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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed a busy and productive autumn term. Thank you for all of your support, not only the support offered for your child's education but also the support with changing covid regulations.

Whilst we do not know what the New Year will bring, we know that together, we have risen to the challenge that covid has brought over the past two years. I know that in working in partnership we will work through any further challenges we face.

Attached to the email is our contingency plan should we be directed to lockdown.

ADVENT

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Sunday 20 December



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today is the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Luke 1:39-45

We hear in today's scripture about how Mary visited her relative Elizabeth to share her good news. We can share the good news with our friends and family. Who can you share good news with today?



God of all,
fill us with joy at the coming of your Son, as Mary and Elizabeth were filled with joy. Help us to spread this joy and your love by caring for all our brothers and sisters around the world.
Amen



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MASSES AT ST VINCENT'S AND HOLY ANGELS

ST VINCENT'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

12:15pm - Last Mass of Advent

4:00pm - First Mass of Christmas (Socially Distanced Mass for vulnerable and elderly)

5:30pm - Children's Christmas Mass

7:30pm - Christmas Vigil Mass (also livestreamed) goes live via our Facebook page so people need to like our page which is @svpaltrincham and then the Mass will appear as it goes live.

12:00 midnight - Midnight Mass (preceded by carols at 11.30pm)

Christmas Day

8:30am - Mass

10:00am - Mass (also livestreamed)

11:30am - Mass

No Evening Mass

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

6:00pm - fully booked

8:30pm

Christmas Day

8:30am

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YEAR 4 AND YEAR 5 CELEBRATION MASS

Today we welcomed Canon Jonathan to celebrate Year 4 and Year 5's Holy Communion. A recording of the mass has been put on Google Classroom for Y4 and 5.

MINI VINNIES

The Mini Vinnies didn't want Santa's reindeer to be hungry on their travels so we have been busy making up reindeer food. They will be visiting all classes in school on Monday and Tuesday selling handmade bags of eco-friendly reindeer food for £1.

Since September, the Mini Vinnies have helped us to support many charities. These are also captured in the Mini Vinnies newsletter on our website here:

http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/mini%20vinnie%20newsletter_newsletter%20Autumn%202021.pdf

Thank you very much for your generosity. Charities supported include:



Syrian refugee clothing collection



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STAFF UPDATE

I am pleased to share that Mrs Anna Burke will be joining the senior leadership team in January. Mrs Burke will continue to teach her Year 2 class part time with additional leadership time. Her responsibilities will include phonics, early reading and writing across the school.

It is also good to have welcomed back Mrs Leather to Year 2 following her maternity leave.

UNICEF UK RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

St. Vincent's Catholic Primary is a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. As part of this plan, we are working towards recognition as a 'Rights Respecting School', an award given to schools on behalf of Unicef UK. St. Vincent's Catholic Primary pupils will learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day.

We really hope that you will be able to support our school on our journey towards becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School. If you want to know more, please read our questions & answers that are attached to the email, and also find out more about the Convention on the Rights of the Child by visiting unicef.org.uk/crc and www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa

PTA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FAIR AND THE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Christmas Raffle has raised an amazing £1866.06, thank you to everyone that bought a ticket. The raffle has been drawn and winners contacted to collect their prizes.

Thank you for all your ParentPay donations to the Children's Christmas Fair, we raised a fabulous £3372.73, which shows us how much the families of St Vincent's value the role the PTA plays in your children's lives. Thank you once again for your support and generosity.

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>



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Catholic schools also require a supplementary form to be completed. **This must be submitted to St Vincent's office before 15 January 2022:**

http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/ADM_Supplementary_Application_Form.pdf

Please contact our admin team if you have any questions about the process.

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

Attendance figures for previous week

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Year 2 Mrs Burke/Mrs Leather 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Year 3 Miss Slater 98.7%
Overall school attendance	96.1%

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

We will end the autumn term on Tuesday 21 December and return on Tuesday 4 January. As this will be our last newsletter this term, on behalf of all at St Vincent's, I wish you and your family a safe, happy and holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

