

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2017

Tuesday 7 February is "Safer Internet Day 2017". St Vincent's is joining the global Safer Internet Day campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology. Celebrated in over 100 countries, Safer Internet Day will see us join hundreds of organisations right across the UK and globally to 'be the change' and help create a better internet. With this in mind, next week there are a number of sessions planned within each year group. In the infant department there will be a "Stay Safe Online" assembly, followed up by collaborative tasks and a class quiz. In the junior department we will be welcoming Carl Buchanan, who is a Trafford Community Safety Officer, to deliver education sessions to all children about internet safety and cyber-bullying. This will be followed up with discussion and collaborative tasks in class around sharing images/information and the importance of reporting problems encountered online.

Below is a link to the parents and carers area on the UK Safer Internet Centre website. This contains advice and resources to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

2017 THE YEAR OF MISSION

Bishop Mark Davies declared 2017 as the Year of Mission. The children have been learning about how we live out our mission in school and in our everyday activities. As Bishop Mark Davies says,

"It is a mission rarely fulfilled in great and dramatic events. Most often it is accomplished in the ordinary duties of each day."

Our hall displays show examples of how we are living out our mission each and every day. As part of our focus on mission, our junior leadership team have also devised a new child friendly mission statement poster.

YEAR 3 FIRST FORGIVENESS

We are looking forward to children in Year 3 making their First Forgiveness tomorrow. Miss Slater and Mr McCann's class (surnames N-Z). Please remember parking near the church will be busy on a Saturday morning.

RECEPTION MILK SCHEME – SIGN UP BY 12 NOON THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY

The window for ordering milk for your Reception child for the next half-term is now open. If your child will not reach the age of 5 before Wednesday 12 April 2017, they will continue to be eligible for additional school milk as part of the Department of Health Nursery Milk Scheme. All requests for additional milk can be made via your 'PARENT LOGIN' on the school website before 12 noon on Thursday 9 February 2017.

SCHOOL NURSE

The school nursing team offer drop in sessions for parents to come in and chat about any non-urgent health related matter. Do you need any advice on health, diet, sleep, continence or general well-being? If you do then our school nurse can meet you at school and offer advice. She will be in school on Thursday 23 February at 2:45pm and will be based in the infant Rainbow Room.

BUILDING THE SCHOOL WITH YOUR HELP

St Vincent's commitment to the Diocesan Building Fund will soon be due. Thank you for the contributions that we have received in respect of approximately 60% of our children. If you are yet to pay and are able to contribute only £15 per child, it will mean that the amount in excess of £4,000 that remains owing to the Diocese can instead be spent on vital school resources that will benefit your children and their learning experience at St Vincent's. Working closely and in collaboration with our parents is central to the success of St Vincent's. Without this partnership we wouldn't be the school that we are proud to be. Our priority is to provide the best Catholic education for your children, and with your support and the support of other Catholic families in the Diocese, we can all continue to build on our successes in these uncertain economic times.

We understand that this request may be a burden on some families, particularly if you have more than one child in school. In this case, we ask for a contribution for each of your children according to your means. We look forward to receiving your contributions as soon as possible via your child's ParentPay account. Please note, if you have already paid or have notified us that you pay by standing order, the payment item will not be shown as owing in your ParentPay account(s). Thank you again for supporting our school.

Y5/6 CHOIR - CHANGE OF DAY

After February half term the Y5/6 choir will be on a **Wednesday from 3.25 - 4.25**. We are working towards the Altrincham Schools Music Festival at the moment. Although we don't have a definite date for this yet we know it will be week beginning 20 March 2017.

CBBC NEWSROUND

This week we welcomed a film crew into school. They came to film good luck messages for the 6 Nations Rugby Tournament. It hasn't been aired yet so hopefully there might be a clip of our children on the TV today!

DISCO/FILM NIGHT TONIGHT

The infant disco and junior film night last Friday were both a huge success! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Tonight is the second event; we hope everyone has a great time! Again, the junior playground will be open for parking.

THE EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

The Easter Extravaganza this year will be on Friday 7 April, straight after school. We are looking for a team of parents to help plan and run the event. Any feedback on last year's event and any new ideas for this year would be very welcome. Either email the PTA on stvincentspta@gmail.com or catch Sarah White or Anna Leslie for a chat.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance Percentages	
Best infant class attendance	Reception Miss Coffey 99%
Best junior class attendance	Year 3 Miss Slater 95.65%
Overall school attendance	96.35%

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