

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

14 September 2018

Dear Parents,

We are now well settled into the new school year and everyone has been busy letting their light shine.

At the start of the year we like to remind parents of school procedures and policies.

## MASS

Our new year whole-school Mass will be on Wednesday 19 September at 9:20am. This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole school to come together, so please do try to join us on the junior playground.

## IMPORTANT FORMS TO RETURN

Several important forms have been sent home with your child today as part of our annual data review. Please can we request that these are completed and returned to your child's class teacher no later than **Thursday 20 September**.

## E-COMMUNICATION

We aim to keep parents regularly informed about school events and email is the main method of communication to parents. Please ensure that the office has your correct email address so that you can receive important information. We email out a weekly newsletter each Friday.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please look regularly at the school website. We frequently update it for parents to use as a point of reference. The website also shows examples of exciting work taking place in school.

## TWITTER

Our school newsroom can be followed @StVincentsPr. Our school newsroom gives parents a greater insight into the life of the school, it is where we share photographs, videos and information about school activities. If you haven't already followed the school, please do try to find the time to sign up and join our 342 followers.

## CURRICULUM MEETINGS

As usual we will be holding our year group curriculum meetings. During the meeting the class teachers will talk through the curriculum content for the year and the activities the children will undertake. The dates and times are as follows:

Phonics workshop for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2  
Reception curriculum meeting  
Year 1 curriculum evening  
Year 2 curriculum evening  
Year 3 curriculum evening  
Year 4 curriculum evening  
Year 5 curriculum evening  
Year 6 curriculum evening

Wednesday 19 September 5:00pm  
Wednesday 19 September 5:45pm  
Wednesday 19 September 6:30pm  
Wednesday 19 September 7:15pm  
Thursday 20 September 5:00pm  
Thursday 20 September 5:45pm  
Thursday 20 September 6:30pm  
Thursday 20 September 7:15pm



# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTERS

We follow the RE scheme called The Way, The Truth and The Life. Please follow this link to find the RE newsletters.  
<http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/catholic-and-spiritual-life/31702>

## THE SCHOOL DAY

The school day is as follows:

	Infants	Juniors
Classroom doors open	8:45am	8:50am
Morning bell	9:00am	9:05am
Afternoon bell	3:30pm	3:25pm

When the classroom doors open, children are allowed to enter their classrooms. This enables the children to settle into their classrooms and start their morning activity. This arrangement also eases playground and traffic congestion in the morning.

At the end of the day, please can children and parents make their way to the exits by 4:00pm so that Mr Brindley can safeguard our site and lock the gates; other activities take place after 3:30pm and the site must be secured. Please note that children are not to play on the fields after school.

## PUNCTUALITY

Please ensure your child arrives at school before the morning bell. This facilitates a calm start to the day.

## WALKING BUS AND PARK AND STRIDE

We have a fantastic walking bus each morning. Our Walking School Bus is an organised group of children who are accompanied by adults on their walk to school. Park your car in the Tesco Extra on Manor Road – we use the corner by Travis Perkins and meet at 8.30am. In wet weather we move to the undercover area.

The primary benefit of the Walking School Bus is that it provides a consistent, supervised system in which children can walk under the watchful eye of adults, usually the parent/s of one of the children. Although this may be the primary benefit, there are many others. Children who walk to school on a walking bus are part of a large and visible group which is supervised by adults and seen safely into school. The walking bus helps children learn pedestrian skills so that when they begin to walk on their own they are better equipped to deal with traffic. It encourages additional children to walk, introducing them to an important and easy form of exercise. It reduces traffic, particularly near school during drop-off times. It helps to reduce traffic and air pollution and helps to improve our local environment for everyone. It strengthens communities by getting people, parents and children in particular, to work together as a team. The journey to school gives children a chance to talk and make new friends so that when they've arrived at school they're ready to learn. Please see this link for further details.:

[http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/10a\\_%20NEW\\_RPack\\_PE\\_FORM\\_Walking\\_Bus\\_2017\\_Updated.pdf](http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/10a_%20NEW_RPack_PE_FORM_Walking_Bus_2017_Updated.pdf)

In order to alleviate congestion, please park away from school. Please also note that the car park (The Cage car park) at the bottom of Orchard Road is a staff car park only.



# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

## SCHOOL MEAL PAYMENTS

We serve delicious meals prepared and cooked on site. The menus can be found on our website. Infant meals are funded through the government initiative Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). Please note that payments must be made **prior** to the half term. Parents also have the option of paying in full for the whole year if they wish.

Meal payments for children in years 3-6 are as follows:

<b>Autumn 1 £70.95</b>	<b>Spring 1 £64.50</b>	<b>Summer 1 £49.45</b>
<b>Autumn 2 £83.85</b>	<b>Spring 2 £68.80</b>	<b>Summer 2 £70.95</b>

Please follow the link to pay: <https://www.parentpay.com/public/client/security/#/login>

## NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Several of our children have nut allergies. For this reason, we ask that children do not bring in products containing nuts for their snack or for their packed lunch.

## HEALTHY EATING SNACKS

Reception and infant children receive a piece of fruit each day from government funding. Children in the juniors are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit to school for their mid-morning snack.

We have noticed that many parents ask to give out treats to their child's class on their birthday. Over the year this can add up to lots of sweets and is not in keeping with our healthy eating approach. For this reason; in line with many other schools we would like to ask parents not to bring in sweets for birthdays. This is also in line with our school nursery policy.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

The autumn term is a very busy time for the PTA. We have our AGM on Tuesday 25 September at 7.30pm in the infant hall. This gives parents a chance to meet committee members and see what the PTA achieved last year; plans for the new year are also discussed and new ideas and offers of help are always welcome. If you would like to talk to a committee member about joining our team please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing [stvincentsPTA@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentsPTA@gmail.com).

The PTA is organising individual and sibling photos on the Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 October, further details will be given in the coming weeks and a chance to book an out-of-school-hours appointment for photos with siblings not currently at St Vincent's will be available.

The yearly PTA Quiz Night is on Friday 12 October, please see the attached letter for more information. Tickets will be available on ParentPay in the week beginning 24 September.

In order to ensure everyone receives relevant information about PTA events each class has a PTA Rep who shares information and can feedback any questions or ideas people have. If you would like to become your class rep or continue doing so please email the PTA on [stvincentspta@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentspta@gmail.com) with your name and child's class.



# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

## DOGS

Towards the end of last term we noted that some parents were bringing dogs on to the school playground. Please refrain from doing this as we are a 'No Dogs Allowed' school. You are able to leave your dog tied to the railings at the front of school whilst you drop off or collect your child.

## ATTENDANCE

As part of our safeguarding procedures, if your child is too poorly to attend school, please notify the school office by phoning to report the reason for absence. Please note that all routine medical appointments should be made outside of the school day, for example visiting the dentist or optician.

## TERM DATES

When booking holidays please ensure you check the school term dates. The school is unable to authorise a holiday in term time. Please see the link for the term dates for 2018-2019:

<http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/holidays/6182>

## SCHOOL DATES

We have set the school dates for the whole year so that parents have lots of notice for assemblies, masses and parents' evenings. Please see the link for further details:

[http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/DAT\\_201819\\_Whole\\_Year\\_Dates.pdf](http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/DAT_201819_Whole_Year_Dates.pdf)

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We will be supporting Macmillan by joining in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. The Macmillan coffee morning will take place at school on Friday 28 September from 9:00am until 10.30am in the junior hall. Please do try to come along and support this important charity. The money we raise at our coffee morning will help us make sure no one has to face cancer alone. We will be asking for cake donations nearer the time.

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 (Mrs)

Headteacher

