

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



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28 September 2018

## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and friends come along to our Macmillan coffee morning. Thank you for supporting this much needed charity and for your kind donations and generosity. We'll let you know the total funds raised very soon.

### HARVEST DONATIONS - MONDAY 1 OCTOBER – THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER

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. Both have given us 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
- 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



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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!'

## DO YOU HAVE A CHILD READY FOR SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?

The application process for children, born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, to start primary school in September 2019 is open. The closing date for Primary Applications is 15 January 2019.

If you are not a Trafford resident, you can still apply for a place in a Trafford school but you must make your application to your home authority where you live and pay your council tax. Please note the importance of providing evidence of baptism to the school before the 15 January deadline. Please follow this link to apply for a place at St Vincent's. <https://legacy.trafford.gov.uk/content/admissions/login.asp>

Our next open morning for prospective school and nursery parents is on Wednesday 13 November at 9:15am.

## PTA NEWS

Thank you to the parents who came along to the PTA AGM. It was lovely to see new parents join the meeting. Mrs White continues to be the chair person. If you weren't able to come along to the AGM please do put 15 October in your diary and come along to the Christmas planning meeting at Westleigh next to St Vincent's Church at 7:30pm.

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)

## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Class photographs will take place on Monday and Tuesday next week. 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 email the PTA your request today.

## QUIZ NIGHT

Tickets for the PTA Quiz night on the Friday 12 October are selling fast on ParentPay. It's £5 per ticket and teams of up to 8 people, please remember to put your team name in the notes.



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## MATCHED FUNDING SCHEME

Many companies throughout the UK offer their employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by matching the money that they raise, this could be a very easy way for you to double our PTA fundraising!

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Some organisations will match fund on a £ for £ basis, others will stipulate what they are prepared to give. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the PTA detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised. Once the company has agreed to match fund, they will probably ask their employee to complete a request form. If this is not the case, ask the company to put their pledge in writing to the PTA. The PTA will then formally acknowledge the contributions made by companies and their employees.

## WHO OFFERS MATCH FUNDING

Generally speaking, banks and building societies, insurance companies, supermarkets, utilities providers, phone companies and car manufacturers are known historically to offer match funding schemes. We understand Barclays for example offer their employees the opportunity to match funds they raise for their chosen charity up to £750 per year and this is available for three activities a year! And Aviva, has introduced a '£Plus' matching scheme.

## HOW TO FIND OUT IF YOUR COMPANY OFFERS MATCH FUNDING

If you speak to your HR department they will be able to tell you if they have a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If your company does offer match funding please let us know and we will compile a list of local companies offering match funding.

## SCHOOL NURSE DROP-IN SESSION TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 8:30AM – 9:45AM

Our school nurse Natalie Casson can offer support and advice on various topics such as physical health needs e.g. asthma and allergies, mental health, behaviour management, bed wetting, healthy eating, sleep problems and more.

Her team are holding a confidential drop in session at school on Tuesday 16 October 8:30am – 9:45am. You do not need an appointment but please report to the Infant office on arrival.

If you are not free for the drop in but would like to speak to the school nurse, please telephone on 0161 912 2340.

## DATES LIST

Please note the Junior Advent Service is now scheduled for Wednesday 19 December not Tuesday 18 December previously communicated.

## OCTOBER HALF TERM

Please see the attached flyer from Altrincham Unlimited regarding Halloween family events taking place in Altrincham during the October half term break.



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## DATA COLLECTION 2018/19

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

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR THE PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Reception Mrs Wormald's class 100% Year 1 Miss Butler's class 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Year 3 Mr McCann's class 99.4%
Overall school attendance	96%

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,

A Harrop (Mrs)

Headteacher

