



Friday 5 November 2021

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I hope that you enjoyed the half term break with your child(ren). It is good to be back and be planning all of the exciting educational opportunities our children will have this half term. Although there are still restrictions in place we will do all we can to ensure children and families experience a broad and rich curriculum.

ENHANCED MEASURES

The following communication has been issued to early years and education settings:

In October, in response to the increasing rate and subsequent peak in Covid infection across Trafford, a number of recommendations were made to Early Years and Education Settings. A review date was set for the 1st November, with the enhanced measures including;

- face coverings for secondary pupils,
- face coverings for all staff,
- daily LFD testing for household contacts,
- routine LFD asymptomatic testing,
- reinforcing face covering during travel,
- parents/carers wearing face coverings during drop off and collection.

The rate peaked on the 9th October at 846 per 100 000 cases in Trafford, the current rate is 456 per 100 000. Whilst we have seen a welcome reduction in the rate, this appears to be plateauing. Trafford still has the highest rates in Greater Manchester, our rates are above England's rate and Trafford is the 128th highest LA in the country. We also need to consider the time of year and winter pressures; although our hospitalisation rates remains stable there is a slight increasing trend.

Therefore Trafford's Public Health, Covid Response team reviewed the recommendations, and in light of the current epidemiology, it has been agreed to keep the current enhanced measures in place, and to review these again on the 15th November 2021.

Thank you for your continued support with the measures in place.

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COP26

The UK government will be taking a prominent role in the conference, with the Department for Education (DfE) leading the conversation on how to fight climate change through education, as part of an international effort to reduce carbon emissions and protect our planet.

We know that education is a vital tool in raising awareness and equipping future generations with the skills and knowledge needed to tackle climate change. We have already been educating the children about how we can respond to the climate change challenge and play our part in creating a sustainable future. Throughout COP26 and beyond, we'll be sharing examples of our green success stories.

If you would like to talk to your child about these matters, please see a 4-minute video by Newsround explaining the key points you could watch together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=grsQEv7R8eg>

We pray that world leaders will come together to give a better future for generations to come. Please see the prayer CAFOD released.

PRAYER FROM CAFOD

Loving God

You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures.

We all have a part to play in looking after the earth.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26

as they make decisions for the planet and its people.

Give them the courage to think of fairer solutions

for the poorest and most vulnerable people,

so that every nation cares for our common home.

Amen

ALLOTMENT GROUP

On Friday 15 October a group of parents met to start working on the allotment. The group of volunteers organised the shed and started turning over the flower beds. It was a lovely morning and it was great to see the allotment being used by members of our school community.



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The allotment group is going to meet again on Friday the 12 November. If you would like to attend please meet near the allotment at 9am. There is no requirement to have attended before or to be an experienced gardener. If you have any questions please send an email to the admin email address for the attention of Miss Jamieson.

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you for accessing our virtual platform to meet with your child's class teacher. We had very positive feedback from parents when this was introduced last year during covid restrictions and hope that you continue to find it a useful way to meet. We have fortnightly pastoral drop-in sessions with either Mrs Robinson or Mrs Gee for any queries relating to your child's wellbeing and our SENDCos Mrs Tiernan and Mrs Farrell run a regular drop-in for any parents wishing to discuss any additional needs.

PARENT SURVEY

As you know, we are committed to improving our school and the outcomes for each and every child. As part of this commitment it is important that there is feedback from you regarding the school provision. This week parents were sent a parent survey. Your feedback and observations are valuable to the school and form an important part of our future actions. Thank you for completing the survey.

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. **Due to high demand we have put in another date on Thursday 18 November.** Please see the link below for further information or call or email the school to book a slot <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/admissions/6191>

RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2022 APPLICATIONS

Trafford are accepting applications for Reception places until 15 January 2022. Please see the following guidance 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 form](#) to be submitted. This must be submitted to the school along with a copy of the baptismal certificate before 15 January 2022. Please contact our admin team if you have any questions about the process.



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PTA MEETING UPDATE

The next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday 10 November at 8pm. We really need lots of parents to join us. It is going to be an exciting meeting where we will be planning some fun Christmas activities that our children and families can enjoy. Please do come along and get involved in the life of the school. The meeting arrangements will be sent out next week.

ENHANCING OUR PROVISION

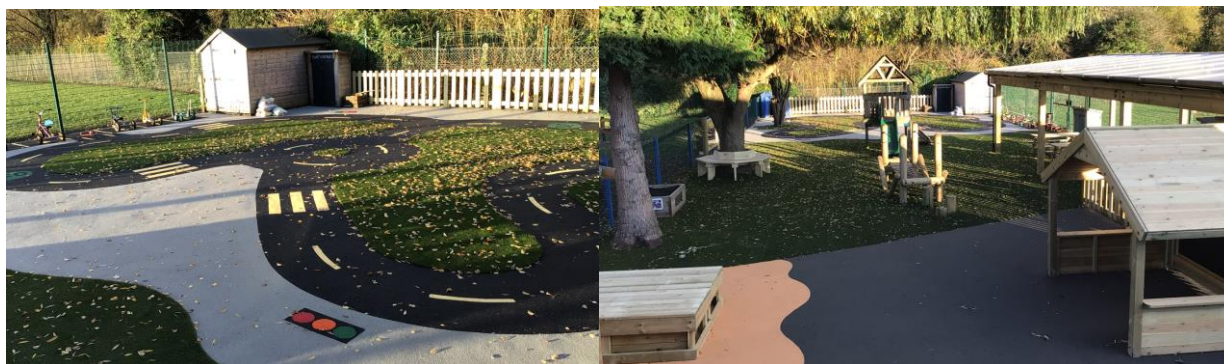
DAILY MILE

The daily mile track is almost complete. Once the finishing touches and safety checks have been completed the children will be able to use it. I thought you may want to take a look at it.



NURSERY OUTDOOR AREA

We are delighted to have completed the nursery outdoor area. The whole of the outdoor area has been redeveloped with new and exciting resources. All of the machinery will be taken away next week and once safety checks have been completed the children and babies will be able to explore the outdoor area.



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WALK TO SCHOOL

Well done to Y5 who were the year group with the highest percentage of active journeys in October at 93%! In total, across the school, there were 6,300 active trips and 1,266 non-active trips. It is good to see more children cycling and scooting. Park and stride seems to be the most popular active mode of travel with 42% of pupils taking this option. Let's see if we can keep this up through the winter!

Children have been awarded their travel tracker badges for September and October by our Wellbeing Champions. Keep up the great work!

AUTUMN 2 DATES LIST

Please see the [dates list](#) on the website for the school year. Date for this half term are also below:

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday	02 November	School re-opens	-
Thursday	04 November	Parents' Evening 3:45 – 7:30pm	School Cloud
Thursday	04 November	KS2 Class Assembly: Miss Hobday's Class	Remote
Wednesday	10 November	Open Morning	St Vincent's site
Thursday	11 November	KS1 Class Assembly: Y1 Mr McCann's Class	Remote
Thursday	11 November	Remembrance Day	-
Friday	12 November	Parent and Grandparent Reflection 10am	Remote
Monday	15 November	Anti-Bullying/ Friendship Week	-
Thursday	18 November	Holy Communion Meeting for Year 3	Remote
Friday	19 November	International Children's Day	-
Thursday	25 November	Infant Advent Mass: 9.30am Junior Advent Mass: 9.15am	Remote
Sunday	28 November	Y3 Enrolment Mass 10am	St Vincent's church
Sunday	28 November	Y3 Enrolment Mass 10.30am	Holy Angels Church
Friday	03 December	Y3 Advent Reconciliation Service: Mrs Needham/Mrs Jennings class: 9.15am	Remote
Monday	06 December	Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal	Infant department hall
Monday	06 December	Y4 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal	Junior department hall
Tuesday	07 December	Reception Nativity Play 1/2: 9:30am	TBC
Tuesday	07 December	Y4 Christmas Concert 1/2: 2pm	TBC
Wednesday	08 December	Reception Nativity Play 2/2: 9:30am	TBC
Wednesday	08 December	Y4 Christmas Concert 2/2: 6:30pm	TBC
Thursday	09 December	Christmas Lunch/ Parties/ Father Christmas Visit	Halls
Thursday	09 December	Y6 Advent Reconciliation Service: Mrs Sheldon's class: 9.30am	Remote



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Friday	10 December	Music Extravaganza Morning	Classrooms
Friday	10 December	Parents' Reflection: 10am	Remote
Thursday	16 December	KS2 Class Assembly: Y5 Mrs Maguire's Class	Remote
Monday	20 December	Christmas Service 6:30pm	St Vincent's Church/ Remote TBC
Tuesday	21 December	School Closes	

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	Y2 Mrs Dreniw/Mr King 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Y5 Mrs Maguire 95.9%
Overall school attendance	94.4%

*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

