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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER


Dear Parents,


ADVENT

We have been enjoying all of the wonderful activities in school this week. Please read below to find out more.

Second Sunday of Advent

Today's reading
Mark 1:1-8
Today we heard a story about John the Baptist. John told everybody that Jesus was coming and that they needed to get ready. John warns the people coming to be baptised that they need to change their lives for the better. This will help them to be ready for Jesus.





Today's reflection
If we change our lives for the better and try to do the right things, we can help to make the world a happier place for other people too.

How are you going to change your life for the better this Advent?

What will you do for others so that you are ready when Jesus comes?

RECEPTION NATIVITY



This week we enjoyed a wonderful Reception Nativity. The children told the Christmas story beautifully and sang so well.

Thank you to the staff for all of the work that went into making them so very special and to you as parents for all of your support.



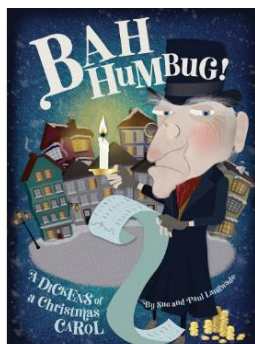
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YEAR 4 BAH HUMBUG! PERFORMANCE



Well done to the Year 4 children who performed Bah Humbug! A Dickens of a Christmas Carol this week. It was wonderful to see the high standard of singing and acting on the stage. As usual, the singing was fantastic. Well done also for thinking about our value of kindness during Advent. **#Be Kind**

Information on how to purchase recordings of each performance via download will be made available next week. **#Make a Difference**

CHRISTMAS LUNCH/JUMPER DAY: WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER



Next Wednesday the children will be served a Christmas lunch and there will be a special visitor arriving in the infant department. To make the day even more festive, children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or accessory as part of a non-uniform day.

FIRST EVER SANTA DASH!



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Children in Year 1 to 6 enjoyed a fabulous Santa Dash. Well done for running laps around the field to Christmas music!

'TEA ROOM CHATS' & FUSSY EATING SUPPORT: FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER



Next Friday, all parents are invited to join our 'Tea Room Chats' coffee morning in the Infant Department Hall at 9am. This is an opportunity to meet other parents/carers and staff within the school community. The school nurse will also be joining us to talk to parents about supporting children who have difficulties with eating certain foods. Please see attached flyer for further information. [#Make a Difference](#)

YEAR 3 TO 6 ADVENT SERVICE



Children in Years 3 to 6 will hold an Advent Service in Church on Monday 18th December at 6:30pm. The service will take place at St Vincent's church and all children in the junior department are expected to attend this lovely service. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together during Advent. [#Make a Difference](#)

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR



Thank you so much to the PTA, staff, parents and governors who helped run stalls at the Christmas fair and to everyone who supported it. [#Make a Difference](#)



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PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Below is the link to enter the Christmas Raffle. There are some great prizes to be won and tickets can still be purchased until Monday 18th January. #Make a Difference

[Enter Raffle to Win St Vincent's Christmas Raffle hosted by St Vincent's PTA \(raffall.com\)](https://raffall.com)

CURRICULUM: STAY AND SHARE



It was lovely to see so many parents in year 1 to 6 come to school for the Stay and Share book look today. It was nice to see the children talk through what they are learning with their parents.

If you would like to know how children build their knowledge and skills, please see the curriculum information on the website, links to each subject are below. These detail how children will build and deepen their knowledge from Reception to Year 6 in each subject. #Be Passionate about Learning

Phonics <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/phonics/120613>

Reading <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/reading/134285>

Writing <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/writing/134286>

Mathematics <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/mathematics/134287>

Religious Education <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/religious-education/134288>

Science <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/science/134289>

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PE <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/physical-education/134294>

Computing <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/computing/134295>

French <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/modern-foreign-languages-mfl/134297>

PSHE <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/personal-social-and-health-education-pshe/134298>

SEND LINK NEWSLETTER



The Link Newsletter gives lots of information and advice for families who have a child with special educational needs. The December edition gives information on the following:

- **Festive season tips** - from a parent carer and local offer advisor, Sarah Bradley.
- **Congratulations to Stockdales** - find out about how they have been selected as a charity partner for the Trafford Centre and how you can get involved.
- **Child to Parent Abuse resources** - services that can help if you are experiencing this.
- **Skylarks** - London based organisation that is open to anyone living anywhere, with online courses and activities
- **SEND What's On** - for things to do, activities and training going on throughout the year, click here: **SEND What's On**.

Follow the link to read the December edition. <https://sway.office.com/Q0e1dLAVj9VseaVR?ref=email>

Click here to receive the newsletter directly. **Sign up to receive the newsletter directly**

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AUTUMN 2 DATES

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Wednesday	13 December	Christmas Lunch/ Parties/ Father Christmas Visit	Both departments
Thursday	14 December	KS2 Class Assembly 9:15 led by Y4 Mrs Bullock's class	Junior hall



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Monday	18 December	Christmas Service 6:30pm	St Vincent's Church
Wednesday	20 December	Christmas Pantomime	Both departments
Thursday	21 December	School Closes	-
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY			

ATTENDANCE



We know that pupils fall behind their friends and classmates when they miss school. At St Vincent's we want the amount of missed education to be reduced as much as possible. We believe that our community is stronger together, with all of our pupils in school, on time, every day. We are building life skills, life-long friendships and preparing your child for future success.

We would really appreciate your help and support ensuring that pupils come to school every day so that they can get the best possible outcomes. We want to work with you to achieve this.

We have recently received several requests for holidays. Holidays in term time are not authorised and are recorded as such. The end and start of school term is very important and even with one day of absence pupils can miss important information and learning.

We know that sometimes our pupils cannot come to school because they are very unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and other pupils.

Schools are issued with NHS guidance. Medical advice is clear however it states that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness.

Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Rec-Mrs Dreniw	97.33%	Y2-Mrs Burke	99.33%	Y4-Mrs Gerrard /Mrs Leather	98.67%
Rec-Miss Turnbull	96.21%	Y2-Mrs Wormald/Mrs Robinson	98%	Y5-Mrs Luckham	95%



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Rec-Miss Doherty	88%	Y3-Mrs McDuff	96.67%	Y5-Mrs Maguire	98%
Y1-Mr McCann	99.33%	Y3-Miss Hutton	93.55%	Y5-Miss Hobday	98%
Y1-Miss Hollins	97.67%	Y3-Mrs Needham/Mrs Jennings	96.67%	Y6-Mrs Sheldon	97.67%
Y1-Miss Reid	98%	Y4-Mrs Bullock	95.67%	Y6-Mrs O'Keefe/Miss Kirk	97.67%
Y2-Miss Campbell	94.67%	Y4-Mr Kerigan	95.67%	Y6-Mrs Black	93.55%
Overall percentage: 96.43%					

We offer an open door to parents. If you have any questions about school life, please liaise with your class teacher. Mrs Farrell (infant deputy head), Mrs Sutton (junior deputy head), and I are also available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher