

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

1 December 2017

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

ENROLMENT MASS FOR Y3 CHILDREN

Year 3 children attended their enrolment mass to join the sacramental programme on Sunday and they received their special medals. Please look out for our children wearing their medals at Mass each Sunday.

LETTER FROM THE DIOCESE

The Diocese has asked school to circulate this letter to parents. Please follow the link <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/shrewsbury-diocese-letter-/40037>

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to the PTA who organised the Christmas Fair. It was wonderful to see the children having so much fun. Thank you to all of you who supported the fair; especially the parents, children, the school staff and governors who helped out on the day. The success of the Christmas Fair depends on the time and support from all of the school community so thank you to everyone who made the day a success. Altogether we raised a staggering £7,000!

Recent purchases from the PTA include a brand new sound system in both the infant and junior halls. We will be replacing the projector in the junior hall very soon too. The PTA has also funded new reading books for the school. All of the children will benefit from the PTA funds at Christmas by watching a pantomime with other Christmas treats.

You will know that we have been saving up to gradually refurbish the junior hall. With a range of funding we have carried out electrical work, replaced all of the doors and hall windows to the back of the hall and have now replaced the sound system. Future plans include new lighting, flooring and repainting.

RECEPTION NATIVITY AND YEAR 4 PLAY

Tickets may still be purchased for the Reception Nativity and Year 4 Play until Tuesday 5 December through www.parentpay.com. Therefore if you haven't already done so and to avoid disappointment, please ensure that you complete the notes section with your preferred date of choice.

ADVENT PLANNER

We have created a parent Advent planner as we recognise this is a busy time of year for families. The planner can be found on the website by following the link, http://stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/HT_Advent_Parent_Planner_2017.pdf you will also find it attached for your convenience.



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CHRISTMAS LUNCH REMINDER

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 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.

CAROL SINGING AT TESCO ON TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER

St Vincent's Wednesday Junior Choir will be singing at Tesco on Tuesday 5 December from approximately 9:45am until 11:00am. Please come and support us if you have a spare few minutes. We would love to see you there!

PARISH CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND CONCERTS

- **St Vincent's Christmas Carol Concert** - The Carol Service is on the Third Sunday of Advent, 17 December at 3pm and includes St Vincent's Church Choir and St Vincent's Primary School Choir. All are most welcome.
- **Holy Angels Carols by Candlelight** - Please come and join us to sing on Sunday 10 December at 4pm. Children are invited to come dressed in Nativity Costumes. This event includes the Holy Angels Choir, The Raphaelites, St Vincent's Primary School Choir and St Ambrose College Choir. Help is needed to welcome and steward the event please.
- **Holy Angels Christmas Fair** – This is in Holy Angels Car Park on Sunday 17 December from 12noon until 7pm. Entry is free and there will be artisan food/drink, over 30 gift/craft stalls, a visit from Santa Claus, a firework display and live entertainment plus much more. Further details may be found at <http://www.halebarnscarnival.co.uk/>
- **St Vincent's Christmas Coffee and Shopping Morning** – We warmly invite you to Westleigh on Sunday 3 December, from 9:30am to 1:30pm for a sociable charity event in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust. Alongside the regular offering of tea and coffee there will be hearty refreshments, such as bacon rolls and homemade cakes! There will be a number of stalls selling items such as Christmas wreaths, gifts, candles, clothes and jewellery. Any offers of help would be very much appreciated, please call Julie on 07914 639 587.

We are delighted that our school choir will be performing at the first two events.



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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.

THANK YOU

Mrs Carr wanted to thank everyone for their kind words and gifts and sent this message below:

"Dear Parents

I just wanted to thank you all for your kind words, your lovely cards and your generosity on the occasion of my leaving St Vincent's Primary School. I will never forget your thoughtfulness. I will not have the opportunity to write and thank you all individually due to the sheer numbers so please accept this brief note in the newsletter as my thank you to you all.

I have had so much fun and enjoyment whilst working at St Vincent's and have loved the interaction with all your children over the years. It has been a huge privilege to play a tiny part in caring for your lovely children and it is a privilege I have never taken for granted.

I would like to wish you and your families all the best for the future.

Regards

Sheila Carr"

ENCOMPASS

Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new project that will run in partnership with Trafford Safeguarding Board and Greater Manchester Police. The project is called Encompass, and it has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of school but which might have an impact on a child attending school the following day. This information will be shared on school days during the school term. When incidents occur on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, the police will contact the relevant school the following Monday. A nominated member of school staff, known as a key adult, will be trained to liaise with the police. At St Vincent's our key adult is Mrs Harrop. The key adult will be able to use information that has been shared with them in confidence to ensure that the school is able to support children and their families. Information will be shared where it is identified that a child or young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident. We always endeavour to offer the best possible support to our pupils and believe that Trafford Encompass is going to be beneficial and supportive for all concerned children and families. If you would like to know any more about this initiative, please do contact school.



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ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Y2 Mrs Robinson 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Y4 Mr Kerigan 99.05%
Overall school attendance	96.55%

*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

