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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

YEAR 3 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

School Values: **Make a Difference** **Be Respectful**



Thank you to all of the parents who came along to the Year 3 Sacramental meeting this week. Our children in Year 3 are currently preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray for them on their journey through their Sacramental Programme.

*Loving God,
Pour out your blessing
Upon our beloved children,
That during this time of Sacramental preparation
They may grow closer to you,
And come to know your special love for them.
May this time of preparation be a time of blessing
For our families and our community,
And unite us all in your great love.
Amen.*

SPOTLIGHT ON ATTENDANCE

School Values: **Passionate about Learning** and **Make a Difference**



The attendance for our School is very positive and the vast majority of our children have very high levels of attendance. However, the School has received a number of requests for absence for family holidays in term time.



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Therefore, we would like to outline the school policy on term time absence and the impact of absence on learning and social development.

Holidays in term time are not acceptable reasons to be absent. The School cannot authorise a term time holiday. This includes being absent either side of a half term holiday even for one or two days. Please consult the term dates on the website and plan holidays using the 175 non-school days a year: [Term Dates](#)

Requesting to leave the school early to travel is not an acceptable reason to be absent from school. Please organise family travel outside of school time using the non-school days a year.

Requesting time out of the school day for a non-urgent appointment is not an acceptable reason to be absent from school. Routine appointments such as visiting the opticians or dentist should be made in the non-school days a year.

Music and dance exams should be made for non-school days if at all possible.

Absence in term time will only be authorised in truly exceptional circumstances. The school's Attendance Policy can be found on our website and provides more information which can be accessed here: [School's Attendance Policy](#)

The Department of Education deems persistent absence as 90%. If attendance falls below 90% a pupil is considered and recorded as a **persistent absentee**. Parents of pupils with 90% attendance or below will be contacted to discuss the reasons for their child's low attendance.

The Department of Education deems severe absence as 50%. Although rare, if attendance falls below 50% a pupil is considered a **severe absentee**. Parents of pupils with 50% attendance or below will be contacted to discuss the reasons for their child's low attendance. A meeting will take place where an action plan will be agreed together in order to improve attendance.

What Research Says:

Research shows that children who take time out of school:

- Experience a detrimental effect on their educational progress and attainment.
- Find it difficult to maintain friendships.
- Experience anxiety when returning to school due to missing lessons.
- Experience anxiety when returning to school due to changing friendships.

Over a five year period, a child whose attendance is at 90% will effectively miss half of a school year.



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Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



Please see below the attendance percentages for **last week**.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RML	93.35	2AB	98.7	4CG/EL	99
RLT	100	2OW/CR	98.7	5CL	88.35
RLD	92	3DM	95.65	5LM	95
1AM	94.7	3LH	96.45	5DH	99
1MH	92.7	3CN/JJ	97.4	6NS	98
1CR	98	4ML	100	6SK/CO	98
2LC	96	4JK	97.65	6DB	96.1
Overall percentage: 96.4 %					

PUPIL GROUPS

School Values: **Make a Difference** **Be Passionate about Learning** **Be Kind** **Be Respectful**



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This week we held assemblies from our Pupil Group leaders. The children gave updates on what each of our pupil groups are working on and all of their achievements to date. It was wonderful to see how confident and passionate the children are about their projects. Please click on the link to see the presentation they gave. [St Vincent's Pupil Voice](#)

PARENT WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS - MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

School Values: **Make a Difference Be Kind**



Improving children's
mental health

Thank you to everyone who attended our Trafford Sunrise parent workshop on 'Understanding Children's Behaviour'. Through our partnership with Place2Be our parents also have access to the resource Parenting Smart. Parenting Smart offers practical advice for parents and carers of children aged 4-11. The content of Parenting Smart is created by Place2Be's parenting experts and is based on evidence and their experiences of working with children, young people and their families. Please follow the link below to access a range of useful videos with parenting advice from mental health experts. Their advice covers a range of topics including sibling rivalry, separation and divorce, anxiety, school reluctance, homework, body image, friendship matters and many more themes.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Parenting Smart are also holding a free webinar to introduce their service at **4pm on Thursday 25 January**. Please follow the link to attend: [Webinar Registration](#)

The webinar will also be recorded and shared with parents at a later date.

DATES LIST



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Please see the list below of dates for this half term.

Please follow the link below for the dates for the rest of the school year:

<https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/key-school-events-and-dates/13549>

Please follow the link below to access the Year 3 sacramental programme dates: [Year 3 Sacramental Programme](#)

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	25 January	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am: Led by Y1 Miss Hollins' class	Infant department hall
Thursday	25 January	Y3 Sacramental Programme Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Y3 Mrs Needham's/Mrs Jennings' class and half of Mrs McDuff's class	Holy Angels Church
Friday	26 February	Parents 'Stay and Share' : 8.40am: Y1-6	
Thursday	01 February	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05: led by Y6 Mrs Black's class	Junior department hall
Thursday	1 February	Y3 Sacramental Programme Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Miss Hutton's class and half of Mrs McDuff's class	Holy Angels Church
Friday	02 February	Maths Enrichment Day	
Monday	05 February	Children's Mental Health Week	
Thursday	08 February	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am: Led by Y1 Miss Reid's class	Infant department hall
Friday	09 February	School closes for half term 3:30pm	-
HALF TERM BREAK			

CURRICULUM UPDATES

School Values: Make a Difference Be Passionate about Learning Be Kind Be Respectful

This week we have added the maths curriculum update to the newsletter. Please take a read of it and remember that our exciting maths rock star day is on Friday 2 February. Please see the link below for all other curriculum updates: <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/curriculum/63387>



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Maths Curriculum Overview



Be Respectful - We develop respect and tolerance for others by learning about different places and cultures.



Be Passionate about Learning - We challenge ourselves to know and understand the world better.



Be Kind - We learn about our place in creation to be compassionate citizens of the world.



Make a Difference - We learn about our place in the world so that we can responsibly make a difference and look after our planet.

Maths at St Vincent's

Here at St Vincent's, we want all our children to let their light shine within all strands of the Mathematics curriculum and fulfil their full potential.

We strive for each child to:

- become fluent in the fundamentals of each Maths topic
- reason mathematically
- solve problems by applying their maths knowledge and seek solutions.

Our goal is to achieve this is by teaching high quality, engaging and interactive Maths lessons, encouraging children to use key mathematical vocabulary and motivating them to think positively about the subject and themselves.

Fun Facts:

- Markings on animal bones indicate that humans have been doing maths since around 30,000BC!
- Zero is not represented in Roman Numerals!
- Every odd number has an 'e' in it!

Spring 1

These are the topics being taught this half term in Maths:

EYFS	Numbers to 20 and 1 more/ 1 less
Year 1	Place Value within 20, Addition and subtraction within 20
Year 2	Money, Multiplication and Division
Year 3	Multiplication and division and Length and perimeter
Year 4	Multiplication and division and Length and perimeter
Year 5	Multiplication and division, Fractions, decimals and percentages
Year 6	Ratio, Algebra and Decimals

Did you know we have these amazing online Maths resources?

Log onto these fantastic websites at home to help you practise your times tables and maths skills:

- [101Rockstars](http://www.101rockstars.com)
- [MyMaths](http://www.mymaths.com)
- Maths Shed (accessible through [EdShed](http://www.edshed.com))

If you need a reminder of your log in details, please ask your teacher

Maths Rocks Stars Day!

On Friday 2nd February, Maths Rocks Stars Day is coming back to St Vincent's! Throughout the day, our children will take part in a range of exciting maths tasks while dressed up as a rock star.

Don't forget your air guitar!



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We offer an open door to parents. If you have any questions about school life, please liaise with your class teacher. Mrs Farrell (Infant Deputy Head), Mrs Sutton (Junior Deputy Head), and I are also available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop
Headteacher

