

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

29 June 2018

Dear Parents,

YEAR 3 CELEBRATION MASS

Year 3 had a wonderful celebration Mass this week. Once again congratulations to them all on receiving their sacraments this year.

FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

Thank you to everyone who came to the St Peter and St Paul Mass and liturgy today.

SAFE IN THE SUN

Thank you for sending the children to school wearing sun cream. The children have been keeping themselves well hydrated by having regular drink breaks, staying in the shade and wearing their sun hats. The lovely weather looks likely to continue so please do ensure the children have their water bottle. Our school water bottles can be purchased from the office for £1.

It has been nice to use our infant gazebo as a teaching space and our shade sails have come in very useful in our playgrounds!

GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

The deadline for governor elections was today. We have a number of parents who have submitted their nomination forms. As the number of parents nominated exceeds the number of vacancies we have, we will need to vote. Voting forms will be issued next week to parents.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We have been awarded the Gold Mark for school games for the fourth year running. The award demonstrates our commitment to sport, competition and wellbeing. I'd like to thank Mr Sands who has been instrumental in arranging so many clubs and competitions for the children to enter.

WELLBEING WEEK

We enjoyed learning lots of relaxation techniques from our yoga teacher this week as part of our wellbeing strategy.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The school council has been working on a special end of year newsletter. Please follow this link to read all about what they have achieved this year. <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/school-council-book-fair/34170>



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PTA RECEPTION DISCO 2018

There are still tickets available to buy via Parentpay for the Reception disco taking place on Thursday 5 July. Children will be taken to the disco straight after school. Collection will be at 4.45pm from the infant hall doors.

PTA 'BEE HERE NOW' SUMMER BALL

The biannual summer ball will take place on Saturday at Bowdon Rugby club. The PTA have worked hard organising the ball to make this a truly spectacular event. Proceeds will support school ICT development and two charities chosen by the children: The National Autistic Society and Make a Wish.

300 CLUB WINNERS!

Congratulations to those parents who have recently won the May and June 300 club draws. The winners are as follows:

- Mrs Belford won 1st prize of £100 in the May draw
- Ms Hoare won 2nd prize of £25 in the May draw
- Miss O'Brien won 1st prize of £100 in the June draw
- Mrs Kuhwald won 2nd prize of £25 in the June draw

HALE BARNS CARNIVAL

The Hale Barns Carnival will take place on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 July on St Ambrose Fields. Please see the leaflet attached for information about the event.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The full list of school uniform can be found on the website <http://stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/school-uniform/6184> detailing the need for logos on jumpers, cardigans and PE polo tops. Please also note that infants use a book bag and juniors use a school rucksack. We discourage the use of high-fashion alternative bags as they are often expensive and serve as a distraction to the children. Please also note that PE kits need to be in a cloth pump bag. For health and safety reasons, plastic bags are not allowed.

ATTENDANCE

Over the past few months, I have received a number of requests for absence for family holidays in term time. I would therefore like to outline the school policy on term time absence and the impact of absence on learning and social development.

Holidays in term time are not acceptable reasons to be absent. The school has a duty to record a term time holiday as unauthorised. This includes being absent either side of a half term holiday or asking to leave school early to travel.



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The Department for Education has changed the definition of persistent absence to deal with the reality of pupil absenteeism and its impact on learning. Attendance for all pupils is closely monitored. If attendance falls below 90% a pupil is considered a persistent absentee. Pupils with 90% attendance or below will be very closely monitored. We are required to report all pupils who have below 90% attendance at the end of each term to Trafford. Attendance information will also be passed to secondary schools where necessary. Please check the term dates when you are booking holidays on the following link: http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/HOL_Holiday_List2018-2019.pdf Thank you for your support in this important matter.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Reception Mrs Bloor 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Y3 Mrs Luckham 99.65%
Overall school attendance	97.25%

*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

