

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

20 April 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely Easter break with your family.

NEWSLETTERS

You will be receiving the summer curriculum newsletter and RE newsletter today. Please do read them to see how you can support your child's learning.

Many assessments will take place this term. The year 6 SATs papers will take place from 14-17 May. It is imperative that all Y6 children are in school on these days.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

For those children starting reception in September 2018 it is important that the confirmation slip is sent back to **Trafford**. Please do not send the confirmation slip into school as it must be sent to Trafford to confirm your place at St Vincents.

OPEN MORNING

We will be holding our open morning for prospective parents and children on **Tuesday 1 May** between 9:15-11:45am. There will be a headteacher welcome talk at 9:30am followed by guided tours across the school. Please meet in the infant hall, no appointment is necessary.

SUN SAFETY

As the weather is improving, we would like to ask for your support in helping protect your child when outdoors. We want to protect children from skin damage that can be caused by being out too long in the sun. We put in place measures to ensure children avoid sunburn and over exposure to the sun.

Please can you:

- Provide a hat for your child to wear in school. Ideally the hat should be legionnaire style or wide brimmed.
- Show your child how to apply their own sunscreen.
- Encourage your child to apply sunscreen each morning before they come to school.
- Provide a sunscreen for your child to apply during the school day. It is recommended that the sunscreen be hypoallergenic and at least factor 15+, we also ask for the non-aerosol variety.
- Ensure that hats and sunscreen are clearly labelled with your child's name and their class.
- Provide water in a small transparent plastic bottle, labelled with your child's name. Refillable transparent bottles can be purchased for £1 from both the infant and junior offices.



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In school we will be ensuring that the children use shaded areas as much as possible during break times. Staff will also remind children to apply sunscreen before break times. Water is available to drink throughout the day. It is lovely to have such nice weather and we hope it continues!

SUMMER DRESSES

It has been great to see the children in their summer uniform. Please can all children be in their summer uniform by the end of next week.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS – THURSDAY 3 MAY

Thursday 3 May is Polling Day and the junior department hall is being used as a polling station.

The junior department will remain open, however, there **will not be any school lunches** provided on this day and therefore all junior children will be required to bring a packed lunch to school.

The infant department is unaffected and will continue to operate as usual.

SCHOOL ADMIN

Mrs Marlow will be leaving today as she is moving on to a new role. I'd like to thank Mrs Marlow for all she has done for St Vincent's and on behalf of everyone I'd like to wish her the very best for the future.

MRS JENNINGS' PARENT MEETINGS

These will take place on Thursday 26th April. Please report to the junior office at the allocated time.

PTA SUMMER BALL

Tickets for our very popular biennial Summer Ball, this year with the theme of 'Bee Here Now', go on sale through Parent Pay early next week. This year, in addition to raising funds for school we are also raising funds for two charities chosen by the children, Make A Wish and The National Autistic Society. Tickets are £50 each and can be purchased individually or as a group. Please make sure that if you do want to sit with other people you make a note of your request when booking tickets and provide a contact email address.

We already have a number of table sponsors, auction and raffle prizes, but are still looking for money-can't-buy auction prizes, for example sporting experiences, holiday homes or TV/entertainment experiences, raffle prizes, for example vouchers for local businesses and table sponsorship (£150 per table - your business will get an advert in the ball programme, name on a table and social media exposure). If you can support us in any way or have any queries about the Ball please email stvincentsptaball@gmail.com



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PTA FUNDS AND RESOURCES

We recently installed a gazebo in the infant playground. This will be used for shade, shelter and outside lessons. We also installed a trim trail in the junior playground. These were entirely funded by the PTA. Here are some photographs of them.



PLAYGROUND MARKINGS

You may have seen one of our tweets showing all of the lovely new playground markings in the infant playground. They are keeping the children very busy at playtimes!

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

| Attendance Percentages | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Highest infant class attendance | Mr Nicholls' Class 98% |
| Highest junior class attendance | Mrs Jennings' Class 97.7% |
| Overall school attendance | 96.7% |

*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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