEMAS

Next week, on Wednesday 2 February, we celebrate Candlemas and we wanted to mark it in a special way. Each child is going to make a simple tea-light holder from clay for a battery operated tea-light and then decorate it when dry. We will be using air-drying clay so this will be perfect and acrylic paints will be used for the finishing touches.



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CHINESE NEW YEAR

Chinese New Year marks the start of a new lunar year and falls in January or February. In 2022 Chinese New Year begins on 1 February, starting a year of the Tiger. We have a special programme of activities during the week. There will be an assembly on Monday 31 January in both departments. On Tuesday 1 February our kitchen will serve a Chinese style lunch option for those on school dinners. Both halls will play traditional Chinese music and decorations will be displayed. There are currently many Chinese families within our school community and this is a great opportunity for us to celebrate with them. We would be grateful if any of our children and families wish to share their knowledge and experiences of Chinese culture by bringing in decorations or artefacts from home or talking about how they celebrated a previous new year with their family.

LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR

Trafford Hongkongers Organisation would like to invite your family to the Trafford Lunar New Year Fair 2022, which will be held from 2 to 4pm on Saturday 5 February at Stretford Public Hall (M32 OLG). Car parking space is available right outside the Hall and at Stretford Mall nearby.

For details, please visit the event page on [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trafford-lunar-new-year-fair-2022-tickets-257115488347>

If you would like to know more about the organisation please see the contacts below:

- Wing-sun Chan & Alex Mak Directors
- Trafford Hongkongers CIC
- A non-profit-making organisation helping British Nationals from Hong Kong in Trafford, Greater Manchester
- Website: www.traffordhongkongers.co.uk
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/TraffordHKers
- Twitter: twitter.com/TraffordHKers
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/channel/UClw9c5O27pYHXniNhSf4Gig

YEARS 3-6 CROSS COUNTRY EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUB

It was wonderful to see so many St. Vincent's children represent the school at the Trafford Cross Country event last month. Future events will take place on **Saturday 12 February and Saturday 5 March at 1:30pm**. All children in key stage 2 are welcome to attend and sign up letters will be distributed by Mrs Maguire next week. The race takes place at Sale Harriers Athletics Club and children should arrive in their school PE kits at **1pm** to register with a member of school staff and warm up.

In order to train for the races, Mr Davies, our sports coach, will be leading lunchtime cross country training sessions for any children who wish to participate.



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DAILY MILE TRACK

We are pleased to announce that our newly installed daily mile track is now ready for use. Each class will get the opportunity to use the track regularly as part of our '5 ways to wellbeing' initiative.

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 200 CLUB

Would you like the chance to win up to £100 each month! Then take a chance and join our new 200 Club!

The 200 Club replaces the original 300 Club which was established to set up extra funds for small repair and maintenance tasks in school. It is open to all parents and staff.

An annual membership share costs £10 per year and the money from the subscriptions is divided into two equal parts. One half goes to the school and the other half is paid out in prizes. We will make eight draws each year from January to August, with a first prize of £100 and a second prize of £25 each time. You have to be in it to win it!

If you would like to join the 200 club, please buy a share on ParentPay, payment item 200 Club 2021/22. Following your ticket purchase, a number will be assigned and emailed to you before the first draw, which will take place in February for both January and February prizes.

Existing 300 Club standing orders and cash purchases will be automatically moved to the new 200 Club draw.

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH 28-30 JANUARY

As one of our 'Eco School' initiatives, we would like to invite you and your child to take part in the RSPB 'Big Garden Birdwatch'. To take part you will need to count the birds for one hour in your garden or local park between 28 and 30 January 2022 and record your results. Please see more details on the following link <https://rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

We would love to hear all about your birdwatch, let us know your findings and share any photographs by uploading to Google Classroom. We can then collate all the information from participants and celebrate our wonderful wildlife.



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KEY DATES

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| Thursday | 03 February | KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am: Y1 Mrs Wormald/Mrs Gerrard's Class | Infant department hall class parents only |
| Thursday | 03 February | Sacrament of Reconciliation: Y3 Mrs Needham/Mrs Jennings's class: 6.30pm | St. Vincent's church |
| Monday | 07 February | Children's Mental Health Week | School activity |
| Tuesday | 08 February | Safer Internet Day | School activity |
| Thursday | 10 February | KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am: Y4 Mrs Bullock's Class | Junior department hall class parents only |
| Friday | 11 February | Parents' Reflection: 10am | Zoom |
| Friday | 11 February | School closes for half term | |

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

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

| Attendance Percentages | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Highest infant class attendance | Y2 Mr Nicholls and Mrs Dreniw both 100% |
| Highest junior class attendance | Y3 Mrs Jennings/Mrs Needham 100% |
| Overall school attendance | 97.53% |

*Please note that disability related absence is not taken into account when calculating best attendance

We work in partnership with parents. Mrs Tiernan (deputy head teacher based in the infant department), and Mrs Farrell (deputy head teacher based in the junior department), and I are very vappy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

