

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 infant Mass. It was great to have so many parents and grandparents celebrate Mass with us.

YEAR 3 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME MEETING

Thank you to all of the parents who came to the sacramental programme meeting yesterday evening. A separate reminder letter will be sent to year 3 parents about The First Forgiveness.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND WELL BEING DEVELOPMENTS

Recently we have taken part in a range of initiatives promoting health and fitness across our school.

Continuing on this theme year 5 will be starting their very own St Vincent's step challenge.

Each child will receive a step counter (pedometer) on Monday 23 January. The step challenge will finish on Friday 27 January. As well as the pedometer each child will record their steps on a daily record sheet.

It is hoped this initiative will encourage children to be even more active and inspire them to try new activities.

Last Friday Lynn from Mad Fitness came into school to work with each year group to keep fit and be active. Each year group took part in a 40 minute fitness session with lots of fun games and excellent dancing! Everyone was really energetic and worked very hard.

Also, Sale Sharks came into school last Friday to work with year 4. The coaches took two sessions; one was a P.E. lesson with lots of fun games and activities, the other was a Maths lesson with some very interesting tasks to complete. These sessions will run for a further 4 weeks.

GROWTH MIND SET NUGGET

Last week we shared that the school is focussing on growth mind set. I will be sharing some growth mind set phrases with you through newsletters this year. Many are taken from Carol Dweck, a leading author in this field.

You have to apply yourself each day to becoming a little better. By becoming a little better each and every day, over a period of time, you will become a lot better. Carol Dweck

You're in charge of your mind. You can help it grow by using it in the right way. Carol Dweck

Wow, that's a really good score. You must have worked really hard. Carol Dweck

PTA

INFANT DISCO

All tickets for Friday 27 January and Friday 3 February are now sold out. Tickets will be delivered via book bags next week. Anybody who did not get tickets will be contacted by this Saturday.

The PTA may hold a third disco on Friday 10 February. Before we can confirm this we need to make sure there is demand. If you would like to request tickets for Friday 10 February please email the PTA at stvincentspta@gmail.com asap with the number of tickets needed. We will make a decision on the 26 January on the viability and let people know.

FILM NIGHT

All tickets for the screening of Pete's Dragon on the Friday 3 February are now booked, but there is still space for Friday 27 January.

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OR A DISABILITY?

The Independent Support Service are holding an information session on **Wednesday 25 January 10am – 12noon.**

Coffee, cake, advice and a friendly chat will be on offer.

The venue is Oakland House, Talbot Road, Old Trafford, M16 0PQ

To book a place call us on 0161 872 6879 or email them at info@independentsupportservice.org or see their Facebook or Twitter or book on direct at:- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ehc-information-session-tickets-27728711322>

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance Percentages	
Best infant class attendance	Reception Miss Coffey 99.3%
Best junior class attendance	Y3 Mr McCann 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

