

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

5 January 2018

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year. I hope you enjoyed Christmas with your family. We have lots of exciting plans for the spring term.

NEW YEAR MASSES

- Juniors: Thursday 11 January 9:05am
- Infants: Wednesday 17 January 9:00am

There will be a Parents' reflection on Friday 12 January - please meet at the infant entrance.

YEAR 3 PARENT SACRAMENTAL MEETING

There will be a Parents' meeting about the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday 18 January at 7:00pm in the junior hall.

WHOLE SCHOOL DATES LIST FOR THE YEAR AND SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please follow the links below to learn more about what is happening and when in school:

- http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/DAT_201718_Whole_Year_Dates.pdf
- <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/events>

SEPTEMBER 2018 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

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 of 15 January 2018 for Primary Applications is fast approaching. Please ensure you have **applied on line and have provided evidence** of baptism to the school before the 15 January deadline. If you have any questions about admissions, please phone the school office and they or I will be happy to help.

NEW CLASSROOMS

Our new year 2 classrooms are now in use and look really good. They are bright and spacious and very conducive to learning. We have been busy transforming our old year 2 classrooms. They will be used for pastoral, ICT, music lessons and interventions.



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The builders have now taken everything off site. We will be reseeded the grassed area outside our Nursery, where the machinery had been stored, as the weather improves and further developing our playground provision in the coming months.

STAFFING

Office staff members have all now joined us and the team led by Mrs Castro is listed below:

- Mrs Castro School Business Manager
- Mrs Dickerson Administrator (based in the junior dept.)
- Mrs Knight Administrator (based in the junior dept.)
- Mrs Flesk Administrator (based in the infant dept.)
- Mrs Marlow Administrator (based in the infant dept.)
- Mrs Hawkins Finance Assistant (based in the infant dept.)

Thank you for your patience and the lovely welcome you have given our new staff.

We have three staff who will be taking maternity leave this year. Mrs Sutton, Mrs O'Keefe and Mrs Robinson will all take their maternity leave after the Whit holiday in June. Congratulations to them all! We will inform classes which teacher will take over for the remaining weeks of the school year in the near future.

ST VINCENT'S BAND

This year we will be setting up our very own St Vincent's band. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to rehearse together and perform their songs.

The children will come and play as part of an ensemble, led by Mr Bryan. Band rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. There will be a weekly charge of £3 per child. This is a great opportunity for children to play as part of a group and develop their musical skills. There will also be planned opportunities for the children to perform. If your child is grade 1 or above and would like to be part of this exciting group please can you email Mrs Mackenzie at admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk.

PTA

The ever popular Infant Disco Nights and Junior Film Nights will be held on **Friday 26 January and Friday 2 February**. Each event takes place at the same time on both nights in the infant and junior hall respectively. More information and booking via ParentPay will be provided soon. The events are extremely popular so this year we have decided the Infant Disco will be for **Year 1 and 2 only** and a separate event will be planned for our Reception children.

As always these events can only be held with the help of volunteers so if anyone can help out on either date in either the infant or junior hall please contact the PTA on stvincentspta@gmail.com.



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MATCH FUNDING

Match funding is a scheme run by a number of large organisations whereby if an employee helps a charity fundraiser the company will match the funds raised by the employee (or to a certain percentage). This would be a great way for the PTA to increase the money we raise. Could everyone check if their employer offers this scheme, the easiest way would be a quick email to your HR department. Please let us know if your employer offers this scheme and we can help claim the match funds which will ultimately benefit all of our children.

WALKING BUS

Have you thought about using our walking bus or park and stride scheme? You can walk with your child daily (park and stride) or even drop your child/ren with one of the organisers to walk children to school if you have other commitments (walking bus). Children can be dropped off at the Tesco car park from 8:30am, leaving at 8:38 am for the 7 minute walk to school. It is very sociable. (If you want to park your car and stride to school yourselves then there are no time constraints). Park your car in the Tesco Extra on Manor Road – we use the corner by Travis Perkins and in wet weather we move to the undercover area. Use the place at the afternoon collection. By registering your registration plate you will avoid any car park fines. Please visit our website for further details. <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/the-walking-bus/27905>

There is very limited parking on Orchard and Osborne Road so we encourage a healthy start and end to the day by walking. **Please park considerately and note that Christine Court on Orchard Road is a private car park and cannot be used by anyone other than their staff and residents.**

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK w/c 18/12/2017

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Miss Sheppard 99.6%
Highest junior class attendance	Mrs Jennings 100%
Overall school attendance	93.9%

*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 headteacher based in the junior department), Mrs Tiernan (deputy headteacher based in the infant department), and I are very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

A Harrop (Mrs)
Headteacher

