

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

5 May 2018

Dear Parents,

YEAR 3 HOLY COMMUNION

The Year 3 children in Mrs Luckham's class made their Holy Communion on Saturday. It was a lovely mass. Thank you to everyone who made the day so special.

Mrs Jennings' class will make their Holy Communion on 12 May and Mrs Farrell's class will make their Holy Communion on 19 May with the mass starting at 10am.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASCENSION MASS

We will hold a whole school mass on **Thursday 10 May at 9:15am** on the junior playground. Whole school masses are always very special and we hope that parents and grandparents are able to join us.

OPEN MORNING

It was wonderful to see so many prospective parents at our open day. We received lots of lovely comments about our nursery and school and we look forward to welcoming our visitors into our school in the coming years.

TEEN TECH SCIENCE

On Monday, Mrs Jennings and five Year 6 children attended the Teen Tech City of Tomorrow final at the Emirates Stadium in London. Here is their report on the event:

"We had previously attended an event at Loreto Grammar School where we designed and built a building for the future, having researched what would make it environmentally friendly and sustainable. We were then chosen to attend the final with our building, The Beehive, which is a community centre for the city of Manchester. At the event, we presented our building to two judges. We are thrilled to reveal that we won in two categories: the best health and wellbeing building and the kindest building! We are excited to learn what the reward for our school will be!"

Well done team Teen Tech and thank you to the children and Mrs Jennings who took so much time to make their building of the future.

RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION SCHEME

As you know we held parent meetings regarding the scheme called A Journey in Love. They were well attended and parents had an opportunity to look at the resource, which received very positive feedback. This scheme is fully approved by the diocese and has also been approved by the governors. We will implement the programme in September 2018, starting with Year 6. We will also let all parents know when the children will receive their Journey in Love lessons in the summer term next year. Teachers will also talk through what your child will be learning about during the curriculum meetings in September.



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Some parents have asked to have a copy of the resource in order to support their children. Here is the link if you would like to purchase the Journey in Love book. <http://www.mccrimmons.com/shop/books/a-journey-in-love--volume-1--book/#23>

100% of parents were in favour of using the NSPCC PANTS resource. From September, this resource will be used each year across the school in line with our safeguarding policy and procedures.

WEDDING NEWS

Miss Coffey will be getting married at the weekend. We are all excited for her and wish her and her fiancé well for their special day. Her married name will be Mrs Wormall.

ROYAL WEDDING AFTERNOON TEA

As part of the work we do on British Values we will be celebrating the Royal Wedding on Friday 18 May in school. During the day children will be participating in Royal Wedding-themed activities, including writing prayers for the couple, learning about the monarchy and writing stories on the theme of the wedding. **Children may come to school that day in their own clothes with a red, white and blue theme.** In the afternoon, we will all be having a special afternoon tea that will be held outside, weather permitting. Therefore, we ask could all children please bring to school a home-packed picnic, to include:

a small sandwich

a packet of crisps

a carton of juice

We ask that you do not include anything else but these items. If you have any difficulties please can you let your child's class teacher know. Please note that the children will be having their lunch as normal and this will be an added extra treat in the afternoon.

Thank you as always for your support and we hope this will be an enjoyable and memorable day for the children.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Miss Butler's class 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Mrs Sutton's class 99.7%
Overall school attendance	96.7%

*Please note that disability related absence are not taken into account when calculating best attendance



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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,

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