

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

24 November 2017

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

CHRISTMAS FAIR - TOMORROW 11AM-2PM

The PTA has been busy preparing for the Christmas Fair for some time. We are very grateful for all of the donations received. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help on the day of the fair too. In order for the fair to run successfully we need over 100 volunteers to help prepare, run and tidy up so thank you in advance for your help and support. The fair is open from 11am until 2pm and we hope you all come along and enjoy all the different stalls.

The Choir will be singing some Christmas songs from 1:30pm in the Junior Hall. Children at the fair at that time are very welcome to join in. The Grand Prize Raffle will be drawn at 1:45pm in the Junior Hall; we have some excellent prizes this year. The best-selling infant and junior class will also be announced.

Thank you to all the children who entered the Elf Trail colouring completion - we had some very colourful elves with interesting names. The winners will receive a little prize and a list of the winners will be available in the Junior hall where all the entries will be available to view during the Christmas Fair.

A special thank you for all your donations over the last two weeks, we have been amazed and very humbled by your generosity.

PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to all the teams that participated in the Quiz, it was a very good evening and we raised over £1,000 for the PTA. Congratulation to the new champions Robinson's Crew!

PTA FASHION SHOW 1ST DECEMBER

Unfortunately we have had to postpone this event due to lack of interest at this busy time of the year. We hope to reschedule it to a later date in the school year. Anybody who had bought a ticket has received a refund to their ParentPay account today.

RECEPTION NATIVITY AND YEAR 4 PLAY

Parents of children in Reception and Year 4 have been emailed to confirm that tickets are on sale and can be purchased through www.parentpay.com. To avoid disappointment, please ensure that you complete the notes section with your preferred date of choice.

ADVENT MASSES

We are looking forward to our Advent Masses which take place Wednesday 29 November at 9:05am for infants and Thursday 7 December at 9:10am for juniors.



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JUNIOR ADVENT SERVICE

The Junior Advent Service will take place on **Tuesday 19 December at 6:30pm** at St Vincent's Church. Although the date is on our annual dates list, this is advance notice that all children in the juniors are involved in this service and all children in the juniors are expected to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity for our older children to come together in the evening during Advent.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A reminder that a Christmas lunch will be served to all the children in school on Thursday 14 December. As notified in last week's Newsletter, if your infant or junior child is on packed lunches you can opt-out of the Christmas meal by emailing the school office before **next Friday 1 December**. Please can all other parents of junior children on packed lunches ensure that their child's school meal account is topped up with £2.10 before 1 December.

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.

ADMISSION POLICY

In light of new diocesan guidelines, we have reviewed the admission policy for September 2019. The policy is now under consultation and can be found on the following link:
<http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/admissions/6191>

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TEAM

As you know Mrs Carr will be leaving on Tuesday 28 November. On behalf of the staff, governors and children I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Carr for all of the work she has done for our children, families, staff and parish over the 15 years she has been at St Vincents. She has welcomed all of our children to the school and has gone above and beyond in every aspect of her role. We thank her for all she has done and wish her well for the future.

Mrs Nash will also be moving on at the end of this term. She will be moving back to her original profession as a Solicitor and will be joining a local practice.

Mrs Dickerson and Mrs Hawkins will be joining the administration team in December. Mrs Dickerson is our new administrator and Mrs Hawkins is our new finance support officer. We are also recruiting an additional school administrator to join the team.



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As the team is in a period of transition, I ask that you give Mrs Castro and her team your patience and full support.

ENROLMENT MASS FOR Y3 CHILDREN

The year 3 children will attend their Enrolment Mass on Sunday 26 November at 10am at St Vincents or 10:30am at Holy Angels. Please ensure you leave time for parking as these Masses are very busy.

The two work books needed by each child for the Sacramental Programme are still available to purchase on www.parentpay.com and will be until 1 December. In addition, if you didn't get an opportunity to purchase a prayer bag at the recent Sacramental meeting, they too are available on www.parentpay.com until 1 December. We are looking forward to the children telling us all about their prayer tables at home and seeing some photographs of them.

CALENDAR DATES

The calendar dates for 2018/19 have been set and can be accessed here: http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/Hol_Holdiay_List_2018_19.pdf

Please do check our term dates when you are booking family holidays as the school cannot authorise term time holidays.

DID YOU KNOW?

During the Christmas period, Trafford are allowing free parking in their car parks from 3pm. Do take advantage of this festive arrangement.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Mr Nicholls 99.25%
Highest junior class attendance	Mr Kerigan 98.8%
Overall school attendance	97.3%

*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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