

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INSPECTION

Attached is the report and letter regarding our recent Religious Education inspection. We are delighted that our provision of Religious Education has been judged outstanding. Please take the time to read all about it.

### LENTEN MASSES

Thank you for coming along to the infant Lenten Mass. The junior Lenten Mass is on Wednesday 5 April at 9:10am.

### EASTER MASSES

There will be an Easter Family Mass at 10:30am on Easter Sunday at Holy Angels. After Mass, there will be an Easter Egg hunt in the church grounds. The usual Mass times apply for St. Vincent's Church.

### LENTEN FUNDRAISING

Today the classes raised money for their chosen Lenten charities. Depending on the different year groups we saw crazy hair, ties, sock and tights! Thank you for joining in the fun and for raising money for such worthy causes. Friday 7 April will be an 'Own Clothes Day' in exchange for £1 donation to the Good Shepherd Appeal.

### EASTER EVENTS

The KS2 Easter service will take place on Tuesday 11 April 6:30pm at Holy Angels Church. All KS2 children are expected to attend.

The Y1 Liturgy is on 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.

### DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY SCHOOL

As you are aware we are working towards achieving Dyslexia Friendly School status. Throughout this year we have developed lots of multi-sensory teaching and learning strategies. All children will benefit from the resources and teaching strategies we use and we would like to share our strategies with you at the meeting on Tuesday 4 April at 5:15pm. The meeting is open to all parents; parents of children who have dyslexic traits and all parents with an interest in multi-sensory teaching and learning styles. Please do come along, you will be most welcome.

### CURRICULUM MEETINGS NEXT WEEK - TUESDAY 4 APRIL

Please note that all meetings will take place in the **infant** hall at the following times:

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| ▪ Dyslexia Friendly Learning Meeting            | 5:15pm |
| ▪ Year 6 National Curriculum Assessment Meeting | 6:00pm |
| ▪ Year 2 National Curriculum Assessment Meeting | 6:45pm |

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The extra-curricular activities for summer half term are now available to book on to until Friday 7 April. Please see the attachment which was sent to all parents of children in years 1 to 6 on Wednesday.

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We are delighted to share some more fantastic news with you. Please see the link to Altrincham Football Club to read all about our excellent footballers. Well done team St. Vincent's! <http://www.altrinchamfccsh.com/national-league-trust-regional-finals/>

## ROBINWOOD YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL

The Year 5 children enjoyed three days away this week on their outward bound activities. The staff reported that the children really challenged themselves and they worked really well in their teams. I think the children and staff will sleep very well this evening! Please follow this link to learn about their adventures. <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/news/robinwood---hill-group/24531>

## RECEPTION MILK FOR NEXT HALF-TERM

Due to the mid-week break-up date, we are opening the Reception milk scheme slightly earlier this half-term. If your child will not reach the age of 5 before Friday 26 May 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 midday on Monday 10 April 2017.

## ST. VINCENT'S NURSERY PLACES

Our nursery provides outstanding childcare from 0 to reception age. We are currently allocating and finalising places so please do ensure you liaise with Karen Wilkinson on 0161 928 7581 or [office@stvincentsnursery.com](mailto:office@stvincentsnursery.com) to book or confirm your place. Preschool places are often sought after as they really help children in their transition to the school. If you would like to increase your preschool allocation to help with transition for this year or next year please contact the nursery for more information.

## PTA "EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA" FRIDAY 7 APRIL STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL

Thank you for all your chocolate donations today, it is very much appreciated and will allow us to plan so that the event is a real success. Don't worry if you forgot your donation today, donations are still very welcome all next week and can be left at either of the reception areas. Nursery families have been asked to bring in Crispy Cakes next Friday for us to enjoy. The "Eggstravaganza" is straight after school in the infant department, there will be lots to do and games to play so please come along and join in the fun.

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance Percentages	
Best infant class attendance	Y2 Mrs Crook 99.3%
Best junior class attendance	Y4 Miss Carr, Y5 Miss Hobday and Y5 Mr Sands 100%
Overall school attendance	97.5%

\*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,

*Aista Harrop*

A. Harrop (Mrs)

Headteacher