

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

15 September 2017

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

We will be holding a whole school Mass on Wednesday 20 September at 9:30am. We hope to hold it outside on the junior playground so that the whole school can come together; let's hope the weather is good. If the weather is poor then Mass will take place in the junior hall for juniors and a liturgy will take place in the infant hall for the infants. Please do try to come along; whole school Masses are always very special.

ROALD DAHL DAY

This week we celebrated Roald Dahl Day. The children studied the author and his style of writing. We studied characters and story plots and the range of books he wrote. There is a dedicated website to Roald Dahl, please follow this link to find out more. <https://www.roalddahl.com/home/kids>

CURRICULUM EVENING

Thank you to all of the parents who came to the junior curriculum evening yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many parents attend. We look forward to the reception curriculum meeting on Wednesday 20 September at 5:30pm and the Year 1 and 2 curriculum meeting on Wednesday 27 September at 5:30pm and 6:45pm respectively.

RE CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM

Please find attached the whole school RE curriculum newsletter for the Autumn term.

SCHOOL DATES

We have planned the key dates for the whole year in order to give increased notice to parents. We have included assemblies, Masses and many other events. Please see the follow this link to the website for further details <http://stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/term-dates/13549>.

BUDDY ARRANGEMENTS

As part of our transition programme we arrange for children joining departments to have a special buddy. The reception children have a year 2 buddy and year 3 children have a year 6 buddy. It has been magical to see the children be so kind and caring towards each other. It will be lovely to see their friendships grow over the year.



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WALKING BUS

The walking bus is proving to be very popular. We are delighted that more children and parents are using this service in the morning. If you would like to start using it please meet in the Tesco Extra car park at the corner nearest Travis Perkins at 8:30am ready to depart at 8:38am prompt. It is very sociable and you will receive a warm welcome. There is more information available on the website following the link:

http://stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/10a_%20NEW_RPack_PE_FORM_Walking_Bus_2017_Update.pdf

WINTER UNIFORM REMINDER

As the seasons are changing, we ask that all children are in their winter uniform by Monday 18 September 2017.

RECEPTION COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 22 September between 9:15 and 10:30am there will be a reception parent coffee morning. Parents are welcome to come along to have some coffee and biscuits and meet other parents. Our PTA will also be on hand for any questions you may have about how you can get involved.

SUNSHINE CLUB LAUNCH INVITATION AND IMPORTANT UPDATES TO THE HANDBOOK

Please see attached.

BLESSED THOMAS HOLFORD CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS

For parents of pupils in year 6 please see attached information regarding the open evenings taking place on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 September.

PTA WELCOME

The PTA works together with parents and the school staff to plan events and raise money for much needed resources within the school. As a parent at St. Vincent's you are automatically a member of this body. The AGM of the PTA will be held on the **Tuesday 26 September at 7:30pm** in the Infant Hall. Everybody is very welcome to come along and learn what the PTA has achieved over the past year and our plans for the upcoming year. New members wanting to join the committee or offer help to plan a specific event are always welcome, if you would like information about becoming more involved with the PTA please email stvincentspta@gmail.com. You will receive a warm welcome and refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

PTA NEW PARENTS SOCIAL EVENING

The PTA will be hosting a social event for parents with children in Reception on the 6 October 2017 from 7.30pm at The Ivy League in Altrincham. This will be a chance to meet all the other reception parents. Tickets are £5 per person and include a drink on arrival. Tickets are limited to 80 people and may be purchased via ParentPay.



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ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Reception classes Miss Coffey and Miss Sheppard, Y1 Miss Slater, Y2 Mr Nicholls and Mrs Robinson all 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Y3 classes Mrs Farrell, Mrs Jennings and Mrs Luckham, Y4 Mr Kerigan and Y6 Mrs O'Keefe all 100%
Overall school attendance	99.05%

*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,

A Harrop (Mrs)

Headteacher

