

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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

Thanks to all the parents who came along to our junior Mass. Our infant Mass will take place on Wednesday 14 March at 9:05am. Please do come along if you can.

PURPLE WEDNESDAY

It is great to see the children wearing their purple accessories each Wednesday throughout Lent. Children are welcome to wear purple socks, hair accessories, bracelets or ties.

LENTEN FUNDRAISING

We held our Singathon on Wednesday this week. The children had a fantastic time singing. The children sang action songs, rounds, old and new songs and songs from musicals. They sounded amazing! Take a look at our website, <http://stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/news/junior-singathon/32726>, and school twitter page, @StVincentsPr for more information.

Thank you for bringing the sponsor money into school. We ask that sponsor money is brought to school by Friday 16 March. 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 and The Christie.

RECEPTION CLASS STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

Thank you to those parents who came along to our first of three stay and play sessions in reception. The remaining dates are Thursday 15 March and Tuesday 20 March 2018. The sessions will run between 9:10am and 10:15am. We have some lovely photographs on our twitter page and school website. <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/news/reception-stay-and-play/32686>

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' evening will take place on **Thursday 15 March between 3:45pm and 7pm**. Please log on to the 'PARENT LOGIN' section of the school website to book your meeting slot. These are important meetings so please do make arrangements to attend.



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As usual, books will be out in the classrooms for parents to look at before meeting teachers in the halls. As the Sunshine Club will be using the cabins during this evening, year 4 books will be laid out in the year 5 and 6 corridor.

PARENT WORKSHOP

As part of our routine curriculum development, we are currently reviewing our policy and scheme of work for relationship and sex education. As part of this we would like to work with parents to consider new teaching and learning materials. We have set up two opportunities for parents to come to a workshop where we can present the materials to parents. The workshops will take place in the **infant hall on Wednesday 21 March at 2:30pm and Thursday 22 March at 6:30pm**. The workshops are open to parents from reception to year 6. Please can you indicate if you are able to attend by signing up to the relevant workshop via 'PARENT LOGIN' on the school website <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/> 'Surveys and Forms' tab so that we can prepare materials.

PTA EVENTS

▪ Easter Eggstravaganza

This year's 'Easter Eggstravaganza' will take place straight after school on **Friday 23 March**. 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.

▪ PTA Spectacular Summer Ball on Saturday 30 June 2018 - Save the date!

This year's ball will be held at Bowdon Rugby Club and tickets will go on sale after the Easter Holidays at £50 each, they will be allocated on a first come first served basis with tables seating up to 10 people. Further details will follow.

This year we are going to focus on raising funds for new equipment for I.T. Development throughout the school. Along with this our children have chosen two charities that they wish to support with funds raised from the night; The National Autistic Society and Make A Wish. Thanks to the Minnie Vinnies for helping to choose these very deserving charities.

We very much hope you will be able to support the evening by either sponsoring a table for £150 or a donation that could be used for a 'money can't buy' auction prize or as a raffle prize. All donations will be acknowledged in our programme for the evening and across all the school and PTA social media pages.

It is always a special night combining having fun with giving back to our school community and to two chosen charities.

Please contact us via our dedicated email address of stvincentsptaball2018@gmail.com or speak to Sarah Liddell, Cathy Quinn or any other PTA Committee Member that you know.



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▪ Gazebo

Our gazebo on the infant playground is now finished. I would like to thank our wonderful PTA for all of the work they have done in raising money to fund this project. The children and staff are delighted with it. We'll be tweeting about how we are using our gazebo in the coming weeks.

DEBATING

Last week we welcomed Sir Graham Brady to school to facilitate our year 5 and 6 debate. The children had prepared their points well. To find out more, please follow this link. <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/news/does-a-parent-own-their-child/32689>

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Reception Miss Sheppard 99%
Highest junior class attendance	Y4 Mr Kerigan and Y6 Mrs Sheldon 99.4%
Overall school attendance	97.3%

*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,

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