

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

QUIZ NIGHT TONIGHT

There are a few tickets left for this evening's Quiz Night so if you and a group of friends feel like testing your grey matter please come along to the **junior hall** at 8pm this evening where tickets will be on sale for £5 per person. **Please note the change of venue from the infant to the junior hall.** This is always a great evening and is lots of fun. Let's see if the teachers can remain the reigning champions!

OPEN MORNING

We will be holding our open morning on Tuesday 18 October between 9:30am and 11:30am. This is for prospective parents only. Please do come along and take a look at the school and nursery in action. We are looking forward to welcoming our visitors to celebrate the wonderful work taking place. No appointment needed.

COLLECTION DATE FOR CORNERSTONE HARVEST DONATIONS

As previously communicated, we will welcome any donations of food items for Cornerstone Homeless Charity in Manchester from Monday 17 October to Wednesday 19 October. The centre is always grateful for most tinned foods or dry goods, in particular tea, coffee and corned beef. If you can help with the transportation of goods on the morning of Thursday 20 October, we would be most grateful. Please let the school office know if you are able to offer your support.

HARVEST MASS

Harvest Mass will be held in the junior hall at 9:05am on Wednesday 19 October. On the same day Mr Nicholls' class in year 2 will lead a harvest liturgy lead by Deacon John Penny in the infant hall. Parents and families from Mr Nicholls' class are welcome to attend.

MISSION TOGETHER - CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

This week we held an assembly on Mission Together. As the Pope's official children's charity for overseas mission, Mission Together supports the physical, spiritual, and emotional wellbeing of children around the world.

Through fund-raising, Mission Together encourages children worldwide to understand the true meaning of mission and so become missionaries themselves. Their unique motto is 'children helping children'.

Mission Together carries out educational, medical and welfare projects worldwide. Being universal in character, their projects tend to the needs of all, regardless of background or beliefs; exemplifying the all-embracing nature of the Catholic Church.

We would be grateful if all Mission Together money boxes could be returned to school before the end of term next Friday. We will be presenting a cheque to Mary Dearden of Mission Together after the half-term break on Wednesday 2 November.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

We are delighted to have raised £504.41 for CAFOD by having a non-uniform Family Fast Day last Friday.

INFANT AND JUNIOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – NOW LIVE

Extra-Curricular activities for the next half-term are available to book from 3pm today until 3pm on Friday 21 October. Please sign your children up in accordance with the instructions which can be found on the website in the following link <http://stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/junior-extra-curricular-activities/22752>

300 CLUB

Would you like the chance to win £100 each month or £200 twice a year? The 300 Club was established to set up extra funds for small repair and maintenance tasks. 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 make ten draws each year, two with a first prize of £200 and a second prize of £50, the other eight draws have a first prize of £100 and a second prize of £25.

We haven't yet met our target of 300 members. You can join the 300 Club easily via www.parentpay.com (preferred), by cash/cheque or standing order. The first draw will take place on Saturday 26 November at the Christmas Fair with a first prize of £200 and a second prize of £50. You've got to be in it to win it!

PTA EVENTS

Christmas Fair and Festive Markets – dates for your diaries:

- Saturday 26 November - The hugely popular Christmas Fair is taking place at school with a special visit from Father Christmas from 11am - 2pm. If you are able to offer any of your time before, during or after the fair, please let the PTA know at stvincentspta@gmail.com
- Friday 2 December - Festive Markets from 7:30pm in the junior hall. A night to buy your last minute Christmas presents and catch up with friends. Please contact the PTA at the email address above if you are interested in a stall at the markets.

RECEPTION MILK FOR NEXT HALF-TERM

Children in Reception who do not reach the age of 5 before Wednesday 21 December continue to be eligible for additional school milk as part of the Department of Health Nursery Milk Scheme. If your child is still eligible and you would like to order additional school milk for the next half-term, please confirm this via the school website before 4pm on Thursday 20 October 2016 by following these steps:

- Log on to www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk
- Click 'PARENT LOGIN' (top left corner) and enter the username and password that was sent to you by School Spider on Tuesday 27 September (may be in your junk folder)
- Click 'Surveys & Forms', then the 'Reception Milk Scheme' form and confirm your wish for your child to have milk in the next half-term as s/he will not be 5 years of age before 21 December 2016.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance Percentages	
Best infant class attendance	Mrs McDuff and Mrs Jennings 100%
Best junior class attendance	Mr McCann 100%
Overall school attendance	97.9%

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

PUPIL LEADERSHIP

We aim to offer lots of opportunities for pupils to develop their leadership skills. Did you know that we have many groups in school where they can develop leadership skills? Here is a sample of the groups we have: junior leadership team, school council, Mini Vinnies, prefects, buddy system and class captains. The groups develop ideas, carry out tasks and organise competitions throughout the year. We can't wait to hear their ideas...

SAFETY ON THE SCHOOL SITE

- **JUNIOR CAR PARK;** Thank you for ensuring the children are supervised at all times on the junior car park. As previously mentioned, the junior car park is for permit holders only. Spot checks will be carried out on this car park so please display your permit and have them ready to present so that the permit checks can run smoothly.
- **SCOOTERS;** Please ensure that children step off their scooters when they enter the school gates for health and safety reasons.

EVENTS AT HOLY ANGELS

Please see the attachment about events coming up at Holy Angels Church in October 'The Month for Children'.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

The school will be celebrating United Nations Day on Friday 21 October. There is a separate attachment containing details of how we are going to celebrate this important event next week, please take time to read it.

TERM DATES

We break up for half term on Friday 21 October and the pupils return to school on Tuesday 1 November.

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

