

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INSPECTION

This week we had our RE inspection. I can report that it went very well. All of the children let their light shine and were a credit to the school. I would like to thank the staff who work so hard, especially Mrs McDuff and Mr McCann our RE leaders who are so committed and passionate about religious education.

YEAR 3 SACRAMENTAL MEETING

Thank you to the Year 3 parents who came along to the sacramental meeting this week.

FAIRTRADE FRIDAY

It was wonderful to see the children supporting "Fairtrade Friday" today. Each pupil was able to exchange £1 for a delicious Fairtrade fruit juice carton **and** a Fairtrade banana. The children all appreciated how good Fairtrade products taste. Please click on this link to see a selection of photos on the school website: <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/news/fairtrade-friday/24042>. Thank you for supporting Fairtrade Friday.

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening is on Wednesday. Please can parents ensure that an appointment is made with your child's class teacher. If you are yet to make an appointment, you can do so online via your 'Parent Login'.

Please note again that there will be **no extra-curricular activities on Wednesday** due to Parents' Evening, and that childcare is not available on the evening.

HAVE YOU USED IT YET? THE GIVING MACHINE

Please continue to help raise donations for school by using The Giving Machine when you are shopping online, even if it is for your groceries! All you need to do is follow these simple steps:

- Visit www.thegivingmachine.co.uk and click join as a giver. When prompted to search for a cause, type in St Vincent's Catholic Primary School and select from the list of results.
- Click join and support and enter your details.
- You are now signed up!
- Make sure you never miss a donation by downloading the Shop & Give application. <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/shop-and-give/>. It takes just a few minutes to install on your web browser and means that every time you click onto a retailer that supports this scheme you will get a prompt asking you to donate.

Thank you in advance for your help and support in raising funds for the children.

WORLD POETRY DAY – TUESDAY 21 MARCH

We will be celebrating World Poetry Day in school on Tuesday 21 March. Attached is a reminder of the email that was sent to parents last Monday, encouraging the children to choose a poem which they can practise at home and share with their class on Tuesday. We look forward to hearing some fantastic performances and discussions about poetry!

SCIENCE WEEK

Our Science Week will run from Monday 20 to Friday 24 March. This is always a great opportunity to celebrate the best of British science, technology, engineering and maths, encouraging our children to engage with and ultimately be empowered to challenge, enjoy, and influence British science. Throughout Science week the children will take part in a range of activities based on the theme, 'Change'.

EASTER CHICK APPEAL

Thank you for all of the wonderful Easter chick donations that we have received. They look fantastic! They have been knitted in an array of colours and designs. The Mini Vinnies plan to sell the finished chicks and donate all proceeds to Francis House. The chicks will be sold for £2 each after 10am Mass at St Vincent's and 10:30am Mass at Holy Angels on the Sunday 2 and Sunday 9 April, and at break times in school from next Friday.

PTA "EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA"

The PTA is holding the annual "Easter Eggstravaganza" on Friday 7 April in the Infant hall/playground from 3:15pm – 4:30pm. In order to make the event a success we rely heavily on donations. We would be grateful for any donations that you can make towards the event. To give us plenty of time to get ready we are asking for donations from Friday 31 March. Please see below for a guideline of what you could donate:

Friday 31 March	Reception and Year 1 to donate small eggs i.e. Creme eggs/kinder eggs Years 2 - 6 to donate an Easter egg.
Friday 7 April	Nursery to donate crispy cakes All years - any donations (as above) are very welcome

The event is always lots of fun. There will be various games (with prizes) including 'Name the Chick', 'Sticks in Sand', 'Lucky Dip' and of course the 'Easter Egg Tombola', plus there will be refreshments on sale. We are looking for volunteers on the day to help set up from 2pm, or at the event to run the stalls. If you could spare just a couple of hours to help make the event run smoothly we would really appreciate it. Please contact stvincentspta@gmail.com if you can offer some of your time.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance Percentages	
Best infant class attendance	Y2 Mrs Crook 99.3%
Best junior class attendance	Y3 Mrs Luckham 100%
Overall school attendance	96.25%

*Please note that disability related absence 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,

Arita Harrop

A. Harrop (Mrs)

Headteacher