

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

LENTEN MASSES AND EASTER SERVICE

Please note that the Lenten Masses will be on the following dates:

- 9:05am Wednesday 29 March for the infants
- 9:10am Wednesday 5 April for the juniors

There will also be a KS2 Easter Service at Holy Angels Church on Tuesday 11 April at 6:30pm led by children from KS2. All children in KS2 are expected to attend this important service.

Y1 EASTER LITURGY

The year 1 Easter Liturgy will take place on both Tuesday 11 April and Wednesday 12 April at 9:30am. Year 1 parents are welcome to attend one performance only, and two seats have been allocated per child to allow both parents to attend a performance. Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate extended family due to space limitations. Please confirm your seat request for your chosen date via your Parent Login on the school website. Tickets will not be distributed for the Liturgy.

COMING SOON...

We have been working on our new look website and we are nearing completion of it. We hope to have it ready before we break for Easter.

IN THE NEWS...

We are delighted to have made links with Altrincham Today. Please follow the link to see our fantastic Fairtrade work in school. Thank you for supporting our focus on the importance of choosing Fairtrade products. Lots of the children have told me they have been looking for the Fairtrade logo in the supermarket.

<http://altrincham.today/2017/03/23/st-vincents-pupils-come-together-fairtrade-project/>

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our school photographs have always been very popular with parents. Capturing a child's time at primary school is precious and we know how much it means to both parents and children to have a special memento of their time at St Vincent's. This year we would like to produce a whole school photograph capturing pupils and staff from Reception to year 6. This will take place outside on Wednesday 12 April and it is essential that all pupils are in **full winter school uniform**. This will not be an annual event but will take place every seven years so that your child will feature on it once in their time at St. Vincent's. If you do not wish to have your child photographed, please contact the office no later than Monday 10 April.

SCIENCE WEEK

This week we have focused on science. We have studied the theme of change. The children have worked as scientists, they have enjoyed conducting experiments and investigations and they have also enjoyed outside speakers sharing their knowledge of science. The year 5 children will also be enjoying a visit to the science laboratories at Loreto in the coming weeks.

YEAR 2 AND YEAR 6 ASSESSMENT MEETING

We will be holding our year 2 and year 6 assessment evening on Tuesday 4 April. We will give information out about the assessment processes in each of the year groups. Please note that both meetings will take place in the infant hall at the following times:

- Year 6 meeting is at 6pm
- Year 2 meeting is at 6:45pm

DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY SCHOOL

We are always looking for ways to improve our teaching and learning opportunities. This year we are working towards achieving Dyslexia Friendly status. Throughout school we have become more dyslexia friendly. In order for us to share our progress to date, we would like to invite parents to a workshop to give you the opportunity to find out more about what we do in school to support not only children with dyslexia, but all children. Therefore, the workshop is open to all parents. The workshop will be led by Miss Butler and Mrs Farrell and will take place on Tuesday 4 April at 5:15pm in the infant hall, directly before the year 6 and year 2 SATs evening.

ROBINWOOD

The Year 5 children will be going on their Robinwood residential trip on Wednesday for two nights. Please can the children come straight to the junior hall by 8:55am prompt to drop off their bags.

WALKING BUS PICK UP POINT

The Walking Bus pick up point at the United Reformed Church, Woodlands Parkway is no longer available for our use as the church now has a toddler group using the facility in the mornings.

However, the pick up at Tesco extra is still in use and is popular with parents. Please do visit our link to find out more about our walking bus. Walking to school is a healthy and enjoyable way to start the day.

<http://stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/the-walking-bus/27905>

PTA “EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA”

The Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on Friday 7 April after school in the infant hall and playground.

To help us prepare for the event please could parents bring their donations in on the 31 March. Please see below for a guideline of what you could donate:

Reception and year 1	Small eggs i.e. Creme eggs/kinder eggs
Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	An Easter egg.

There will be a guess the little chick stall. See if you can match the baby photographs to the teachers! The event is always lots of fun. There will be various games with prizes, plus there will be refreshments on sale. Please do come and join us.

CHOIR

After-school choir for the KS2 children on a Wednesday and Thursday has been cancelled until after Easter.

LENTEN FUNDRAISING COMING UP

Attached is our Lenten Planner. Next Friday each year group will be fundraising for their chosen charity by participating in the activities below:

Year Group	Charity	Activity Suggested donation of £1 to wear the following to school
Reception	Cancer Research	'Silly Socks' for Reception
Year 1	Joining Jack	'Crazy Tie and Tights' for Y1/2
Year 2	The Christie	
Year 3	Children's Cancer and Leukaemia	Crazy Hair' for Y3/4
Year 4	Make A Wish	
Year 5	Motor Neurone	'Disco' for Y5/6
Year 6	Team Felix	

Friday 7 April will be 'Own Clothes Day' in exchange for a £1 donation to The Good Shepherd Appeal.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance Percentages	
Best infant class attendance	Y1 Mrs McDuff 99.3%
Best junior class attendance	Y5 Mr Sands 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,

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Headteacher

