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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

YEAR 2 AND YEAR 6 PERFORMANCES



Well done to Year 2 who performed Aladdin and to Year 6 who performed Oliver this week. All of the performances were excellent! The children performed so confidently and they all sang very well. It was so good to be able to hold our summer performances again and come together to watch the children. Thank you to all of our children and staff for fantastic shows and also for our parental support.

REPORTS

The end of year school reports have been issued today and the children will be coming home with them in their bags. The reports show curriculum coverage, attainment and effort. There is a parental reply slip enclosed. Please do take the time to complete this. Your views are very important to us.

MUSIC CONCERT



Today our children who learn instruments performed their pieces of music. We have been very impressed by how much effort the children have put into practising each day.

SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGES



In order to continue our learning, your child will be sent a maths and reading challenge for over the summer. Years 1 to 4 will be given an exciting TT Rockstars challenge to complete, and Year 5 will have a reasoning booklet. All year groups will be asked to take part in the Trafford Libraries Gadgeteers reading challenge – please see the



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attached flyer. We ask that you encourage your child to spend a little time over the holidays developing their skills - please ask them to bring in their work to show their new teacher in September.

Please can we also remind children to return all reading books to school before the end of term. Please have a look in your book cases at home and return any school books to us so we can audit our reading provision.

GREEN FLAG AWARD



We are very pleased to announce that our school has been awarded the Eco-Schools England Green Flag with Merit. The Eco-Schools Green Flag is an internationally recognised award for excellence in environmental action and learning.

Over the last year, Miss Jamieson and the Eco Team have been working hard to develop how our school helps support the environment. The team started by evaluating how our school is currently performing by completing an Environmental Review. The children then chose specific areas which they wanted to develop throughout the year and created a whole school action plan. Throughout the year they have been organising and running projects to meet these goals. The areas of focus have included introducing more plants to our school site, cutting down on as much waste as possible and creating a sensory garden. The children have also worked with local charities and companies to develop awareness of environmental issues. We are very proud of the Eco Team who have raised the profile of ECO issues and actions.

ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL BOOK



Parents should now have received a complimentary copy of the St Vincent School book. It has been good to hear of family members being spotted in the book over the years. One book per family has been issued, and additional copies are available to order through ParentPay priced £7. Please note that stocks are limited and orders must be placed by Wednesday 20 July.

Once again, I would like to thank Mr King for all of his work in gathering all of the information and for producing this book.



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SUMMER SAFETY

SUN SAFETY

Next week the weather is forecast to be very hot. It is essential children bring a filled water bottle to school. Should we go outside, please ensure your child has a sun hat and that you have applied sun lotion.

As the weather gets hotter in the UK, we naturally want to be outside. Cbeebies have produced a programme about keeping safe in the sun for younger children that you may want to watch with a younger child. Tips for Staying Safe in the Sun can be found on this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/sun-safety-for-kids>

ONLINE SAFETY



In readiness for the summer break we will be reminding the children about online safety for when they have more time to spare. With the summer break fast approaching, children will have more free time to spend with friends, family and online. For some, this will be spent using the internet to keep in touch with friends, catch up with the latest apps and online trends, and playing their favourite games. In this newsletter we will provide some useful tips and websites to help keep your child safe online.

SIT DOWN TOGETHER

For parents, the summer break is a good opportunity to sit with your child and oversee and learn about their online activity. Together you can visit their favourite sites and play their favourite games, this is a good way to stay up to date with their online lives and show them that you are interested in what they are doing. It is also a good time to have positive conversations about the internet, so if something ever does upset your child online they will feel more confident in telling you. [Our conversation starters](#) are a useful tool to help encourage an open dialogue with your child.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND STAYING IN TOUCH

During the summer, children may want to keep in touch with their friends through social networking sites or games. This is a good time to ask them about what sites they use. Remember to check any age requirements, as many social media sites require users to be at least 13 years old.



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Encourage your child to use the privacy tools on the services they use, so that the content they post is only available to people they know and trust in real life. To help your child set these up, we have [a guide to privacy settings on different social media sites](#)

You can also download the UK Safer Internet Centre's [safety checklists for popular sites](#).

TALKING ABOUT THEIR TIME ONLINE

The summer is a good opportunity to talk to your children about their online friendships, the sites they use and encourage best practices online. Available help includes:

[Watch Red and Murphy talk to Freddie and Alisha](#) about asking before they watch videos online

[Read Digiduck's Big Decision](#) and help educate children aged 3 - 7 about how to be a good friend online

[Take the 'Be the change' quiz](#) and help 8 – 13 year olds to explore how children and young people share images and videos online

[Have an adventure with Kara, Winston and the SMART Crew](#) and help them to make SMART online decisions

MAKE A FAMILY AGREEMENT

[A family agreement](#) is a great way to start a conversation with your whole family about how you all use the internet and discuss together how to behave in a positive way when online at home, at school or at a friend's house.

The agreement involves generating promises; these are positive statements about how your family want to look after each other online and how you should treat others online. The summer can be one of the best times to sit down as a family and agree these promises together.

SELF-CARE SUMMER



Just as we look after our physical health, it is important to look after our mental health. Self-care is all about what you can do to help yourself feel better or to keep yourself feeling good.

There are many different ways you can try self-care: dancing, spending time with friends, playing sports, laughing, drawing, spending time with pets - anything that makes you feel good! Please follow the link from Mentally Healthy Schools for ideas for self-care activities during the summer break.



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<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2080/final-selfcaresummer-primary.pdf>

WATER SAFETY



With limited swimming over the last year, it is important to remind children how to stay safe in or alongside water. Some of these resources might be helpful for use at home.

Canal and River Trust - Summer water safety

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/safety-on-our-waterways/summer-water-safety>

Water Safety at the beach

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/water-safety-at-the-beach>

RNLI – Activity sheets and posters

<https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources/activity-sheets-and-posters>

Colin the Coastguard

<https://colinthe coastguard.com/>

RARING TO GO ONLINE MAGAZINE

The Summer issue includes information to help families make the most of the summer break including details of days out, summer holiday clubs, family activities, back to school information and more. Please find all of the activities by following this link: <https://bit.ly/R2GAltrinchamSaleSummer22>

DATES

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Wednesday	20 July	Y6 Leavers' Mass 6:30pm	St Vincent's Church
Thursday	21 July	Whole School End of Year Mass 9:30am	Outside weather permitting
Monday	25 July	LAST DAY IN SCHOOL. SCHOOL CLOSES 3:30PM	



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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	Year 2 Mr King's class 99%
Highest junior class attendance	Year 4 Miss Campbell's class 98.95%
Overall school attendance	95.65%

We work in partnership with parents. Mrs Farrell, Mrs Sutton and I are very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

