

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

BRIGHTEN UP THIS HARVEST

It was wonderful to see children dressed in bright clothes and accessories today. With your kind donations we will be supporting communities in Bolivia to allow them to grow enough food for themselves, by providing seeds, training in farming methods and by teaching people how to build greenhouses. Children also spent time learning about the work of CAFOD at school.

During harvest time, we also support the work of Cornerstone, a day centre in Manchester providing services to adults facing a wide range of social issues including homelessness, poverty, social isolation, poor mental health and substance addiction.

From **Monday 17 October until Wednesday 19 October we will be collecting donations of food items** – the centre is always very grateful for most tinned foods or dry goods, in particular **tea, coffee and corned beef**. You can drop your donations off at the classroom or either department office during these times. If you can help with the transportation of goods, please let us know.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. We are always overwhelmed by the support of our families. We look forward to welcoming parents to the Junior Harvest Mass in the junior hall on Wednesday 19 October at 9:05am and the parents of Mr. Nicholls' class to the Harvest Liturgy on the same morning in the infant hall.

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK

We held many practical activities this week in support of dyslexia awareness this week. It was a little difficult not to use a pen on 'no pen Wednesday' and we just about got through the day without them! We are looking forward to developing our practice more in this area.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We raised a staggering £384.90 at the Macmillan coffee morning. Thank you again for your support.

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.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance Percentages	
Best infant class attendance	Mr Nicholls 100%
Best junior class attendance	Mr Kerigan and Miss Hobday 100%
Overall school attendance	98.1%

Please note that disability related absences are not taken into account when calculating best attendance.

JUNIOR CAR PARK

Please note that the junior playground is used as a car park after school for permit holders only. Cars must drive at 5mph speed and children MUST WALK in this area and be accompanied by their parent/carer at all times. Please do not allow your child to run ahead to the car. Please help us to keep our school community safe when using this valuable resource. Thank you in advance for your support in this important matter.

QUIZ NIGHT

The last few tickets for next Friday's PTA Quiz Night are still on sale. If you'd like a ticket please contact stvincentspta@gmail.com. For those who have already submitted requests your tickets will be sent home early next week.

PTA ORGANISED PHOTOGRAPHS

Thank you to everyone who helped out when the children's photographs were taken earlier this week. Particular thanks to Sarah Gough who co-ordinated arrangements and ensured everything ran smoothly. Hopefully everyone will be delighted when their photographs.

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

