

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Throughout October the children have been praying the rosary. It has been lovely to see the infant and junior children come together to pray with their prayer buddy.

ST VINCENT'S HARVEST BAKE OFF

We are looking forward to seeing your harvest bake off entries next week. Bake Off entries should be delivered to the classrooms on Monday morning 16 October along with the bake off entry form and the suggested £1 donation. Once the judging has taken place the cakes will be sold and the money raised will go to Mission Together. Please come along to the Infant Hall from 3pm to buy our delicious entries.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Thank you for your donations for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. We raised £488.80 in total.

OPEN MORNING

We will be holding an open morning for prospective parents on Tuesday 14 November from 9:15 to 11:45. This is a great opportunity for prospective parents to have a guided tour and see the school in action. Parents of children in year two are also welcome to take a tour on the junior department if they wish. There is no need to make an appointment and babies and pre-school children are very welcome to come along too.

Our nursery will also be open for anyone who wants to look at our 0-5 childcare provision.

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' evening will take place on Thursday 2 November 3:45 - 7pm. Appointment slots are now available to book on-line via your 'Parent Login' on the school website <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/>

PTA QUIZ - FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Tickets for our annual Quiz go on sale on Monday via ParentPay. Teams can be made up of 8 people - why not try to get a class table set up!! This is always a great evening so please do get together and come along.

INFANT AND JUNIOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-Curricular activities for the next half-term will be available to book from Monday 16 October from 4pm until 3pm on Thursday 19 October. Please sign your children up in accordance with the instructions and timetable which can be found attached.



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300 CLUB

The 300 Club was established to set up extra funds for small repair and maintenance tasks. One membership share costs £10 per year and the money from the subscriptions is divided into two equal parts. One half goes to the school and the other half is paid out in prizes. We make ten draws each year, two with a first prize of £200 and a second prize of £50, the other eight draws have a first prize of £100 and a second prize of £25.

To join the 300 Club and purchase share(s) please visit ParentPay www.parentpay.com The first draw will take place on Saturday 25 November at the Christmas Fair with a first prize of £200 and a second prize of £50. You've got to be in it to win it!

RECEPTION MILK FOR NEXT HALF-TERM

Children in Reception who do not reach the age of 5 before Thursday 21 December continue to be eligible for additional school milk as part of the Department of Health Nursery Milk Scheme. If your child is still eligible and you would like to order additional school milk for the next half-term, please confirm this via the school website before 4pm on Thursday 19 October 2017 by following these steps:

Log on to www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk

Click 'PARENT LOGIN' (top left corner) and enter the username and password that was sent to you by School Spider

Click 'Surveys & Forms', then the 'Reception Milk Scheme' form and confirm your wish for your child to have milk in the next half-term as s/he will not be 5 years of age before 21 December 2017.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please return any school photograph orders to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 18 October.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

We hope you all received the email outlining the work needed to organise the Fair. If you haven't already done so please take a few minutes to read the e mail there are a number of different ways in which you could help make sure the Fair is as successful as possible and the more people who are involved the better. We look forward to hearing from you at stvincentspta@gmail.com if you can help in any way.

SCHOOL BUS

I am currently working with a group of parents to potentially set up a bus service. In order to progress our plans we need to ascertain the level of interest in this service. At this stage we only need to know the number of children who may be using the service. The proposed bus route is attached and there is a form to complete to register interest. Please follow the link to register your interest <https://goo.gl/forms/WjzRsqUH5bXmQnao2>



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ST VINCENT'S TWITTER ACCOUNT

We are delighted that we now have over 200 twitter followers! This week we have been tweeting about our wonderful curriculum in our reception classes. The tweets are full of photographs showing our exciting learning opportunities in action. Sign up to follow to see what the children have all been doing. It is really easy to join twitter and follow our school. Follow us on [@StVincentsPr](#). Next week we will be tweeting about our pupil wellbeing week.

BUILDING UPDATE

We are currently building two classrooms in the infant department. You will have noticed that they are really taking shape now. We are still on track for them to be completed by the end of December. On completion, the two classes who use the upstairs classrooms will move into our lovely new classrooms.

The children enjoyed a building safety talk assembly on Monday. They were introduced to the safety mascot called Isla BeSafe! Please take a look at our twitter account for the photographs.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

| Attendance Percentages | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Highest infant class attendance | Y1 Mrs Burke/Mrs Gerrard's Class 100% Y2 Mr Nicholl's Class 100% |
| Highest junior class attendance | Y4 Mrs Duggan/Mrs Burke's Class 99.7% |
| Overall school attendance | 97.15% |

*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

