

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### **FESTIVE MARKETS – TONIGHT!**

7:30pm in the junior hall. There will be lots of stalls selling a range of lovely items, there will be beauty demonstrations, a licensed bar and festive nibbles on offer. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the evening for £5 (which includes a glass of fizz). This really is a fun, relaxing evening so please support the event and bring your friends along too.

### **PTA NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair either by coming along on the day, helping with the preparations, by making a donation or by buying a raffle ticket. As always the Christmas Fair was a really enjoyable day and was a great success raising a whopping £7,000!

### **SCHOOL VISION**

Governors recently held a highly successful visioning event entitled, 'Leading St Vincent's Into the Future'. The session involved representatives from our stakeholder groups in school. The group came together to celebrate all that is good about St Vincent's. The group also created a long term vision for how the school will develop in the future. All of the comments and suggestions were analysed and five key strategic objectives were formed. These have created the basis for our long term vision.

Our intention in developing the long term vision is to set out and communicate our ethos and long term direction for the school, so that we are all clear on what we want to achieve. We are proud of our values and achievements, and we look forward to further developing our school. Please follow the link to see our long term strategic objectives, <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/school-vision/30399>

### **STEM SUBJECTS (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHS)**

This week we welcomed Dr Tomczyk, a STEM Ambassador and Principle Analytical Scientist, to our school to run a STEM workshop with Year 2 and Year 5. During his visit, children took part in a range of science activities. We would like to thank all the parent volunteers who came into school to share their knowledge with the children and also for your generous donations of newspaper and sellotape. We would especially like to thank Holt Business Solutions for donating a large quantity of sellotape to each department to make the tower building challenge a success!

### **ADVENT MASS**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the infant Advent Mass. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and friends of the school come along to it. The junior Advent Mass will take place on Wednesday 7 December at 9:05am. This Mass will take place at 9:05am in the junior hall.

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME - ENROLMENT MASS**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the sacramental programme enrolment mass. Please can any outstanding payments for the Y3 sacramental books be paid on ParentPay via the link <https://www.parentpay.com>.

## SCHOOL LIBRARY FACILITIES

We are pleased to announce that our wonderful PTA funded library will become a resource for the whole school in January 2017. We are planning to merge the infant and junior libraries so that the books will be situated in one place. The current 'junior' library will become a school library with a section for EYFS and KS1 pupils. This will enable the infant pupils to have access to an environment more like a 'real' library. It will also allow us to keep track of the books in a more efficient way through the computerised system. There will also be benefits for the pupils in familiarising themselves with the junior building and other opportunities for 'story time' and reading activities.

Over the next few weeks we will be moving across some of the books currently in the infant library and from January 2017 the infant pupils will have timetabled access. Many parents expressed that they would like to help out in school via our parent questionnaire. If you are able to help with the removal and sorting process next week or the week after, please email your availability to Mrs Tiernan at [sktiernan@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:sktiernan@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk) and we will be in touch.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL BOOK SALE

The school council have planned to have a 'Bring and Buy' book sale on Tuesday 20 December. We would like to invite children and parents to have a look through their books as a pre-Christmas clear out and to bring in any Children's books that have been read and enjoyed to donate for the sale. Please could you send any donations during the week commencing 12 December.

On the day of the sale, children will be invited to buy books for 50p per book. This might be a way for children to buy a book as a present for a sibling or to enjoy themselves. The money raised from the sale will go towards new resources and books for the library as we merge the infant and junior libraries and restock our shelves to be a resource for all of the school.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL LINKS

St Ambrose College is putting on a drama production called the 'Hunting of the Snark'. They are putting on a free performance for year 5 primary school children at 4pm on Tuesday 24 January 2017. If you would like to go please request tickets from [mrsebigley@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](mailto:mrsebigley@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk).

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance Percentages	
Best infant class attendance	Mrs Crook 99%
Best junior class attendance	Mr Kerigan and Miss Hobday 99.3%
Overall school attendance	96.55%

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

