

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

ADVENT ACTIVITIES

NATIVITY AND YEAR 4 PERFORMANCE

Well done to our Reception classes for giving us a wonderful nativity and to our Year 4 classes for their Christmas performance this week. Each and every child had a special part to play. Thank you to all the parents who helped with the costumes and for supporting the children with learning lines and songs. Thanks also to the teachers and teaching assistants for their creativity and having such high expectations of the children.

The performances were professionally filmed. DVDs are available to order at a cost of £5 each via www.parentpay.com until Monday morning.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The children enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch yesterday. Special thanks to our cooks who worked hard to ensure that lunch time was extra special.

JUNIOR ADVENT SERVICE

The junior Advent service will take place on Tuesday 19 December at St Vincent's Church. All junior children are involved and all junior children are expected to attend in full school uniform. The service starts at 6:30pm and children are asked to arrive at 6:15pm. Please note that the area will be busy so please allow time for parking.

PANTOMIMES

The children will be enjoying a Christmas pantomime on Thursday 21 December. Both the infants and the juniors will watch 'Aladdin'. This exciting event has been funded by our PTA.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The extra-curricular activities for Spring 1 are live and available to book until 3pm on Tuesday. All clubs still have availability except for Year 2 Art Club. Further details about the clubs on offer can be found here: <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/junior-extra-curricular-activities/22752>

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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CHRISTMAS EVE – SUNDAY 24 DEC	6:00pm 11:30pm 12:00am	Children's Mass Readings and Carols Midnight Mass	4:30pm Children's Mass (<i>Children are invited to dress up in their Nativity costumes to take part in the story</i>) 11:30pm Carols followed by Mass at midnight
CHRISTMAS DAY – MONDAY 25 DEC	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am		8:30am 10:30am

A reminder that it is the St Vincent's Church Christmas Carol Concert this Sunday at 3pm and our school choir will be singing.

PTA

THE GIVING MACHINE

In the run up to Christmas so many of us spend a lot of money online, with just a few extra steps you could be raising money for the PTA while you spend. The PTA is signed up to the Giving Machine, and every time you buy something online using their website the PTA earns money. Please find a few easy steps outlined below that will help you set this up.

HOW TO SET UP

- Go to <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>
- Click on the JOIN button at the top left corner.
- Type 'St Vincent's' into the search bar.
- Click on the correct search result.
- Click on the JOIN AND SUPPORT button.
- Complete your details.

HOW TO USE

- Go to <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>
- Login as a giver
- Search for the item or retailer you want to use and then start shopping.

Please do all you can to support our fundraising.



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SAD NEWS

Fr John has asked for the following to be shared; Mary Gervis who used to be the school caretaker has passed away. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 20 December at 12:15pm. Some families will remember her long association with the school.

NEW CLASSROOMS

You will have noticed that our building work is nearly complete. The two additional classrooms are very spacious and bright. Mr Nicholls and Mrs Robinson are very excited about moving their classes into them. We have also invested in new technology to deliver the very best learning environment and tools for the children and staff. We held a special assembly to say a very big thank you to our builders and sang them a lovely song; they were thrilled!

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Mr Nicholls' Class 99.65%
Highest junior class attendance	Mr Kerigan's Class 99.4%
Overall school attendance	96.15%

*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

