

# ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

### LENT

Thank you for this week's donations to the Good Shepherd Appeal. The children enjoyed their Boot Camp session today. Next Friday 25 March we are asking for a £1 donation to the Good Shepherd Appeal and the children will be taking part in mindful activities. We have been thinking about this particularly during Mindful March. Why not join us in the suggested actions from the Action for Happiness Calendar for March!

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else	22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult	23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them	24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do	25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted	26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today	27 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today
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Please also see the Lenten Calendar from CAFOD attached. There are lots of activities to do with your family this Lent. Thank you for paying your donations through parentpay.

20 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Find something at home that your family could swap for Fairtrade in future, like tea or coffee.	21 Think of one way that you can seek God today.	22 <b>World Water Day</b> Be careful with your use of water today and pray for those who do not have access to water.	23 Share with someone else one fact you have learned about global hunger.	24 <b>St Oscar Romero's Day</b> Romero was a friend of CAFOD. Watch and share our video of his life.	25 <b>The Annunciation</b> Nothing is impossible to God. Watch our reflection: <i>I can do all things in you, and dare to believe it.</i>	26 Spot signs of new life outside or care for your house-plants and pray we will all take better care of creation.
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### MINI VINNIES – EASTER CHICKS

The Mini Vinnies will be selling Easter Chicks across school. The chicks (with crème egg) will be on sale for £2 each and all proceeds will go directly to Francis House Children's Hospice.

### SCIENCE WEEK 11 – 18 MARCH

This week the children have been celebrating British Science Week. They have taken part in lots of exciting science lessons and were visited by STEM scientist, Mrs Shaw yesterday who showed them some amazing practical science experiments that they can try at home. Mr Kerigan and Miss Turnbull have launched a whole school science week poster competition: please see your child's Google Classroom for more details.



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## PHONIC PARENT MEETING

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend our Phonic meeting. Please follow this link to see the slides regarding our phonic scheme and the way we teach phonics.

[http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/serve\\_file/5571168](http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/serve_file/5571168)

<http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/reading-at-st-vincents/120613>

## PASTORAL DROP IN

Do you want to have a chat with our pastoral staff? Mrs Robinson and Mrs Gee are available to talk about any aspect of home or school life. The next drop in for parents is on Tuesday 22 March 2:00pm-3:30pm. You can sign up for a call by following the details below. Please visit <https://stvincentscatholicprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointment. Mrs Gee will also be available on Parents' Evening on Thursday 24 March.



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## LIVING WITH COVID

The Living with Covid risk assessment is on our website on the following link [Living with Covid Risk Assessment](#)

Please do ask if you have any questions.

## WALK TO SCHOOL TRAVEL TRACKER

Spring is almost here and it is the perfect time for spotting the changes around us as we walk to school. It's also a great opportunity to commit to a more sustainable way of travelling.

## WALK TO SCHOOL - IT'S ONE WIN AFTER ANOTHER

### HAPPIER CHILDREN

Children who do some form of exercise, especially a walk before school, arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn.

### CLEANER AIR

In the UK, one in four cars during the morning rush hour are taking children to school. The school run alone is responsible for generating half a million tonnes of carbon dioxide per year (which is more than some small countries!). By walking to school just once per week you can help improve the quality of air your child is growing up in.

### SAFER JOURNEYS

The Walk to school is another opportunity for your child to learn road safety.

### YOUR HEALTH

If you walk to school with your child, you will get fitter too!

### YOUR TIME

Fed up of the traffic and finding a parking space at the school gate? Walking to school can be just as quick as driving and is a nice way to spend a few moments chatting with your child about their day and yours.

### YOUR WALLET

Don't forget you can save money by spending less on petrol.

Since September we have made 46,464 active trips to school compared with 8704 non-active trips. Let's see if we can improve on this in the coming weeks as we hopefully see better weather.

## PARENTS' EVENING ORGANISATION REMINDER

We are really looking forward to seeing our parents next week at parents' evening. Please see the locations for each year group.

**Reception** Reception Classrooms

(books available outside the classroom in the main area)



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<b>Year 1</b>	Infant Hall	(books available in the classroom)
<b>Year 2</b>	Infant Hall	(books available in the classroom)
<b>Year 3</b>	Year 3 Classrooms	(books available outside the Year 3 classrooms)
<b>Year 4</b>	Junior Hall	(books available in the classroom)
<b>Year 5</b>	Junior Hall	(books available in the classroom)
<b>Year 6</b>	Year 6 Classrooms	(books available in the corridor outside Year 6 classrooms)

Miss Carr will be available for parents of pupils in receipt of pupil premium. Please sign up separately for an appointment with Miss Carr who will be available in the Sunshine Room (Junior Dept along Year 5 corridor). Mrs Gee, one of our pastoral leads will also be available on the night. No appointment is needed.

## SPRING 2 DATES LIST

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	24 March	Parents' Evening 3:45-7:30pm	Face to face
Thursday	24 March	Y3 Mrs McDuff's class parents to attend 9:05am	Junior department hall
Thursday	31 March	Reception Miss Turnbull's class parents to attend 9:05am	Infant department hall
Friday	1 April	Easter Extravaganza	Infant department playground and hall
Tuesday	05 April	Junior Lenten Service: Year 5 to lead. 6.30pm Y3-6 Children and parents	Holy Angels Church
Tuesday	05 April	Y1 Lenten Liturgy 9:15am – Y1 parents only	Infant Hall
Wednesday	06 April	Y1 Lenten Liturgy 9:15am – Y1 parents only	Infant Hall
Thursday	07 April	Infant and Junior Mass in each dept for all children and staff only	Department Halls
Friday	08 April	Parent's Reflection: 10am	St. Vincent's School
EASTER HOLIDAY			



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## ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

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Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Y2 Mrs Dreniw's class 98%
Highest junior class attendance	Y6 Miss Hobday's class 99.3%
Overall school attendance	95.45%

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

