

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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## Music Mark Awarded to St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



We are delighted to announce that our school has been successful in obtaining the Music Mark. We are one of only a few schools in Trafford who hold this prestigious award.

Music is an important part of our curriculum and every year group has regular music lessons as part of the carousel of subjects which take place each week. Children listen to music and work on their musical skills through singing, playing and composing.

Singing is a really important part of all the music we do and we sing together regularly and enthusiastically across the school; both in preparation for liturgical celebrations throughout the year and just for fun, as we did recently in our 'Singathon' where we sang a great variety of songs to raise money for a range of charities. Classes learn new songs to include in their class assemblies and singing is an everyday activity in many classes as part of the wider curriculum. We take any opportunities to work with other schools to promote singing and music. This year the Year 3 classes have had singing sessions with Mrs Bray from Loreto and all the Year 4 classes have attended, or will be attending a singing workshop at BTHCC with Mrs Edwards. There are two choirs in the juniors and over the last few years we have sung at the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester Cathedral, local care homes and entertained the shoppers at Tesco with Christmas carols. This week one of our choirs performed at the Altrincham and District Schools' Music Festival.

There are many opportunities for children to learn a musical instrument at St Vincent's. In Year 5 children learn an instrument as a class with Trafford Music Service, which they can then continue privately if they want to. This culminates in a concert which parents are invited to attend. As well as independent peripatetic teachers there are also teachers from Trafford Music Service who come into school to offer a variety of instrumental tuition including: piano, guitar, cello, violin, drums, recorder, flute, clarinet, trumpet and saxophone. A band has recently been formed in key stage 2 where children are learning to play as part of a group.

In the Summer Term, as well as the fantastic musicals put on by Year 2 and Year 6, there is a concert in key stage 2 where the choir, band, soloists and groups have a chance to perform.

I would like to thank Mrs Mackenzie and the rest of the staff for all of their hard work in enabling us to achieve this award. This award is a reflection of our commitment to music and the wider curriculum. Well done everyone!



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## LENTEN MASSES

Thanks to all the parents who came along to our infant Mass. It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents attend.

## 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

Thank you to everyone who has returned sponsor money to school. We ask that sponsor money is brought to school as soon as possible as we will be sending donations off on 23 March.

Donations will be split between the Good Shepherd Appeal and the following charities chosen by year groups: Wish upon a Star; Starlight Ward Wythenshawe Hospital; Shelter; St Ann's Hospice; The Rainbow Trust; Cancer Research and The Christie.

## EASTER CHICKS FOR SALE

From Monday 19 March the Minnie Vinnies will be visiting all classrooms selling knitted Easter Chicks which will be filled with a chocolate egg. These will be sold to the children for £2 each, with all proceeds going to Francis House.

## HOLY COMMUNION MEETING

Thank you to everyone who came along to the parent meeting for Holy Communion.

There will be a special children's liturgy for children preparing for first holy communion at 10am Mass on Sunday 25 March at St Vincent's church.

## 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 last session will be on Tuesday 20 March 2018. The sessions will run between 9:10am and 10:15am.

## PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you to everyone who came to our parents' evening and for your lovely comments about our school. If you were unable to attend, your class teacher will contact you to make an appointment.

## SCIENCE WEEK

The children have enjoyed having an extra focus on science this week. Many thanks also to some of our parents who came into school to talk about what it is like to be a scientist.



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## 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

### PTA "EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA"

The PTA is holding the annual "Easter Eggstravaganza" on Friday 23 March in the Infant hall/playground from 3:15pm – 4:30pm. In order to make the event a success we would be grateful for any donations. To give us plenty of time to get ready we are asking for donations from Friday 16 March. Please see below for a guideline of what you could donate:

Monday 19 March	<b>Reception and Year 1</b> to donate small eggs i.e. creme eggs/kinder eggs <b>Years 2 - 6</b> to donate an Easter egg.
Friday 23 March	<b>All years</b> - any extra donations or donations of crispy cakes are very welcome.

The event is always lots of fun. There will be various games (with prizes) including 'Name the Pig', a treasure trail, 'Lucky Dip' and of course the 'Easter Egg Tombola'. There will also be refreshments on sale. We are looking for volunteers on the day to help run the stalls. If you could spare just 30 minutes it would help make the event run smoothly and it would be really appreciated. Please contact [stvincentspta@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentspta@gmail.com) if you can offer some of your time.

### 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.



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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](mailto:stvincentsptaball2018@gmail.com) or speak to Sarah Liddell, Cathy Quinn or any other PTA Committee Member that you know.

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Y1 Mrs McDuff 99%
Highest junior class attendance	Y3 Mrs Farrell 99%
Overall school attendance	93.95%

\*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

Headteacher

