

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

REMEMBRANCE

We held assemblies about remembrance this week. Miss Hobday's class in year 5 also led a moving remembrance assembly for year 5 and 6 children and parents.

At 11am today we held two minutes silence to remember the fallen. The junior department also listened to three of our children play The Last Post on their trumpets. Listening to the children play made this time extra special.

We wondered if anyone knows an ex St. Vincent pupil or other family member who is currently in the armed forces. We would love to make links with them in order to learn about their roles. If you know of anyone, and they are happy to come into school to talk to the children, please can you let the office know.

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you all for attending Parents' evening. Thank you also for the lovely comments about some of the changes being made to our learning environment and school resources. Our exercise books, new tables and chairs in year 5 and 6, our new lunchtime tables and new hall doors have made a big difference to us all.

Thank you for purchasing books from the Book Fair. The school will receive a small percentage of the total spent and this additional fund will be used for purchasing new books.

Thank you to the parents who have returned the questionnaire given on Parents' evening. Please can any outstanding forms be returned by Monday.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME REMINDER

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 out give important information.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

| Attendance Percentages | |
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| Best infant class attendance | Miss Butler and Mrs Jennings 100% |
| Best junior class attendance | Mr Sands 100% |
| Overall school attendance | 98% |

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

PTA NEWS:

CHRISTMAS FAIR - SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Next week we would be grateful for any donations as per the table below and please continue to bring any used toys or wrapping room gifts.

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| Reception and Nursery | Beauty products or makeup for the Beauty tombola |
| Year 1 and 2 | Sweets – anything big or small for the sweet tombola |
| Year 3 and 4 | New or unused toys for the Toy Tombola, any unwanted presents would be ideal. |
| Year 5 | 'Girls world' - jewellery, bags, mirrors, beauty sets for girls. Any items in a saleable condition would be perfect. |
| Year 6 | Products for hampers e.g. Biscuits chutneys, olives or tinned goods. Alternatively items for the Christmas stall e.g. wrapping paper, tags, bows and cards. |

Slots to see Father Christmas at the Christmas Fair are filling up quickly. If you'd like your child to see Father Christmas please return your slip to school ASAP as we don't want anyone to be disappointed.

Please return any sold raffle tickets to the school office, spare ones are available at the office and from the PTA. Don't forget the class with the most raffle tickets sold will receive a special treat!

FESTIVE MARKETS - FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER

The PTA has great pleasure in inviting you to attend the annual festive markets night on Friday 2 December in the junior hall from 7:30pm.

It will be a great opportunity to buy some fabulous gifts for Christmas, or just some lovely treats for yourself. There will be festive drinks and light bites available, and a chance to sit down and do a bit of socialising too (if you can drag yourselves away from the stalls), so why not make a night of it and organise a class night out?! Please order your tickets using the form attached for £4 each. Tickets will be available on the door for £5 each.

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

