

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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10 November 2017

## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Today the children observed a two minute silence to remember the fallen. We talked about the importance of remembering the bravery of our soldiers. It was made extra special by listening to Oliver, our year 6 child, play the Last Post.

### IN FLANDERS FIELDS



by John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.



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## 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 two are also welcome to take a tour of the junior department if they wish. There is no need to make an appointment just come along to the infant department on Orchard road 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 0-5yrs 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.

## 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 Y3 parents can attend.

## SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you for your shoebox donations. We will be taking them to Cornerstone Day Centre on Friday 17 November to 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.

## ANTI-BULLYING AND FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Next week, 13-17 November we will be supporting National Anti-Bullying week. The Anti-Bullying Alliance's theme this year is 'All Different, All Equal'.

To mark the start of the week, Monday 13 November will be 'Odd Socks Day.'

Children are invited to wear the craziest odd socks that they can to celebrate their unique personalities. School uniform will still be worn.

Children will take part in a number of activities throughout the week, including assemblies and lessons, which will celebrate how we are all different and yet equal. Look out for our jigsaw pieces display around school!



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## **DOGS AND SCOOTERS ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**

We kindly ask that for health and safety reasons children refrain from riding their scooters on the school grounds. In addition to this and for hygiene purposes, dogs are not permitted on the school premises.

## **CHRISTMAS FAIR – SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER**

The Christmas pack was sent home this week, please take a moment to read and check if you have any of the donations that are needed to help make the fair a success. We will be accepting donations for the toy stall and gift wrapping room from Monday, please leave in one of the school offices for collection.

If you want to book a visit to see Father Christmas at the Fair please get your ticket requests in as soon as possible as it does sell out quite quickly.

Don't forget that this year the highest selling infant and junior class will receive a free Slime making experience courtesy of Eco Warriors, so please get selling those raffle tickets, extra tickets will be available from both school offices. Prizes include:- £200 cash, £70 Voucher for The Con Club in Altrincham, a family of four Museum Tour Ticket at Old Trafford and a £50 voucher for the Red Cafe.

**In order to make the Fair a success we still need a few more volunteers on the day to help run all the stalls, please contact us on [Stvincentspta@gmail.com](mailto:Stvincentspta@gmail.com) if you are available to help.**

## **CLOTHES SHOW – FRIDAY 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 in sizes 8-20 to try and then buy on the night, credit/debit cards are 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 are now available to buy on ParentPay.

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

A Christmas lunch will be served to all the children in school on Thursday 14 December.

For those children that would normally bring in a packed lunch this means that they will be served a hot Christmas meal on this day. If you normally bring in a packed lunch you may **opt out of the Christmas lunch by emailing the office no later than Friday 1 December. However if you do not opt out and your child is in the juniors, you will be you will be charged £2.10 for the meal.**

For those children in the junior department the cost of the meal is £2.10 payable via ParentPay, payment item 'School meals - St Vincent's Catholic Primary School'. Please ensure that you have paid for the Christmas meal by Friday 1 December.



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There is no cost for children in the infant department as they are entitled to government funded universal free school meals.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

All the Christmas artwork orders have now been sent off for processing. We are unable to accept any late orders. The goods ordered will be sent home early in December.

## DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

If you have not already done so please ensure that the data collection sheets sent home last week have been checked, amended if necessary, signed and returned to school on Monday.

## VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL

Do you have any spare time during the week? Would you like to volunteer in school? This has proved beneficial for parents wishing to pursue a career in education as a teacher or teaching assistant but is also a great opportunity for someone who wishes to volunteer their free time. If you would like to volunteer or find out more please contact Mrs Tiernan in the infant department at [sktiernan@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:sktiernan@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk). Volunteers will need an enhanced DBS check – details from the school.

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Y2 Mrs Robinson 99.6%
Highest junior class attendance	Y3 Mrs Farrell, Mrs Luckham and Y5 Mrs Sutton all 100%
Overall school attendance	97.35%

\*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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