

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents,

## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

### FRIENDSHIP WEEK

This week we held a very special friendship week in support of national anti-bullying week. Mrs Jennings' class led a special class assembly on this theme and infants and juniors also held assemblies based on being a good friend. The children have reflected on what it means to be a good friend and remembered that to have a friend you've got to be a friend.

Mrs Gee also helped children make special friendship bands at lunchtime.

We of course don't just think about friendship during this week. We often talk about friendship in collective worship, through our prayers, in class and in assemblies.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Thank you to everyone who attended the Y3 sacramental meeting this week. It was wonderful to see such great attendance at the meeting.

### CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

Following our questionnaire, a good number of parents said they'd like to help the school in any way they can. Giving your time to the PTA would be a great way of helping the school community. We really need your help to make this day a success. We need helpers to prepare for the day, run stalls and help to clear up after the fair. This is our biggest fundraising event of the year and we'd like to raise as much as possible for the children.

Anybody with a spare hour on the day of the fair would be most welcome to help. Please email the PTA on [stvincentspta@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentspta@gmail.com) if you can help.

Thank you for the donations that everyone has made to the Christmas Fair so far, **please keep them coming**. Next week please can parents donate items for the homemade stall (jams, chutneys, cakes, biscuits, etc.). If you will be bringing baked items on the day please let us know.

We want to ensure the international food hall caters to a wide range of tastes. There will be some amazing taste sensations on offer but there is a lack of Asian foods. If anyone is able to provide an Asian dish please can you contact the PTA website (details above).

**Friday 25 November will be 'Own Clothes Day'** and that morning the children are asked to bring the following items to school:

- Nursery and Reception - Any item containing chocolate for the chocolate tombola
- Year 1 and 2 & all Juniors - Any bottle for the bottle tombola, from lemonade to whisky

## GRAND PRIZE DRAW

Don't forget to return your sold tickets for the prize draw as early as possible. Extra tickets are available from the school offices. The Grand Prize Raffle draw will take place on the day of the Fair at approximately 1:30pm and there are lots of amazing prizes on offer. For the second year running there will be a special surprise for the class who sell the most tickets. Nursery, Reception and the Year Three classes have all made a good start but could easily be caught up. A daily update will be posted on the PTA's facebook page of the leading class.

## FESTIVE MARKETS – FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER

Tickets are now available for this evening of shopping and socialising. Please fill in the ticket form and return it with your money to school. Thank you.

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance Percentages	
Best infant class attendance	Miss Butler 98.7%
Best junior class attendance	Mrs Kaczmarczyk 98.7%
Overall school attendance	97%

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

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