

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

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Dear Parents,

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The children have been working very hard to keep their Lenten promises. They have made some sacrifices and they have been extra kind during Lent.

LENTEN MASSES

Infant: Wednesday 14 March 9:05am

Junior: Thursday 8 March 9:10am

PURPLE WEDNESDAY

In this liturgical season of Lent, each Wednesday we will wear a purple accessory to school to remind us that we are in this season. Children are welcome to wear purple socks, hair accessories, bracelets or ties.

LENTEN FUNDRAISING

On Wednesday 7 March the children will come together to sing as many songs as we can manage! Please sponsor us. Donations will be split between the Good Shepherd Appeal and the following charities – Wish upon a Star; Starlight Ward Wythenshawe Hospital; Shelter; St. Ann's Hospice; The Rainbow trust; Cancer Research; The Christie. Sponsor forms have been sent home this week. Please hand in all donations to your class teacher. Thank you in advance for your donations.

WEATHER

Thank you for sending the children well wrapped up this week. The children have really enjoyed playing in the snow. Although it is very rare for a school to be closed due to poor weather conditions, the procedure for informing parents should the school need to be closed is as follows: in the first instance a message will be put on the school website and then on our Twitter account. Following that, an email will be sent to all parents informing of a closure. Hopefully we won't need to be in this position and it will start to warm up a little soon.

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' evening will take place on Thursday 15 March between 3:45pm and 7pm. Please follow this link to our website <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/> where you will be able to book your meeting slot by signing in using your parent login details and clicking on the 'parents' evening' tab. These are important meetings so please do make arrangements to attend.



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RECEPTION CLASS STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

This half term we will be hosting a series of 'Stay and Play' sessions in the reception classes. These sessions will take place on:

Tuesday 6 March

Thursday 15 March

Tuesday 20 March

The sessions run between 9:10am and 10:15am.

There will be 30 places available for each session to allow a parent or grandparent from each family to attend. It is a great opportunity to see what your child is learning in reception and the many resources available to them.

If you wish to attend you can sign up via the website. Please sign in to the 'parent login' area on the school website, select Surveys and Forms and book the session you require.

WORLD BOOK DAY

The children and staff had a wonderful time celebrating world book day. The junior children wrote lovely stories and read them to their buddies. The children spoke about the character they had dressed up as, and each presented their costumes in our assemblies. Thank you for all of the creative costumes; the children looked fantastic. Please take a look at our Twitter school newsroom account and our website to see our wonderful photographs.

As part of our World Book Day celebrations we have invited the Scholastic Book Fair in the junior department library on the following dates:

Friday 2 March **3:30pm – 4:15pm**

Tuesday 6 March **3:30pm – 4:15pm**

This is an excellent opportunity to introduce your children to a wide and varied range of good-quality books. The commission earned from books sold will enable us to purchase new books for the school.

SCIENCE WEEK

The week beginning Monday 12 March is Science week and we have many exciting activities planned. If you have a science background and could possibly contribute, please email Mrs Bloor at the school office.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

This year's Easter Eggstravaganza will take place straight after school on Friday 23 March in the infant hall. We need parents to help support and run the event. If you can help in any way please email the PTA on stvincentspta@gmail.com or catch Sarah White or a committee member for a chat.



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SUMMER BALL SAVE THE DATE

The PTA Summer Ball is taking place on Saturday 30 June. More details will follow soon but please keep the date free. This event is always a great night and raises lots of money which benefits our children.

GAZEBO

Our gazebo is in the process of being built and we hope to have it completed next week. Please take a look at our Twitter school newsroom to see the progress being made. We are very excited about it.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Mr Nicholls' Class 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Mrs Duggan/Mrs Burke's Class 99.2%
Overall school attendance	96.65%

*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

Headteacher

