

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### OPEN MORNING

It was wonderful to see so many parents and young children come along to our open morning. We had so many complimentary comments about the school, the children, attention to their tasks and their excellent behaviour.

### 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

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the year 3 sacramental meeting yesterday. It was great to see such good attendance at it. The sacramental dates can be found on this link: <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/term-dates/13549>

The two books needed for the sacramental programme can be purchased on [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) before 1 December at a cost of £8.10 each.

Lots of prayer bags were purchased too. If you didn't get an opportunity to purchase a bag they can be purchased via [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) at a cost of £10 each. We are looking forward to the children telling us all about their prayer tables at home and seeing some photographs of them.

### SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you for your shoe box donations. We received such lovely boxes filled with thoughtful gifts. I know that Cornerstone Day Centre staff and the adults who use it will be very appreciative of your kind gifts. It was extra special to read some lovely little notes and cards the children popped into the boxes wishing the people who use Cornerstone a peaceful Christmas.

### ANTI-BULLYING AND FRIENDSHIP WEEK

This week we have focused on the importance of friendship by supporting national Anti-Bullying Week. The Anti-Bullying Alliance's theme this year is 'All Different, All Equal'. The children wore their odd socks with pride and



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talked about how we are different yet equal. Thank you also to Mrs Robinson's year 2 class and Mrs O'Keefe's year 6 class for their anti-bullying assemblies.

Children on the school council also delivered a power point presentation to their classes all about friendship. The children had discussed the content of it and made it themselves. It was good to see the children taking ownership of this activity. The children also completed part of a jigsaw showing that we all fit together as one big family.

## PTA ACTIVITIES

The Quiz Night is tonight, doors open at 7:30pm and the Quiz will start at 8:00pm. Good luck to everyone coming along.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR – SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Thank you for all your wonderful donations so far; please find below a list of the donations that we are asking parents for next week. We are also looking for any homemade produce for the homemade stall. Please either bring into school or let us know at [stvincentspta@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentspta@gmail.com) what you will be bringing on the day.

**Next Friday, 24 November** will be an own clothes day. In exchange could infant children please bring an item of chocolate for the chocolate tombola and junior children a bottle for the bottle tombola.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help. We are still looking for people to help with infant and junior refreshments and in the Orchard Spa, no face painting experience needed! All of your help is very much appreciated and the funds we raise are all for our children.

Year	Donation
Nursery and Reception	Beauty products for the beauty tombola.
Year 1 & 2	Sweets – anything big or small for the sweet tombola.
Year 3 & 4	New or used toys for the toy tombola.
Year 5	Lucky Dip prizes – Any small items in a saleable condition for boys or girls would be perfect. for example Stationary, beauty, cars, puzzles etc
Year 6	Products for Hampers e.g. biscuits, chutneys, olives or tinned goods.

## FASHION SHOW AND CLOTHES SALE - 1 DECEMBER

Tickets are now available on [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). This will be a lovely evening of chatter, drinks and fashion. There will also be stalls there with Stella & Dot by Helen Murphy, clothes & accessories by Edge



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Boutique and also Hair Accessories by Niamh Browne. Why not arrange for a mums' night out for Christmas? Please buy your tickets as soon as possible to give us an idea of numbers.

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.

## RAFFLE TICKET SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

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 are 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.

The children are getting very competitive and really want to win the slime making experience!

**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.**

## ADMINISTRATION OPPORTUNITIES AT ST VINCENT'S

We currently have one part-time vacancy for the business and administration staff for St Vincents.

**Part – time office administrator, term time + inset days - 25.25hours/week over 4 days.** 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. If you are interested please get in touch and we will send you the application pack.

## 300 CLUB

Have you joined our 300 club yet? We have just a few shares left. 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!

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](http://www.parentpay.com)



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## ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Y1 Mrs Burke/Mrs Gerrard 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Y5 Mrs Sutton 100%
Overall school attendance	96.2%

\*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

