

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS AND LITURGY

Please note that we will have a mass for the juniors and a liturgy for the infants on Thursday 1 November at 9:10am. We hope you are able to join us.

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you for coming to parents' evening on Wednesday. It was good to hear such positive feedback about our school. Thank you also for the nice comments about our newly refurbished Year 5 classrooms and playground developments. If you couldn't make parents' evening, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

BOOK SALE

Thank you for purchasing books at our Scholastic book fair, we hope the children enjoy reading their books.

READING CHALLENGE:

"The more that you read, the more you will know. The more that you know, the more places you'll go." Dr Seuss

Following on from the success of the summer reading challenge, today your child will bring home an exciting reading challenge which is sponsored by Manchester Airport. The challenge involves reading six books in interesting or unusual locations. The children have lots of time to complete this challenge as it will run until Friday 14 December. Please return forms to your child's class teacher so that special awards can be given to all the children when they complete the challenge. The leaflet also contains details of an additional challenge to have a photo taken of them reading in an unusual yet safe location; please could photos be printed and sent into school after half term so that we can celebrate all this hard work and display photographs of children reading.

If you would like some ideas for new books to inspire your children, please see the curriculum area of our website which details the 100 books lists for each key stage <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/100-books-challenge/48351>

We're looking forward to seeing lots of exciting reading going on over half term!



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DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK

We held a special no pens Wednesday this week for Dyslexia Awareness Week. The children enjoyed lots of fun activities. We are committed to retaining our dyslexia friendly status and have many strategies in place to support all our children. Please take a look at our Twitter newsroom to see some of the activities that took place.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

Today we held United Nations Day. The children researched the work of the United Nations and thought about how we can help support their charter. Some of our activities included writing peace prayers and making peace bands.

OPEN MORNING

You may have seen our open morning posters around school. Our next open morning for prospective school and nursery parents is on **Tuesday 13 November at 9:15am**. Please do let your friends and family know of this date so that we are able to show parents around school and nursery.

PTA NEWS

Thank you to the PTA for organising the quiz night last Friday and to everyone who came along to this social event. It was a great night and we raised just over £1,300. Congratulations to the winners, 'Universally Challenged'.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Samples of individual and sibling school photos were sent home yesterday; more photos are available to choose from if you look online using the code supplied. Please return order forms to school by Wednesday 31 October or order online before 11 November.

CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING

We have started to plan the Christmas fair and have lots to organise for this event. The Christmas fair is our biggest fundraiser and we really need your help. After half term we will be sending out a questionnaire for parents to find out how you might be able to help in the run up to and on the day. We will be counting on class reps to gather a group of parents from each class to offer help for this event.

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 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.



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CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

For our junior children this year we will be running a decorate-and-fill-a-jar competition. More details to follow, but get saving those jars; any size accepted.

MISSION TOGETHER - CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

Last week we held an assembly on Mission Together. As the Pope's official children's charity for overseas mission, Mission Together supports the physical, spiritual, and emotional wellbeing of children around the world.

Through fund-raising, Mission Together encourages children worldwide to understand the true meaning of mission and so become missionaries themselves. Their motto is 'children helping children'.

Mission Together carries out educational, medical and welfare projects worldwide. Being universal in character, their projects tend to the needs of all, regardless of background or beliefs; exemplifying the all-embracing nature of the Catholic Church.

We would be grateful if all Mission Together money boxes could be returned to school by Friday 2 November.

SCHOOL MEALS

Please be aware that **school meals must be paid in advance**, before your child takes them. This is only applicable to KS2 children (Junior dept). Please check your ParentPay account to ensure you are up to date with payments.

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.

HALF TERM

We break for half term today and the children return back to school on **Tuesday 30 October**. I hope you enjoy spending time with your family and enjoy the mild weather we are having.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR THE PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Mrs Luckham's class 99.65%
Highest junior class attendance	Mr Nicholls' class 100%
Overall school attendance	97.6%



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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,

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