

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

HARVEST TIME ARRANGEMENTS

From Monday to Thursday next week we will be receiving food donations for Trafford South Foodbank and Cornerstone Homeless Charity.

Donations required as follows:

- **Reception** - Tinned meat/tinned fish
- **Year 1** - Tinned fruit/rice pudding/custard
- **Year 2** - Coffee/tea
- **Year 3** - Instant mash/pasta sauce
- **Year 4** - Pasta/tinned tomatoes
- **Year 5** - Biscuits/jam
- **Year 6** - Treats/chocolate

Donations will be delivered to Timperley Methodist Church on the morning of Friday 6 October 9 to 11am when the warehouse team will be available. Please contact the office at admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk if you are available to help transport the donations. This is much appreciated.

We also require transportation of goods to Cornerstone day centre at 104b Denmark Road, Manchester, M15 6JS. Please contact the office if you are able to help. Thank you.

HARVEST LITURGY

This will take place in the infant hall at 9:05am on Wednesday 4 October and will be led by Miss Butler's class. Parents of children in Miss Butler's class are welcome to attend.

HARVEST MASS

This will take place in the junior hall at 9:10am on Thursday 5 October. All parents and families are welcome.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Next Friday 6 October will be 'Own Clothes Day' for all pupils for the suggested donation of £1.



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BRIGHTEN UP THIS HARVEST - ' BRIGHT ACCESSORIES'

With your kind donations we will be supporting communities in El Salvador - a country in Central America with a population smaller than London. With support, farmers are learning sustainable farming techniques, women are setting up small businesses and urban communities are finding ways to cope with the violence around them and to build peace. As a result, people are escaping poverty and transforming their lives so that families have enough food and children can go to school and achieve their dreams.

SUNSHINE CLUB LAUNCH

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, staff and governors who joined us on Tuesday for the official launch of our new breakfast and after school provision - the Sunshine Club. We have been overwhelmed by the support of our families for this new venture and have had some wonderful feedback. Please keep the comments coming. You may have noticed that the staff have a new uniform consisting of a polo shirt and a fleece embroidered with the club logo. We think they look really smart.

Information about the launch can be found at <http://stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/sunshine-club-launch/38030> and you can catch up on what the children have been doing by visiting the 'all about us' tab, <http://stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/sunshine-club---all-about-us/38064>

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK

This week, 2 to 9 October 2017, is Dyslexia Awareness week. We will be introducing memory games, strategies and activities to support and help children improve their memory. Below is an example from a website with some simple memory games you may want to play at home.

http://www.brainboxx.co.uk/a3_aspects/pages/memorygames.htm

'No Pens Wednesday' was a great success last year and again it will take place on Wednesday 4 October. This idea supports schools and settings in focussing on the importance of speaking and listening.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Today we held our Macmillan coffee morning for parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours. It was really well attended and we were overwhelmed with your support. Thank you once again for your generous donations for this much needed charity.

CURRICULUM EVENINGS

Thank you to all of the parents who came to the Year 1 and 2 curriculum and phonic meeting this week. The curriculum presentations for all year groups are now on the website under the class tab on the home page.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Individual photographs took place on Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 September this week. Special thanks to the PTA for organising this in school.



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PTA

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM this week, it was good to see some new faces and exchange some great ideas about future events and ideas for the upcoming year. Over the coming weeks we will be giving you some information about how you can get involved and support our school in raising extra funds for the children.

PTA NEW PARENTS' SOCIAL EVENING

The PTA is 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 great chance to meet other reception parents. Places are £5 per person and include a drink on arrival. Places are limited to 80 people. Tickets for the evening can be purchased via Parentpay.

PTA QUIZ

This year's Quiz is taking place on **Friday 17 November at 8pm** in the infant Hall. It is always a really enjoyable night with tight competition for the honour of Quiz Champions so please do try to keep the date free.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Reception Miss Coffey, Y1 Miss Slater, Y2 Mr Nicholls and Miss Butler all 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Y4 Mr Kerigan and Y4 Mrs Duggan both 99.4%
Overall school attendance	96.8%

*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 based in the junior department), Mrs Tiernan (deputy head teacher based in the infant department), and I are very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

A. Harrop (Mrs)

Headteacher

