

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

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Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents,

## CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Thank you for all of your kind donations for CAFOD. CAFOD stands for the Catholic Agency For Overseas Development. It is an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

CAFOD helps people living in poverty directly in their own communities, and campaigns for global justice, so that everyone can reach their full potential.

## PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' evening is on Wednesday 17 October. If you have not already done so please ensure you log in to the 'PARENT LOGIN' section of the school website to book your time slot to see your child's teacher. Mrs Gee, who leads our pastoral care, and Mrs Maguire, who leads some interventions across the school, will also be available to meet with.

Please log in to the 'PARENT LOGIN' SECTION' of the school website to book your time slot.

If you are new to the school, parents' evening runs in the following way:

- Make your way to the infant or junior hall to meet your child's class teacher. (Please access the infant hall via the infant playground).
- Go to your child's classroom where you will find all of their books to look through.

Whilst the Sunshine Club will be running as usual, school staff are not able to supervise children in school or on the playground during parents' evening. For this reason, please make childcare provision on this evening if possible. Please note there will be **no** extra-curricular activities after school this day. The junior playground will also be open for parking.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We will have our Scholastic Book Fair in the junior library and the infant hall as usual during parents' evening. This is an ideal opportunity to stock up on Christmas presents and help the school receive great new books. Please note, we can accept only card payments, not cash.



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## DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK

We are proud of our dyslexia-friendly school status and have many strategies in place that help and benefit all children. We will promote Dyslexia Awareness Week by promoting 'No Pens Wednesday' on Wednesday 17 October. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy drama, art and PE. Look out on Twitter next week for photographs of all our activities.

## UNITED NATIONS DAY

On Friday 19 October, we will be celebrating United Nations Day in school. The children will be learning all about their chosen country:

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|----------------|-------------------|
| Nursery: Italy | Year R: France    |
| Year 1: Mexico | Year 2: Japan     |
| Year 3: Italy  | Year 4: Spain     |
| Year 5: Canada | Year 6: Australia |

As part of our day we will be exploring the nominated countries, learning about cultures and looking at the importance of a unified world. If you have any interesting objects from your country please do send them in. Please note, this is not an own-clothes day.

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

If so, 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.

You will need to apply to both Trafford and the school. 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 along with a supplementary application form to St Vincent's Catholic Primary School before the 15 January deadline.

Please follow this link to Trafford to apply for a place at St Vincent's.

<https://legacy.trafford.gov.uk/content/admissions/login.asp>

Please follow this link to the school website for further information and to download a supplementary application form <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/admissions/6191>

If you would like to have a look around school please come along to our next open morning for prospective school and nursery parents on Tuesday 13 November between 9:15am and 11:45am. Please come to the infant office to begin your tour.



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## PUPIL VOICE

Our School Council met this week; they have lots of ideas to further improve our school. They have decided to think about our environment as their first project. We'll keep you updated on how they develop this project.

## MINI VINNIES

Our Mini Vinnies met recently and have arranged to make links with the parish St Vincent de Paul Society at Holy Angels and St Vincent's. We are looking forward to planning some joint activities.

## 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 to 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 0161 912 2340.

## PTA NEWS

### PTA QUIZ NIGHT - TONIGHT!

Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket for tonight. Doors open at 7:30pm and the quiz starts at 8pm. There will be a prize for the Best Team Name, a 50/50 Raffle, and Roll a Pound game. Good luck to everyone taking part.

### CHRISTMAS PLANNING MEETING

We will be holding a planning meeting on the Monday 15 October in Westleigh at 7:30pm, please come along to be part of the planning and organising of our Christmas Fair. If you are happy to continue to support a particular stall but are unable to attend the meeting please speak to a committee member or email [stvincentspta@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentspta@gmail.com).

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Every year the PTA runs a raffle which is drawn at the Christmas Fair, prizes range from money donated by the PTA to prizes donated by parents and local businesses. We are looking for a small team to help us organise this year's raffle and help source some raffle prizes. If you feel you could help with this or offer us a raffle prize please speak to a committee member or email us on [stvincentspta@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentspta@gmail.com).



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## ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR THE PREVIOUS WEEK

| Attendance Percentages          |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Highest infant class attendance | Y1 Mrs McDuff 100%    |
| Highest junior class attendance | Y5 Miss Hobday 99.65% |
| Overall school attendance       | 97.25%                |

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

