

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

NEW YEAR MASS

Thank you to those parents who came along to the junior Mass. The infant Mass will take place on Wednesday 18 January. Please do try to join us, you will be most welcome.

YEAR 3 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME MEETING

There will be a sacramental programme meeting for all Year 3 parents on Thursday 19 January at 7pm in the junior hall. Important information will be given so please do try to attend.

SUPPORTING TEACHING AND LEARNING AT HOME

You will have received the curriculum newsletters for this term. If you have any questions regarding the curriculum please do speak with your child's teacher.

GROWTH MIND SET

This week the children enjoyed a special assembly all about growth mind set. You may be familiar with this concept. Parents who attended the Positive Plenary Sessions last year received a training session on this concept. Through our focus on this concept we have already seen fantastic examples of growth mind set in school. Below is a link to growth mind set for further information about it:

<https://www.mindsetworks.com/parents/understanding-mindset>

PTA

The Infant Disco/Junior Film Nights are taking place on Friday 27 January and Friday 3 February. The letters are attached if you would like to order tickets. If you want to attend please reply promptly as these events always sell out.

Have you been thinking about getting more involved in the school community? The New Year is a great time to start new ventures. Why not take some time to help support the PTA with activities? Volunteers are needed to ensure the forthcoming film and disco nights run smoothly. If you can help out on either night please contact stvincentspta@gmail.com or complete the volunteer section on the ticket order form.

Match funding is a scheme run by a number of large organisations whereby if an employee helps a charity fundraise they will match the funds raised by the employee (or to a certain percentage). This would be a great way for the PTA to increase the money we raise. Could everyone check if their employer offers this scheme, the easiest way would be a quick email to your HR department. Please let us know if your employer does and we can help claim the match funds which will ultimately benefit all our children.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD READY FOR SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2017?

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 deadline is this Sunday, 15 January 2017.**

PARKING

We have received several communications from residents about parking recently. Residents have reported the following:

- Cars parked across driveways
- Cars parked up very early and leaving car engines running polluting the environment
- Cars parked in permit areas
- Cars parked on the pavement not allowing prams/trolleys to pass
- Cars driving too fast down Orchard Road and Osborne Road
- Abusive comments from parents and grand parents

This week a resident had a bump as a result of the parking issues around school; fortunately on this occasion no one was hurt. The school has stressed many times the importance of responsible parking and driving down Osborne and Orchard Road. It is critical that we all work together to ensure our children are safe. There are many alternative places to park and walk to school and we also have a wonderful walking bus scheme with details on our website. Please follow this link for further details about our walking bus. http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/10a_%20NEW_RPack_PE_FORM_Walking_Bus_2016_Updated.pdf

If you have arranged for grandparents to drop off or pick up, please can you pass this information on to them. Thank you in advance for your support in this important matter.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance Percentages	
Best infant class attendance	Miss Butler 98.5 %
Best junior class attendance	Miss Hobday 98%
Overall school attendance	97.15 %

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



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Headteacher