

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support this half term. We have shown yet again that by working together we can move through the recovery of the pandemic in partnership with you. Thank you for supporting our Covid measures, Trafford Public Health will be reviewing the enhanced measures on 1 November and I will let you know of any changes. Even though we have seen cases of Covid rise, we have endeavoured to ensure continuity of our curriculum by working with you on providing a broad and balanced remote education.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

We have seen the offer of extra-curricular clubs as a vital part in the recovery of the pandemic for pupils' personal development. We have been pleased to be able to offer a wider variety of extra-curricular clubs next half term. Due to the high demand for clubs, we have increased the capacity and range of clubs on offer. The clubs were released last week and have proven to be very popular, however there are still spaces available on the following clubs, bookable through ParentPay:

ACTIVITY	YEAR	DAY	TIME	PLACES	PERIOD	COST
Eco-Warriors Science Club	Y5/6	Wed	3:30pm - 4:30pm	15	7 wks	£49
Book Club with Mrs Sheldon	Y6	Thurs	3:30pm - 4:15pm	12	7 wks	£7

CURRICULUM PRESENTATIONS

The curriculum presentations are now available to view [here](#) under the year group pages on the school website detailing the curriculum learning and arrangements for this year.

CURRICULUM PROGRESSION OF SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

If you would like to learn more about our curriculum, our curriculum maps are on our website [here](#). The curriculum tab drops down to show our long term plans and knowledge and progression grids. It is useful for parents to see the prior knowledge and learning the children will be building on by studying the previous year's topic



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PASTORAL DROP-IN

The next date for a pastoral drop in is on Tuesday 2 November from 1:30 to 3:30pm. Mrs Gee and Mrs Robinson will be available to talk through any pastoral matters with you. Please sign up via [SchoolCloud](#) if you would like an appointment. We recognise that the recovery of the pandemic has been challenging for some families. Please know that we are here to help you and your family.

SEND DROP-IN

The next date for a SEND drop in is on Tuesday 9 November from 1:30 to 3pm. Mrs Tiernan and Mrs Farrell will be available to answer any questions you have. Please sign up via [SchoolCloud](#) if you would like an appointment. If you would like to know more about the SEND local offer, please visit the [SEND and the Local Offer](#) page on the school website.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

If you have any concerns/questions about your child's speech and language development, you can speak to one of the SENDCos above. Alternatively, you can speak to one of the Trafford speech and language therapists for advice. Please see the information below for the

Speech and Language Therapy Pre-Referral Advice Line.



AUTISM ONLINE CONFERENCE

[Autism Online Conference | Trafford Directory](#) Tuesday, 9 November 2021, online £20 for parent carers and autistic people. A hands on approach 18th National conference with live Q&A with Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester.



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FREE PARENTING COURSES

Did you know Trafford Council have pre-paid for every parent and carer in Trafford to access a helpful parenting courses?

There are courses for parents, carers, grandparents and young people themselves!

- Understanding your pregnancy birth labour and your baby
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child
- Understanding your teenagers' brain (short course)
- Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)
- Understanding your child with additional needs
- Understanding your child's feelings

Access now for life-long access FREE with access code WATERPARK at: [Ourplace | Online Parenting Child Education Courses \(inourplace.co.uk\)](https://ourplace.co.uk)

AUTUMN TERM VIRTUAL PARENTS EVENING - ONLINE APPOINTMENT BOOKING REMINDER

Our Parents' Evening is on Thursday 4 November 3:45pm to 7pm. Appointment slots are now open for bookings and will close on Tuesday 2 November. We ask all parents to sign up for a slot. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Please visit [SchoolCloud](https://schoolcloud.co.uk) to book your appointments. You will need the following information:

- Parent's Name
- Parent's Email
- Child's Name
- Child's DOB

The above details should correspond to the details we have on record in order for you to gain access, please contact admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk if you have any questions or problems accessing the system.

Please find a link to useful information about how to access below:

<https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>



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ANTI-RACISM

We were proud to support The Wear Red Day to show our support for anti-racism. The children received lessons on what racism is and how it is totally unacceptable. This supports our work on diversity and inclusion by ensuring children are taught about the protected characteristics.

UNITED NATIONS DAY

We focused on the theme of 'Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world'. The day started with 'A Green School Assembly' led by subject leads Mrs Luckham, Miss Hollins, Mrs Gerrard and Miss Jamieson. Then class teachers discussed the work of the United Nations with their classes. Children know about the important role they play in this and how their actions impact the wider community.

OPEN MORNING

We are pleased to share that we are now able to invite all prospective parents to visit us to meet our wonderful children and to see the school in action. This will take place on Wednesday 10 November and we be holding small group tours throughout the day. Please visit the [admissions page](#) on our school website for further information or call or email the school to book a slot.

RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2022 APPLICATIONS

Trafford are accepting applications for Reception places until 15 January 2022. Please see the following guidance from Trafford to help you in your application.

<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/Admissions.aspx>

<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/composite-prospectus/Primary/Introduction.aspx>

Catholic schools also require a supplementary application form to be submitted. This must be submitted to the school with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate before 15 January 2022. Please find the supplementary application form [here](#) and contact the school office if you have any questions about the admissions process.

PTA NEWS

PTA AGM

Thank you to everyone that attended the AGM Zoom meeting on Wednesday. Two new parents Anneliese Panton and Caroline Hetherington have kindly agreed to take on the positions of Co-chair and a new assistant treasurer. Sarah Webster and assistant secretary, Dorcas Ogundipe,



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were voted in to join Sarah White as secretary and Sarah Smith as treasurer, which makes up the core committee. Thank you to Suzanne Dickinson and Laura Manley for their hard work as co- chairs over the last 2 difficult years.

PTA CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Thank you for the class representative volunteers, we now have 11 classes represented. We will be contacting those classes individually which are not yet represented looking for volunteers

Thank you to the PTA who helped to organise the year 1 outdoor coffee morning. It was good to see parents come along.

BUILDING WORK

You will have seen the various building projects we have in progress. These projects were scheduled to be completed in the summer holiday. However, with the shortage of building supplies, they were delayed until September. In addition, some aspects of the project work are weather dependent, as the groundwork needed will not set if it is damp. We have needed to wait for dry weather for the nursery safety flooring to be poured. Dry weather has also been needed for building up the layers of the new daily mile track on the field.

I am hopeful that these projects will be completed over the half term break, however we remain dependent on the weather conditions and building supplies.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The children will have their photograph taken after the half term holidays. The photographer will be visiting over 2 days, Tuesday 2 November and Tuesday 9 November. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school in their winter uniform of a shirt/blouse and tie. More information about the winter uniform can be found [here](#).

SCHOOL MEALS

We serve delicious meals prepared and cooked on site. The menus can be found on our [school meals page](#) on the website. Infant meals are funded through the government initiative Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). For years 3 to 6 payments must be made **prior** to each half term via ParentPay. You also have the option of paying in full for the whole year if you wish.

Meals cost £2.30 per day for children in Years 3-6 and payments for next half term are as follows:

Half Term 2021/22	Please pay on or before:	No. of Days	Amount
Autumn 2nd	Tuesday 02/11/2021	36	£82.80



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FAMILY TIME

You may have seen this website. It details activities you can do as a family. There are some exciting places to go to with lots of ideas for outdoor fun too.

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/north-west/greater-manchester/altrincham/outdoor>

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Each week we report attendance. Please note we do not authorise holidays in term time.

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Y1 Mr McCann 98.28%
Highest junior class attendance	Y3 Miss Slater 99.33%
Overall school attendance	96.82%

*Please note that disability related absence is not taken into account when calculating best attendance

We aim to be a listening school and offer an open door to parents. Mrs Farrell (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,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

