

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

YEAR 3 FIRST FORGIVENESS

We are looking forward to children in Mrs Luckham's class and Mr McCann's class (surnames A-M) making their First Forgiveness tomorrow. Please remember parking near the church will be busy on a Saturday morning.

PTA

We hope that everyone who is attending the Infant Disco/Junior Film Night this evening has a great time. The junior playground will be open for parents to park in.

We have looked carefully at the viability of a third date for the infant disco but have found there is not the demand. We are very sorry to disappoint the few people who asked for tickets.

As always, help from parents with children attending these events would be very welcome, for example, helping to set up, just 15 minutes on tuckshop, helping pick up rubbish during the event or staying 10 minutes after to help clear up would be very much appreciated and help to ensure the events run smoothly.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS/ DISABILITY (SEND) IN TRAFFORD

Attached is a letter explaining that Trafford will be inspected in relation to SEND Services.

- The inspection will evaluate how effectively the local area:
- identifies the needs of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities;
- meets the needs of these children and young people so that their outcomes and chances of participating fully in society improve.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

| Attendance Percentages | |
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| Best infant class attendance | Y1 Miss Butler 100% |
| Best junior class attendance | Y5 Mrs Sutton 98.35% |
| Overall school attendance | 95.7% |

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

CHINESE NEW YEAR

The Chinese New Year will begin on Saturday 28 January 2017. In school this week the children enjoyed learning all about Chinese New Year in their assemblies. It was a good opportunity for the children to learn about other customs and traditions.

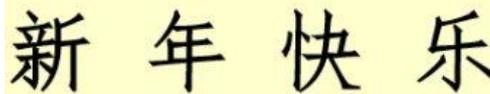
So, how do you wish someone a Happy New Year in Chinese? Here are some of the most common phrases and sayings during this most important of Chinese holidays. The most common way to wish someone a Happy New Year is by saying:

Gong Xi Fa Cai in Mandarin

Gong Hey Fat Choy in Cantonese

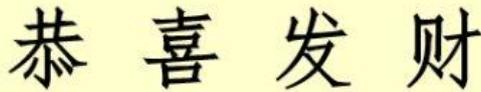
Gōng Xǐ - are good wishes or congratulations

Fā Cái - to become rich, acquire wealth

The image shows the Chinese characters for 'Happy New Year' (Xīn Nián Kuài Lè) written in a black, traditional font on a yellow rectangular background.

Xīn Nián Kuài Lè

Happy New Year!

The image shows the Chinese characters for 'Greetings! May Wealth Come Your Way' (Gōng Xǐ Fā Cái) written in a black, traditional font on a yellow rectangular background.

Gōng Xǐ Fā Cái

Greetings! May Wealth Come Your Way!

(The most common Greeting to wish someone a Happy New Year)

Below is a website full of additional information about Chinese customs and traditions: <http://www.china-family-adventure.com/index.html>

How your family can join in the celebrations... Manchester has one of the oldest and largest Chinese communities in the UK, with a colourful part of the city centre dedicated to Chinese culture and food.

The traditional New Year celebrations are focused in and around Chinatown. But as the city's appreciation for the occasion has grown, so too has the scale of the celebrations and in 2017 Manchester will host four days of special events. The big event of every Chinese New Year celebration, though, is the dragon parade which takes over the centre of the city on **Sunday 29 January**.

Here are the times for the dances (please check the Manchester Evening News Website for any changes):

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| 12pm: | Dragon and music performances, Albert Square |
| 1pm: | Dragon Parade moves from Albert Square to Chinatown |
| 12pm - 5pm: | Chinese arts and crafts, Albert Square |
| 1:30pm - 5pm: | Stage shows, hosted in both Albert Square and Chinatown |
| 2pm - 5pm: | The Lion and the Unicorn with firecrackers, Chinatown |
| 12pm - 8pm: | Chinese market, hosted in both Albert Square and Chinatown |
| 12pm - 8pm: | Funfair, Chinatown |
| 6pm: | Fireworks, Chinatown |

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

