

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

RECEPTION NATIVITY PERFORMANCE AND YEAR 4 PERFORMANCE

We all really enjoyed the Reception and Year 4 Nativity productions this week. The children acted and sang brilliantly with their polished performances. Thanks to all of the staff involved in putting the performances together to such a high standard.

JUNIOR ADVENT SERVICE

The junior Advent service will take place next week. This is a reminder **that all junior children are involved in this service and are all expected to attend on Tuesday 20 December at 6:30pm**. We ask that children arrive at 6:15pm. This service will be held at St. Vincent's Church.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL SCHOOL CHOIR PERFORMANCE

The Year 3 and 4 choir were invited to take part in a very special charity fundraiser at Manchester Cathedral. The event was in aid of Heshaws Charity for visual impairment. The children sang beautifully. Thanks to all of the children and to Mrs Mackenzie who organised the choir to attend this very worthwhile event.

MRS KACZMARCZYK AND MR BRINDLEY

Following the recent family bereavements that both Mrs Kaczmarczyk and Mr Brindley have faced, a number of parents have asked how they might be able to support them in relation to one of their chosen charities, a charity offering support to young medical professionals and Genesis (respectively). If any parents would like to make a donation to their chosen charities please can you drop it off at either office by Wednesday and we will ensure that they are passed on to Mrs Kaczmarczyk and Mr Brindley on behalf of St. Vincent's parents before Christmas. Thank you for all of your support and kind wishes.

CHILDREN V. STAFF CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

The children played football against the staff today. It was a hard game with lots of tackles and challenges. Lots of fun was had by all!

SCHOOL COUNCIL BOOK SALE - REMINDER

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 ON MONDAY so we are able to organise the sale.

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!

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD READY FOR SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?

Trafford's online application system has been open since 1 September 2016. Parents of children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 are able to apply online for admission to Primary education in September 2017.

The closing date for Primary Applications is 15 January 2017. If you are not a Trafford resident you can still apply for a place in a Trafford school but you must make your application to your home authority where you live and pay your council tax. Please note the importance of providing evidence of baptism to the school before the 15 January deadline.

RECEPTION MILK FOR NEXT HALF-TERM

A reminder following last week's Newsletter that you may request additional school milk for your Reception child via your Parent Login if your child will not reach the age of 5 before Friday 10 February 2017. The deadline is 4pm on Monday 19 December 2016.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance Percentages	
Best infant class attendance	Mrs Burke/Mrs Burke and Miss Butler 99%
Best junior class attendance	Mrs Duggan/Mr Blain 98.7%
Overall school attendance	95.75%

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

HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

Have you seen the latest edition of the Mini Vinnie newsletter? Our school is on the front page of it! Please do read the attached newsletter to find out about all of the exciting work the Mini Vinnies have carried out. Well done children, and keep up your excellent work!

The Mini Vinnies also paid a visit to a local care home. They did a great job in spreading some Christmas cheer!
<http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/news/care-home-carols/21593>

COMING UP

On Wednesday next week, we will mark the end of term with a Christmas pantomime for all of the children to enjoy.

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



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Headteacher