

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### ST. VINCENT'S OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to join our out of school club.

The places are filling up nicely, if you would like to register and book places for the club please visit our website for further details. If you have any questions about the club please phone the school office.

<http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/st-vincents-out-of-school-club/35044>

Please also find attached a questionnaire which will give all parents and children the opportunity to contribute their ideas to our out of school club. We would be very grateful if you could complete the form and email to the OOSC address or hand in to either office by Wednesday 24 May.

**\*\*Coming Soon\*\*** watch out for an exciting competition from our Out of School Club next week .....

### YEAR 3 HOLY COMMUNION

Miss Slater's class will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday. They have prepared well for it and we know it will be a very special time for them all. Year 3 parents will have received a separate letter about the arrangements.

### MAY DEVOTIONS

During the month of May we have been praying for Our Lady. The children have been saying the Hail Mary prayer and today we put flowers around our statue of Our Lady.

### HISTORY DAY

On Thursday 25 May, the school will spend the day learning about periods of History. This has been designed to enable the children to get a taste of topics coming up in the curriculum and will hopefully make for a memorable day. We ask that the children dress up for this day. We have kept the dress code simple so that clothes from home can be used. We are looking forward to this day and have lots of exciting historical activities planned. This is a wonderful example of our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum. Look out for photographs on our website next week. Please see the letter attached for year group details.

### FUNDRAISING FOR THE CHRISTIE HOSPITAL

Last week we had a cake sale to raise funds for The Christie Hospital following their devastating fire. We were overwhelmed with the volume of cakes we received! We were also very grateful for the very generous monetary donations parents gave. We are pleased to share that altogether we raised £1140.49! Thank you once again for your continued generosity and support.

## **WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK**

This week has been National Walk to School week. The School Council have been thinking a lot about this and also about the ways to encourage children to walk to school. School Councillors have designed and displayed posters in their classrooms to encourage children to walk to school. The School Councillors have also made a presentation to their classes to explain the health benefits of walking or part walking to school e.g. less cars on the road; less cars near to school; less pollution; children get more exercise which keeps them fit and healthy and are more alert and ready to work when they arrive at school. Our Year 5 School Councillors also visited the infant department to share their presentation in a special assembly.

School Councillors have set a target with their class and have been recording the number of children walking to and from school this week or those driving part way then walking to school. We have been very pleased to see the numbers rising through the week!

## **TWITTER SCHOOL NEWSROOM**

We now have 96 followers on Twitter! We are nearly at our target of 100 followers. We have been tweeting about our new out of school club. Please take a look at our twitter school newsroom by following us at @StVincentsPr

## **YEAR 5 SECONDARY SCHOOL MEETING**

There will be an important meeting for all Year 5 parents about secondary education on **Wednesday 24 May at 6:30pm in the junior hall**. During the meeting head teachers from Blessed Thomas Holford, St. Ambrose and Loreto will present information about their school. They will also discuss open days and entrance exam information. There will be an opportunity to speak with the head teachers after the meeting for any questions you may have. This is an important meeting so please do try to attend.

## **MAINTENANCE DAY**

Our maintenance day is fast approaching. We still need parents to volunteer their time.

The maintenance morning will take place on Saturday 17 June between 8:30am and 12:30pm. For this morning to be a success we still need lots of parents or grandparents to volunteer to help. We will mainly be painting sheds and ramps but we also need lots of helpers to make cups and tea and coffee to keep our workers going! If you can spare the morning and help in any way we would love to see you.

This opportunity is ideal for those parents who may work during the week but would like to give back to the school community in some way. Please can you let the office know if you are able to help then we can plan the day according to the number of helpers we have. All help will be greatly appreciated.

## **WHOLE SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL MASS**

There will a whole school International Mass on Wednesday 24 May at 9:30am on the school field, weather permitting. All are welcome to attend.

## **PTA NEWS**

The PTA social event is on Friday 16 June 2017 from 7:30pm, at Kings Court Café in Altrincham. Tickets are now on sale via ParentPay. Tickets are £10 per person and this includes a glass of fizz, nibbles throughout the evening and a hot dish. Nearly half of the tickets have already been sold so please do purchase your ticket to join in the fun!

This will be a great chance to catch up with friends and meet other parents, as well as raise money for the PTA. It's a wonderful venue and if the weather is warm there is seating outside in the courtyard.

## **LEAVERS' DISCO**

The Year 6 Leavers' Disco is taking place on Friday 14 July from 7pm to 9pm in the junior hall. More details will be sent to Year 6 parents after the Whit holidays but please make a note of the date.

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR THE PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Best infant class attendance	Y1 Mrs McDuff 99.65%
Best junior class attendance	Y3 Mr McCann, Y4 Mr Kerigan, Y5 Mr Sands and Y5 Miss Hobday all 100%
Overall school attendance	97.85%

\*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.

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