

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

ST VINCENT'S HARVEST BAKE OFF

Thank you to all of the wonderful entries for the harvest bake off. We have so many star bakers at St Vincent's! Please follow us on Twitter @StVincentsPr to see the photographs. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to Mission Together. Please can the children also return any Mission Together money boxes to school on the first day back after the half-term break.

MINI VINNIES AND PARISH SVP

This week we welcomed the SVP Presidents into school from Holy Angels and St Vincent's Parish. We have devised lots of exciting opportunities for the Mini Vinnies to work alongside the parish SVP and for the SVP Presidents to come into school to see the work we do. We will be welcoming the parish SVP back after half term to a special Mini Vinnie assembly.

WELLBEING WEEK

We recognise the importance of wellbeing in our community. This week the children have focused on their own wellbeing. Classes have participated in a range of activities including relaxation, meditation and mindfulness. We will also be further developing personal, social and health education curriculum this year.

As part of our week on wellbeing, we welcomed three parents to the junior department who came to talk to the children. Mr Ashley, a dentist, came to talk to Year 6 about the importance of oral hygiene. Mrs Allen, a physiotherapist, and Mrs McCormack, a dietician, came to talk to Year 3 about the human body and the importance of healthy eating. We will be welcoming other parents to the infant department after half-term.

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.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD READY FOR SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?

Trafford's online application system has been open since 12 September 2017. Parents of children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 are able to apply online for admission to Primary education in September 2018.



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The closing date for Primary Applications is 15 January 2018. If you are not a Trafford resident you can still apply for a place in a Trafford school but you must make your application to your home authority where you live and pay your council tax. Please note the importance of providing evidence of baptism to the school before the 15 January deadline.

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' evening will take place on Thursday 2 November between 3:45 - 7pm. Appointment slots are now available to book on-line via your 'Parent Login' on the school website www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk. Please note that there will be no extra-curricular activities running after school on Parents' Evening.

MRS CARR

Many of you know Mrs Carr. Mrs Carr has worked in the infant office for many years where she has been a valued member of the team at St Vincent's. Mrs Carr will be leaving St Vincent's on 28 November and we will be very sad to say goodbye to her. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Carr for her commitment, dedication and the care and attention she has given to the school community over the years. We will be saying a special goodbye to Mrs Carr and will be wishing her well for the future in November.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The extra-curricular activities will remain open over the half-term break because many of the clubs still have places. Please have a look at the clubs available for Autumn 2 <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/junior-extra-curricular-activities/22752>. Any activity that is no longer visible on your ParentPay account or Parent Login will be full.

BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION OPPORTUNITIES AT ST VINCENT'S

We currently have two vacancies for the business and administration staff for St Vincents.

Position 1 is for a part time, term time finance officer. Do you have or know of anyone who is trained in finance and accounting? This is a fantastic opportunity to work alongside our business manager in our wonderful school setting. Please do consider this term time position, see the link for further details and note the closing date for applications <https://greater.jobs/search-and-apply/job-details/TF10540/>

Position 2 is for a full time, term time office administrator. Do you know of anyone who has office administration skills? Experience in working in a school is preferable but not essential. Please do consider this term time position, see the link for further details and note the closing date for applications. <https://greater.jobs/search-and-apply/job-details/TF10537/>

PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Tickets are now on sale via ParentPay for the PTA Quiz which is taking place on Friday 17 November 2017 and over half the tickets have already been sold. Please come along if you can, it's always a fun night. You can form a class team or one with friends or simply put "match" on the form and we will find a team for you.



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CHRISTMAS CLOTHES SHOW - SAVE THE DATE

The PTA is organising a Clothes Show on the evening of Friday 1 December 2017. Please see the posters around school for more information, Tickets will be £7.50 including a welcome drink and tickets will go on sale after the half term.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to all the people who have already volunteered to help at the Christmas Fair but we need more of you!!! Please get in touch if you can help collect donations, run a stall or help set up.

The Christmas Pack will be sent out the w/c 6 November with your eldest child, which will include all the donation and raffle ticket information and a Father Christmas ticket request as well as a "colour and name an elf competition" for the children. Donations needed include:- Toys (new and second hand), beauty products, items for the wrapping room, items for hampers, chocolates, sweets, bottles and new this year small lucky dip prizes. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Y2 Mr Nicholls and Mrs Robinson both 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Y4 Mrs Duggan/Mrs Burke 100%
Overall school attendance	95.95%

*Please note that disability related absence are not taken into account when calculating best attendance

School closes today for half-term and reopens on Tuesday 31 October. I hope you all have a lovely restful break with your families and friends.

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

