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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

OCTOBER- MONTH OF THE ROSARY



During the month of October, we encourage our community to pray the Rosary.

Pope Benedict XVI in an address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major where he prayed the rosary with the faithful said: "Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary.

ROSARY BEADS

During October we will be selling a limited number of beautiful finger rosary beads and olive wood rosary beads. The rosaries are available to buy now on [ParentPay](#) and the purchased items will be delivered to the children once paid for. Please follow the link for how to pray the Rosary.

<https://hallow.com/blog/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



This year celebrates the 35th year, in the UK, of Black History Month. Black History Month remains an important time marked out in the year to celebrate black history and culture. During the month of October, the children will take part in various lessons and activities celebrating Black History. They will learn about influential people, linking to their history topics, celebrate their work, values and the differences they have made to our world. These include Mary Seacole (Year 2), Septimius Severus (Year 4) and Black Soldiers during World War II (Year 6), amongst



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many others. We use this time to celebrate the contribution each person has made to our world and to appreciate the beauty and diversity of all cultures.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



Thank you to all of the parents who donated cakes and to those who came along to our coffee morning. It was great that so many parents joined us. We are delighted to share that we raised £500.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH DAY



On Tuesday 10 October, we will be marking World Mental Health Day 2023. In school, we will be discussing this topic with a clear focus on the theme for this year - 'Mental Health is a Universal Human Right'. This theme is acknowledging that mental health is for every human and raising awareness about it to protect everyone's mental health without any stigma. This works together with our 'Rights Respecting Schools' focus. Throughout the day children will be taking part in many different activities such as mindfulness, discussions, art and poetry which links to National Poetry Day.

GOVERNING BOARD VACANCY



We have an exciting opportunity regarding the Governing Board. Two vacancies have arisen for parents to join our Governing Board. The Governing Board would welcome nominations from individual parents with specific expertise in:

- Building development/ trade
- Human resources



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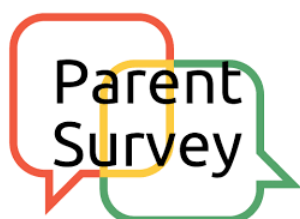
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We aim to have a diverse representation on our Governing Board. This is important to us, and we therefore welcome applications from parents from ethnic minority backgrounds and other under-represented groups.

If you would like to discuss the role further, please contact school for more information.

PARENT SURVEYS



We value your views and invite parents to complete two surveys. One is regarding the recent Curriculum Meetings and the other is a general parent questionnaire. Please do take the time to provide feedback to help us to celebrate all we do well and consider any areas we can develop.

Curriculum Evening: <https://forms.office.com/e/FHcmbVwmmM>

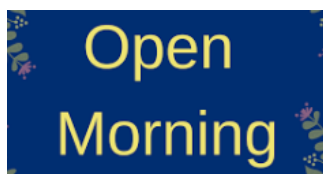
Parent/Carer general: <https://forms.office.com/e/gpC5qfkhRH>

SCHOOL UNIFORM



If your child is wearing the summer uniform, we ask that now the weather is getting colder that they wear the winter uniform. This means a blouse, shirt, tie and jumper/cardigan.

OPEN MORNING WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER



We invite prospective parents to our nursery and school on the morning of Wednesday 18th October 2023.

This is an important opportunity for prospective parents to see the school and nursery in action and learn about admission procedures.



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Please email admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk to reserve your place.

PTA NEWS



The PTA will be hosting their annual quiz night for parents and friends of St. Vincent's on Friday 13th October in the Infants Hall at 7pm. This promises to be a really fun night with drinks flowing and laughs a plenty. Build your own team or come along and form a new team on the night.

The tickets are available to buy now on ParentPay and are £5 each.



Thank you to those who attended the Christmas Fair planning meeting last night and also to those who have already volunteered to help run a stall at this year's Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December. If you would like to help out, please contact your class PTA rep.

AUTUMN 1 DATES



DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday	10 October	World Mental Health Day	



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Thursday	12 October	KS2 Class Assembly 9:15am led by Y5 Mrs Maguire's class	Junior hall
Friday	13 October	Parents 'Stay and Share' : 8:30am: Y1-6	Y1-6 Classrooms
Friday	13 October	PTA Quiz Night	Infant hall
Wednesday	18 October	Open Morning	Across school
Thursday	19 October	KS1 Class Assembly 9:15 led by Y2 Miss Campbell's class	Infant hall
Friday	20 October	Show Racism The Red Card Day	-
Friday	20 October	School closes for Half Term	-
HALF TERM HOLIDAY			

PUNCTUALITY

Please note that children are reported as late if they arrive at school after 8:55am juniors and 9am infants. We ask that parents leave home in good time so that children can arrive on time and enjoy a calm start to the day.

ATTENDANCE

Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
Rec-Mrs Dreniw	96	Y2-Mrs Burke	98.33	Y4-Mrs Gerrard/Mrs Leather	95
Rec-Miss Turnbull	95.56	Y2-Mrs Wormall/Mrs Robinson	98	Y5-Mrs Luckham	95.61
Rec-Miss Doherty	94.67	Y3-Mrs McDuff	93.92	Y5-Mrs Maguire	99.31
Y1-Mr McCann	98	Y3-Miss Hutton	95.33	Y5-Miss Hobday	90.34
Y1-Miss Hollins	99.67	Y3-Mrs Needham/Mrs Jennings	94	Y6-Mrs Sheldon	94
Y1-Miss Reid	97.67	Y4-Mrs Bullock	95.67	Y6-Mrs O'Keefe/Miss Slater	98.33



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Y2-Miss Campbell	96	Y4-Mr Kerigan	97	Y6-Mrs Black	98.71
Overall percentage: 96.26					

We offer an open door to parents. If you have any questions about school life, please liaise with your class teacher. Mrs Farrell (infant deputy head), Mrs Sutton (junior deputy head), and I are also available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

