

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

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Dear Parents,

This week you will have received the September information pack. Please can you read the information carefully as it contains important new year reminders. Please can all signed data sheets and completed medical forms be returned to class teachers by Monday 19 September.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR MASS

We will celebrate our first whole school Mass on Wednesday 21 September at 9:30am on the junior playground. As always parents are invited to come along, please bring along your own chair wherever possible as the school has limited seating. If the weather is poor the juniors will celebrate Mass in the hall and the infants will have a liturgy in the hall.

ST. VINCENT'S FEAST DAY TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

We would like to mark the feast day of St. Vincent by thinking of others as he did and this year we would like to support the work of Trafford South Foodbank, helping people in the local community. The Foodbank opened in 2013 and last year 2,671 three-day emergency supplies were given to people in crisis. 1 in 5 people live below the poverty line in the UK and rely on the support of charities such as these to help them through difficult times.

The Foodbank are in urgent need of:

- Toiletries – shampoo, shower gel, bath soak, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene items, toilet roll
- Baby items – Nappies, wipes

If you are able to donate items, please bring them on Tuesday 27 September in a bag/container to your child's teacher. The items will be taken to Timperley Methodist Church on Wednesday 28 September, if you are able to help with transportation please contact the office, we would be extremely grateful.

EXTRA- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We are pleased to be able to offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. The activities are available to book from 12:30pm on Wednesday 14 September until 3:00pm on Monday 19 September.

Please note the following important points: -

- All before school, lunchtime and after school activities start week commencing Monday 19 September to week ending Friday 21 October 2016.
- The activities have limited places available and may be booked online to ensure a fair and equal opportunity to all pupils: -
 - FREE ACTIVITIES: via the 'Parent Login' area on the School website
 - PAID ACTIVITIES: via ParentPay

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

We are delighted to report that following our submission, we have been awarded the GOLD mark award for physical education. This award acknowledges the value we place on delivering a broad and balanced curriculum for the children. Here are some of the elements we had to achieve to gain the award:

- a system in place to track young people's participation in the school games
- opportunities that attract less active young people to participate in physical activity
- a year-round competition programme
- a calendar of competition that demonstrates opportunities for young people with SEND to take part in competitions

Well done to all of the children who have taken part in these activities and for the staff who give up their time to organise sporting events.

PTA

The PTA is a very important part of the school. The PTA works together to plan events to raise money for much needed resources. As a parent at St. Vincent's you are automatically a member of this body. The first PTA meeting of the year is on Tuesday 20 September at 7:30pm in the infant hall. This meeting is a joint planning meeting and AGM. You will all have received a very special invitation from your child to come along to this meeting with all of the details on. We can also offer very nice biscuits...

We hope to see all of the regular parents who help but also we hope to see new parents come along. Please do try to come along and raise lots of money so that we can enrich their time at St. Vincent's.

DATES LIST

Please note the following amendments to the term dates list:

- PTA AGM is on Tuesday 20 September at 7:30pm in the infant hall
- Individual photographs will take place on Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 October
- School closes for Christmas Holidays on Wednesday 21 December

We aim to be a listening school and offer an open door to parents. Mr Blain, deputy head teacher is based in the junior department and Mrs Tiernan, deputy head teacher is based in the infant department and both will be very happy to answer any initial questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,



A. Harrop (Mrs)

Headteacher

