

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

3 November 2017

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second part of the autumn term. We have lots of exciting activities planned this half term. Please do check the school dates list given in September for Mass services and performance dates. http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/DAT_201718_Whole_Year_Dates.pdf

OPEN MORNING

We will be holding an open morning for prospective parents on Tuesday 14 November from 9:15am to 11:45am. This is a great opportunity for prospective parents to have a guided tour and see the school in action. Parents of children in year 2 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.

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

It was good to see all of the parents at parents' evening yesterday. We hope you were also able to pop in to see our newly refurbished year 6 classrooms. Thank you for the lovely comments about them, they provide a wonderful learning environment.

SACRAMENTAL MEETING FOR Y3 PARENTS

We will be holding our initial sacramental meeting for parents on Thursday 16 November at 7pm in the junior hall. This is an important meeting for parents and we hope all parents can attend.

PTA QUIZ - 17 NOVEMBER

There is still room for a couple more teams if you are interested, please encourage your class to form a group. Tickets are available to buy on Parentpay.



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CHRISTMAS FAIR - 25 NOVEMBER

Next week the PTA will be sending out more details about the Christmas Fair including donations that are needed to help make the fair a success. Included in the pack will be some Grand Prize Draw tickets, this year we are pleased to announce that the highest selling infant and junior class will receive a free slime making experience courtesy of Eco Warriors, so please get selling, extra tickets will be available from both school offices.

Information is also included about booking a visit to see Father Christmas, he can only stay for a short time so visits are limited so please get your ticket requests in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Also look out for the colouring competition for your child's creation to be included in the Elf Trail at the fair.

In order to make the Fair a success we still need quite a few volunteers on the day to help run all the stalls, please contact us on Stvincentspta@gmail.com if you are available to help.

CLOTHES SHOW - 1 DECEMBER

The PTA are proud to invite you to a Clothes Show run by the 'Shop2DropLtd' on Friday 1 December in the junior Hall. The doors will open at 7pm to allow you to get a drink, a quick catch up with friends and then find somewhere to sit before the clothes show begins at 7.30pm. Clothes from leading high street retailers will be available at up to 75% discount, sizes 8-20 are available to try and then buy on the night, credit/debit cards are also welcome. Tickets are priced at £7.50 and include a glass of fizz. Friends and family are very welcome to attend with you. A full bar and nibbles will be available. Tickets will be available next week to purchase on ParentPay.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

We have been made aware of some negative links with Operation Christmas Child. For this reason we will be supporting another charitable cause, Cornerstone Day Centre, who support homeless adults. Please decorate and fill shoeboxes with any of the following items; hat, scarf, gloves, shampoo, face cloths, toiletries/hairbrush.

Please can you bring in the shoeboxes as soon as you have completed them so we can prepare to have them all picked up week beginning 13 November.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We are pleased to announce that this year the whole school has the opportunity to take part in the Christmas Card project again.

The children have been hard at work producing a piece of artwork based on their year group's festive theme and the results are spectacular! Funds raised from the sale of the cards will be used to support various projects in school to enhance the children's experiences.

Your child's artwork will be sent home with them today for you to enjoy. Should you wish to order Christmas cards, thank you cards, mugs or calendars please do so as follows:



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- **STEP 1** Complete the order form which has been sent home with your child's artwork ensuring that you calculate the total for each item that you wish to purchase. Please ensure that your child's first name, surname and class are complete.
- **STEP 2** Log on to www.parentpay to pay for the items that you have selected in STEP 1. Each item will be available to purchase today, and will appear as separate payment items just as they are listed on the order form. **It is important that you specify the quantities that you are ordering in each 'Notes field', e.g. 5 packs of Christmas cards or 2 x mugs. The quantities ordered on the artwork must match the quantities ordered on ParentPay. If the orders do not match only the goods that have been paid for on ParentPay will be sent home.**
- **STEP 3** Return the order form with the artwork to your child's class teacher **no later than Tuesday 7 November**. Please note that we will not be able to accept any late orders as the artwork needs to be returned to the supplier.

Items will be distributed to the children early in December.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Reception Miss Coffey 98.7%
Highest junior class attendance	Y5 Mrs Sutton 99.7%
Overall school attendance	97.1%

*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,

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