

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

OPEN MORNING

We held a very successful open morning this week. It was nice to meet prospective children and families wanting to join St Vincent's Nursery and Primary School. The feedback from our visitors was very positive. Here are some of the parent comments made:

"The children are so polite and well mannered"

"A really welcoming school; it feels like one big family"

"The standard of work is very high"

"St Vincent's is definitely our first choice school"

"He wants to start now!"

Some of our year 6 children especially liked giving the guided tours to our visitors and did a wonderful job. If your friends and family missed the open morning we will be holding another one later on in the year and details will follow.

Parents of children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 are able to apply online for admission to primary education for September 2017. The link to Trafford admissions is as follows: <http://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/admissions.aspx>

If you do not want to apply online, paper application forms will be available from school after the half term holidays. The closing date for primary applications is 15 January 2017.

Please remember also to hand in the blue supplementary application form to the infant office.

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' evening will take place on **Wednesday 9 November 3:45 - 7pm**. Last year we successfully introduced on-line parent meeting bookings. Please see below for instructions:

- Enter the school website and click on 'PARENT LOGIN'
- Enter your username and password. (*Reception parents received this by email from School Spider on 27 September – please check your junk folder if it is not in your inbox*)
- Click on the Parents' Evenings tab and select the time slot you require
- Note that if you have a more than one child at the school you can select a different child by clicking in the top right hand corner

The slots are available now to book.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

There will be a meeting for parents of children in year 3 about the sacramental programme on Tuesday 15 November at 7pm in the junior hall. This is a very important meeting and we hope all parents can attend. Father John and Father Martin will outline the programme and give important information about the programme.

ROBINWOOD

The year 5 parent meeting for the residential trip to Dobroyd Castle in March 2017 took place this week. An information booklet about the trip and a letter about how to pay have been sent to parents and the payment items are now available on ParentPay.

CORNERSTONE HARVEST DONATIONS

Thank you for all of your harvest donations. We took our donations to Cornerstone Day Centre, which provides support to vulnerable and disadvantaged adults, in Manchester yesterday. They were overwhelmed with our generosity. Thank you for supporting this important resource in our community. If you want to find out more about this centre, please follow this link: <http://www.cornerstonecds.org.uk/about>

YEAR 3 AND 4 CHOIR OPPORTUNITY AND CHANGE OF YEAR 4 PERFORMANCE DATE

Any children who came to the year 3 and 4 choir this half term do not need to sign up again, it will continue for the rest of the year after school on a Thursday. Please contact the school office or Mrs Mackenzie if you **do not wish your child to attend** choir anymore. The year 3 and 4 choir have been given an important letter today regarding the opportunity to sing at a charity Christmas Concert at Manchester Cathedral on Wednesday 14 December. If your child is in the choir please ask them for this letter. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to perform and one that we wouldn't want the children to miss out on. For this reason the **year 4 evening performance** of their Christmas production has been changed from Wednesday 14 December to **Thursday 15 December**.

UNITED NATIONS

On Monday 24 October it is United Nations Day and to celebrate this we devoted a day to learning about the United Nations.

Each year chose a country to learn about, we made flag bunting representing chosen countries and they were displayed across school. The whole school came together, formed concentric circles outside and sang He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. It was a spectacular show of our unity and support for peace and the United Nations.

MASS

Thank you to the parents who attended the junior Harvest Mass and Y2 Harvest Liturgy on Wednesday.

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

The junior children will be celebrating Mass on Tuesday 1 November in the junior hall at 9.05am and the infants will take part in a Liturgy on the same day. Parents are very welcome to attend, however there is limited space in the halls.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance Percentages	
Best infant class attendance	Mrs Crook 98%
Best junior class attendance	Miss Slater 99.65%
Overall school attendance	96.75%

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

PARENT AND TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Thank you to all those who attended the PTA Quiz Night as well as everyone who helped out to ensure the evening was a success. As usual the evening was full of fun and laughter. Once again the teachers were crowned quiz champions!

Plans for the Christmas Fair are well underway. It is taking place on Saturday 26 November from 11am - 2pm. It promises to be another fun filled day. If you can help in any way either on the day or with the preparations for the big day please contact stvincentspta@gmail.com.

TERM DATES

We break up for half term today and the children 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

