

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

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Dear Parents,

## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

### CURRICULUM EVENINGS

Thank you to everyone who came along to the phonics meetings and curriculum meetings this week. The presentations can be found using the following link <http://stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/curriculum-evening/8633> and <http://stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/phonics-presentation-2015/17610>

### DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK

The week commencing 3 October is Dyslexia Awareness Week. This year we are working towards achieving the Dyslexia Friendly Award status for our school. Throughout the week children will be taking part in lots of activities that are particularly beneficial for children with dyslexia or who may have dyslexic traits. All activities planned will be beneficial for dyslexic pupils but they are also beneficial for all children. This is one of the reasons we feel this award would be a great achievement for our school. As part of the week, lots of schools up and down the country take part in a 'No pen Wednesday'. This idea supports schools and settings with placing focus on the importance of speaking and listening, and practical activities. Within English lessons children will be taking part in oral storytelling and drama based activities. In maths, children will have the opportunity to make maths as practical as possible with some children taking part in creating human bar charts and various other engaging practical ideas. We think the children will thoroughly enjoy this special week in school.

### ST. VINCENT'S FEAST DAY

We decided to mark the feast of St. Vincent de Paul by giving to those less fortunate. Thank you so much for the generous donations of toiletries and nappies. All of the donations were dropped off at Trafford South Foodbank. They were so grateful for our donations. Please follow this link to learn more about where your donations have gone to and the difference it has made to our local community: <https://traffordsouth.foodbank.org.uk/about/>

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan coffee morning by donating cakes and joining us in the junior hall. We will let you know how much was collected. All proceeds will go directly to this much needed charity.

### DIOCESAN BUILDING FUND

Thank you for the building fund voluntary contributions. There is still time to pay into this important fund. You can pay in the following ways:

- Direct to the School via ParentPay
- Direct to the Diocese via PayPal, go to [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/schools-building-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/schools-building-fund)
- Direct to the Diocese via direct debit, go to [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/schools-building-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/schools-building-fund) to download the Direct Debit form

## SCHOOL AND NURSERY OPEN MORNING

The school and nursery will be having an open morning for prospective parents and children on Tuesday 18 October between 9:30 and 11:30am.

If you have a child who is ready to begin Reception in September 2017 and you have not received a letter from the school by the middle of next week, please contact the infant office. Please note that the deadline for Reception class applications is 15 January 2017.

## PTA QUIZ NIGHT

The ever popular quiz night is taking place in the infant hall from 8pm on Friday 14 October 2016. This is always a fun event and a great opportunity for people to catch up or to get to know new people. You should have received an email with details of how to obtain tickets but if not and you would like to attend, please contact [stvincentspta@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentspta@gmail.com).

## PTA ORGANISED PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be visiting school on Monday and Tuesday next week. Bookings have now been confirmed for those families who requested a photograph outside of school hours. For those families whose siblings are all within the school the photos can be taken during the school day. The oldest child in the family will be asked to collect their siblings and then will be escorted to the photographer.

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance Percentages	
Best infant class attendance	Miss Butler and Mrs Crook 100%
Best junior class attendance	Mrs Kaczmarczyk 99.65%
Overall school attendance	98.3%

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

