

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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21 September 2018

Dear Parents,

## MASS

It was wonderful to celebrate the new school year as a whole with our School Mass this week. It was also great to have so much parental support at Mass.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We will be supporting Macmillan by joining in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Our 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 charitable event. The money we raise at our coffee morning will help us make sure no one has to face cancer alone. We hope the morning will be really busy so please come along and we of course need lots of delicious cakes to sell. Please can donations be sent to school on Thursday 27 September. Thank you in advance for your kind donations and generosity.

## HARVEST

Below you will find lots of information about how we can help those less fortunate during harvest time.

We will be supporting three charities in our harvest appeal:

### ■ CAFOD

Catholic Aid for Oversea Development (CAFOD) Funds help buy seeds for families to grow beans. £7 can help fund treated mosquito nets that keep children safe from malaria. £33 supplies one family with safe, clean water in their home. £300 buys a mobile health team for remote communities that don't have hospitals.

### ■ Cornerstone

Cornerstone is a day centre based in Manchester dedicated to helping homeless vulnerable adults. Cornerstone offers a hot meal in a friendly and supportive environment.

### ■ Trafford South Foodbank

Trafford South Foodbank provides emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis.

Donations for Cornerstone and Trafford South Foodbank may be brought to school from Monday 1 October to Thursday 4 October. Suggested donations for each year group are as follows:

- Reception - Tinned meat/tinned fish
- Year 1 - Tinned fruit/rice pudding/custard
- Year 2 - Coffee/tea
- Year 3 - Instant mash/pasta sauce



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- Year 4 - Pasta/tinned tomatoes
- Year 5 - Biscuits/jam
- Year 6 - Treats/chocolate

Donations will need to be delivered to Timperley Methodist Church on Friday 5 October between 9 and 11am when the warehouse team will be available. We will also require transportation of goods to the Cornerstone Day Centre at 104b Denmark Road, Manchester, M15 6JS. Please email the office at [admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk) if you are able to help with transportation to either of the charities. Thank you.

On **Wednesday 3 October** there will be a Harvest Liturgy at 9:05am in the infant hall led by year 2 Miss Butler's class. Parents of Miss Butler's class are welcome to attend.

On **Thursday 4 October** there will be a Harvest Mass at 9:05am in the junior hall. All parents and families are welcome to attend.

**Friday 5 October** will be CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Children may come to school in non-uniform clothes for a suggested donation of £1 per pupil. Bright clothing is suggested for own clothes that day as the theme is 'Brighten Up This Harvest!'

## NATIONAL EYE HEALTH WEEK

This year's National Eye Health Week (NEHW) will take place from Monday 24 to Friday 30 September, promoting the importance of eye health and need for regular sight tests for all.

Your child's sight is precious. Good vision helps them to learn, to play and to communicate with the world around them. Yet, there are around 1.6 million school-aged children in the UK who have an undiagnosed vision problem. Children's eyes continue to develop until they reach the age of eight, so caring for a child's eyes in the early years can help lay the foundations for good vision that lasts a lifetime. Please see a medical professional if you have any queries about your child's vision.

## CURRICULUM MEETINGS

We hope you found the phonic and year group curriculum meetings useful. Thank you for the positive feedback on our evaluation forms. Here are some of the quotes:

"It was a very informative meeting"

"Thank you for taking the time to give us all of this information"

"It was really useful, thank you"

"The classrooms look great"

The newsletters can be found on the website <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/curriculum-evening/48031>



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## DATA COLLECTION 2018/19

Please return any outstanding Data Collection and Detailed Medical Forms to school on Monday.

## SCHOOL MEALS

A polite reminder that parents need to inform the school office of any changes to a child's meal pattern. A weeks' notice is required for any changes and new meal patterns start on a Monday.

## AUTUMN AND WINTER UNIFORM

Now that the weather has changed, please can children come to school in their autumn/winter uniform from Monday.

## BOOKING SESSIONS AT THE SUNSHINE CLUB

If you require to book your child in at the Sunshine Club, all sessions must be requested via email at [sunshine@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:sunshine@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk) so that they can be processed and added on to the registers. We will always endeavour to accommodate last minute bookings and extra session requests if we have the availability and the correct procedure is followed, as we appreciate how quickly circumstances can change. Please note that we will not be able to accept your child into the club if you turn up in the morning without a booked session and/or without registering your child at the club. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

## JUNIOR LUNCHTIME CLUBS

As you may be aware, we no longer require pupils in the juniors to sign up to our lunchtime clubs. This allows more children the opportunity to play organised games throughout the year. Therefore, pupils have been allocated the following sessions as outlined below:

- Mondays: Y3/4 Boys Football
- Tuesdays: Y3/4 Girls Football
- Wednesdays: Y5/6 Boys Football
- Thursdays: Y5/6 Girls Football
- Fridays: Football Free Friday: Multiskills sessions open to all year groups

Please note that we will also offer cross country every day (weather permitting). Pupils are not required to bring in a football kit to play in the lunchtime clubs, with only a change of footwear (football trainers) being necessary. Pupils do not need to bring in their own footballs as all equipment will be provided.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

### PTA AGM

The AGM of the PTA will be held on Tuesday 25th September at 7.30pm in the infant hall. Everyone is very welcome to come long to learn what the PTA achieved over the past year and plans for the upcoming year. Parents wanting to join the committee or other help to plan a specific event are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

### School Photographs

Individual school photographs will take place on the 1st and 2nd October, sibling photos will also be taken during the school day. Any family wanting a family picture taken with children not at St Vincent's can make an appointment before or after school. Please see the attached letter, or email the PTA your request.

### PTA Quiz night

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018 sees the return of the old favourite, the annual PTA Quiz Night!!! It's adults only but please feel free to bring along family and friends.

There is a maximum team size of eight per team at a cost of £5 per person. This can be made up of people you know or we can match you up with other people and create a team for you. Perhaps you can get a class team together, it's a good way to get to know other parents from your child's class and have some fun at the same time.

Wine, beer, soft drinks and nibbles will be on sale on the night. Tickets will be available on ParentPay from Monday 24th September, please put in the team you want to be a part of in the notes or please write Match, if you want us match you up with other people to create a team.

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Y1 Mrs McDuff 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Y3 Mrs Jennings, Y3 Miss Jamieson and Y6 Miss Coyle all 100%
Overall school attendance	98.3%

\*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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