

# St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher: Mrs A Harrop, MEd NPQH

2 November 2018

## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### ALL SAINTS DAY MASS AND LITURGY

It was great to see so much support at our Mass and Liturgy on All Saints Day yesterday. Thank you for taking the time to come along.

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Next week we will be supporting the Royal British Legion by selling poppies and other themed items, such as pencil sharpeners and reflectors. The suggested donations for the various items range from 50p to £1.

### READING CHALLENGE

Many thanks to all the children who have already returned their reading challenge booklet, it is great to see so many children celebrating their love of reading. There is still plenty of time to complete the six books challenge - the deadline is Friday 14 December.

If your child completed the additional photo challenge, please send any outstanding photos in to your child's class teacher by Monday (5 November) so that we can award a prize.

### PASTORAL CARE

We are delighted to have appointed a new teaching assistant called Mrs Robinson. Mrs Robinson will support children in the classroom and for interventions. Mrs Robinson will also have a pastoral element to her role. She will be working closely with Mrs Gee and will be helping to ensure our pastoral care across the school remains strong.

### NSPCC PANTS GUIDE

Following our consultation last year and as part of our anti bullying week, we will introduce the NSPCC Pants Guide to the children. The teachers will be talking to the children about this matter on Friday 16 November. There are lots of resources for professionals and parents on the links below. Please be assured that this subject will be delivered in a sensitive, age appropriate manner.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>



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## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 12-16 NOVEMBER

Anti-Bullying week will start on Monday 12 November. We have lots of activities planned. Children will be asked to wear odd socks as part of Odd Socks Day on Monday 12 November. The message behind this is that all children are special and that we are all different. We will be encouraging children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and wearing odd socks is just one way of celebrating this individuality. We will communicate more information about this, along with the work of our Wellbeing Champions who will be helping to lead activities during our Friendship Week.

## ASTHMA SERVICE

The Asthma Service is available for children with asthma. The service provides education, management and support to children and young people up to the age of 16 years and their families within the community or within a clinic setting.

The service can provide help in the following ways:

- Asthma advice
- Home visiting or telephone advice service
- Medication advice
- Inhaler technique
- Individualised asthma action plan
- Provision of support and training in schools/nurseries where required
- Multiagency liaison between the family and consultant/ GP/ other agencies involved in your child/young person's care.
- If you would like more information about this service, please read the asthma leaflet attached.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

As you know, your child produced their very own Christmas card design in school before half term. The artwork was sent home before half term and by following the instructions on the order form, you will be able to order prints of your child's design and turn it into cards, gift tags and even mugs for a unique gift for friends and family. All purchases generate funds for the school so we hope you like your child's design!

All you have to do is ensure the information on the order form is accurate before logging onto the given website with your child's **unique code**. You can complete all purchases through the Cauliflower Card website. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday 4 November at midnight**. Any orders after this date will unfortunately have to be sent directly to the printers at an additional cost to you. Once you have placed your order, please **return your child's design to your class teacher by no later than Wednesday 7 November** and we will then send these to the printers.

Please feel free to keep the artwork if you do not wish to make an order.



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## 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. Please see attached leaflet for more information.

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 a school supplementary application form <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/admissions/6191> together with evidence of baptism to the 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>

## OPEN MORNING

You may have seen our open morning posters around school. Our next open morning, starting from the infant department, 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

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please ensure all orders are placed online before Sunday 11 November for the individual and sibling photos, using the special code on your photograph proof.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year the Christmas Fair is on Saturday 24 November. A Christmas pack will be sent out next week to each family, this includes information about donations you can help us with, booking Father Christmas visits and a chance to purchase some raffle tickets.

This will be our biggest fundraiser this year and we really need your help. We have created a questionnaire for all parents to read which you can access via your Parent Login. In it you will be asked to consent for your details to be passed onto the PTA and for you to indicate which areas you can help in. We will also be counting on class reps to gather a group of parents from each class to help on this event.

You can also volunteer to help by emailing [stvincentsPTA@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentsPTA@gmail.com) or by simply stopping a committee member in the playground and having a chat. Help is needed in the weeks before the fair to help prepare, during the fair and after to help tidy up. We are particularly looking for any Dads happy to help in Santa's Grotto this year - Uniform supplied!!

### CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS

We are running 2 competitions this year.



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- Infant children are invited to draw\colour in and name an elf. See the attached files for a template. A winner from each year will receive a chocolate treat.
- Junior children are invited to decorate and fill a jar, examples are available to view in the school office. A winner from each year will receive a chocolate treat and a jar at random will win a £10 voucher.

All entries to be submitted to your child's teacher by 20 November.

## 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).

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR THE PREVIOUS WEEK

| Attendance Percentages          |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Highest infant class attendance | Mrs Burke/Mrs Gerrard's class 99.3% |
| Highest junior class attendance | Mr McCann's class 99.4%             |
| Overall school attendance       | 96.05%                              |

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

