

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Following the devastating attack at Manchester Arena, the school came together to join each other in prayer. We prayed for the victims, their families and each other. We also gave thanks to the emergency services for the truly amazing work they all do. We also observed a minute's silence yesterday too.

On Wednesday of this week we held our whole school annual international Mass. It was so nice to hear children read the readings, prayers and other parts of Mass in their home language. It is so important for us as a school to recognise and value the rich diversity in our community. The Mass helped us to think about how we need be united in our rich diversity. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came to this Mass, it was good to see so many parents join us.

ST. VINCENT'S OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

We are delighted with the number of children who are registered to come to our out of school club. As our out of school club is new we thought it would be a good idea to compile a bank of frequently asked questions. The questions can be found attached and also on our dedicated out of school club page here: <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/st-vincents-out-of-school-club/35044>. If you have further questions however small, please do phone the school office.

As promised, we have an out of school club competition! We will be asking the children to think of a name and design a logo for the club. We encourage this to be a family effort so please do help and encourage your child to be as creative as possible. The competition entry form is attached. We look forward to seeing lots of entries!

YEAR 3 HOLY COMMUNION

The Year 3 Holy Communion Masses have all taken place now. I would like to thank our parish priests, Fr. John and Fr. Martin and also Deacon John for their time and support in helping to prepare the children to receive their sacraments. The children were fantastic and all looked so smart in their communion clothes.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION MASS

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date of the Celebration Mass has been changed from Wednesday 21 June to Wednesday 14 June. Parents affected will receive a separate email today with further details.

TWITTER SCHOOL NEWSROOM

Great news, we met our target of having 100 followers on our school twitter account! We have exceeded our target and at the last count we had 108 followers. I wonder if we could meet a stretch target of 150...

It is really easy to join twitter. If you aren't already on Twitter you can join by following this link: <https://twitter.com/>. Please take a look at our twitter school newsroom in full by following us at @StVincentsPr

SUN SAFETY

We have enjoyed lovely hot weather recently. Please see the letter attached for sun safety at St Vincent's.

HISTORY DAY

We enjoyed a marvellous history day yesterday. The children dressed in their given period of history and worked on various historical tasks. Please see the class pages on the website for a selection of photos from the day.

MAINTENANCE DAY

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to take part in our maintenance day on **Saturday 17 June between 8:30am and 12:30pm**. We have a list of all of the outdoor jobs to be done and they mainly consist of painting. We have purchased the materials and we're ready to start; we just need more volunteers. If you can spare a few hours it would really help. This is a fantastic opportunity to get together and help us to improve our outdoor school environment. We welcome parents, relatives and friends to join us as many hands will make light work. Thank you to those who have volunteered, we will have your tea, coffee and cake ready for you!

PTA NEWS

The PTA social event is on Friday 16 June 2017 from 7:30pm, at Kings Court Café in Altrincham. Tickets are on sale via www.parentpay.com. Tickets are £10 per person and this includes a glass of fizz, nibbles throughout the evening and a hot dish. 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.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR THE PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Best infant class attendance	Y2 Mrs Jennings 100%
Best junior class attendance	Y6 Mrs Gough and Mrs O'Keefe 99.1%
Overall school attendance	96.4%

*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.

We break up today for half term and the children return to school on Monday 12 June. I hope you have a lovely break with your children.

Yours sincerely,



A. Harrop (Mrs)

Headteacher

