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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Liturgical Season of Lent

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

EASTER SERVICES



This week Year 1 children performed a Lenten liturgy. It was very prayerful and the children told the story so well. It was lovely for the children to remind us of the Easter Story so confidently.

We are looking forward to our Year 5 children performing the Easter story at Holy Angels on Monday 25th March at 6:30pm. Please can children come to church in their school uniforms. Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are asked to attend and sit with their class. Siblings are welcome to come and sit with parents.

EASTER MASS TIMES

As we approach Holy week there will be lots of opportunities to go to Mass. Please see the church website links below for further information:

St Vincent's <https://www.stvincentsaltrincham.org.uk/>

Holy Angels Church <https://holyangelscatholicchurch.co.uk/>



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HELP FOR UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES



During Lent, our Prayer Leaders are asking for your help. We are linking with some schools in underdeveloped countries so that they can have the stationery supplies that they need for school.

Do you have some spare stationery at home? Someone could make very good use of these items.

If you can, please donate the following:

- pencil case
- pens
- pencils
- rubbers
- rulers
- highlighters
- felt tips

If you would like to, you are also welcome to include a nice prayer or note for the child who receives the pencil case.

Please bring the donated items to school by Friday 19th April so that the Prayer Leaders can put the pencil cases together and pack them to be shipped at the end of April.

CURRICULUM UPDATES

School Values: Be Passionate about Learning

This week we have added the Physical Education Curriculum update to the newsletter. You can also follow the link below for all other curriculum updates: <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/curriculum/63387>



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Physical Education Curriculum Overview

Be Kind We encourage each other in our endeavours, helping each other to let our lights shine.

Be Respectful We play collaboratively always showing sportsmanship

Be Passionate about Learning We challenge ourselves to be the best that we can be, building our skills across a range of sports.

Make a Difference We learn about keeping ourselves fit and healthy, learning skills for life.

Physical Education at St Vincent's

Throughout their time at St Vincent's children will participate in many different activities, building and developing their confidence and skill. These include gymnastics, dance, athletics, fitness, football, tennis, hockey, cricket, swimming, rounders, invasion games and outdoors adventurous activities (which includes team building exercises and orienteering)

We also broaden children's experiences of sport and have coaches and clubs run by Sale Sharks, Altrincham F.C, Trafford Handball, Timperley Lacrosse, Lancashire Gaelic Football Association and Cheshire County Cricket



INSPIRE ME

Layla Guscoth is an England netball international. She was a member of the England squad who won a silver medal at the 2023 netball world cup. Layla is also a practising doctor!



Did you know... that the youngest gymnast to compete at an Olympic Games was 10 year old Dimitrios Loundras. She competed at the 1986 Olympic games in Athens and won a bronze medal!



Active travel- walk, cycle or scoot to school



Please continue to support us in our mission to make our school commutes healthier and safer.

Fitness at home

The Body Coach – HIIT circuits aimed at children (varying lengths) - <https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach>
Cosmic Kids Yoga – yoga classes with child friendly themes (varying lengths)



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WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE?



If English isn't your main language, you can work through a course to help you improve your English.

These courses are called ESOL or English for Speakers of other Languages. Improving your English will make it easier to: talk to teachers, understand the curriculum and homework. The Hub in Altrincham runs ESOL courses. If the course is full there are several other locations in Trafford. Please follow the link to register your interest:

https://ourhub.org/Groups/348596/Courses_and_Training.aspx

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Trafford_ESOL_test_2023-24/

<https://gmesol.org/esol-in-trafford/>

<https://manadulthood.org.uk/courses/esol/>

There is a translation button on our website that can translate the text into a wide range of languages. Please click on the world symbol on the top right of the home page coloured yellow to show the drop down of all languages that can be translated.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL NEURODIVERSITY WEEK



This week we have thought about Neurodiversity. We actively support and celebrate the way our brains work. We are a Dyslexia Friendly School and have many strategies in place that benefit all of the children. We also see ourselves as a Neurodiverse Friendly School and have many teaching strategies in place to support those with Autism, ADHD, Dyspraxia and Dyslexia, again these strategies benefit all of the children.

Have you seen the children signing in assemblies and liturgies? This too supports all children to gain a greater understanding through sign supported communication.

You may want to talk about neurodiversity with your child. The link below has two animations for children to understand how their brains work and how they or others see the world around them.



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We actively embrace meeting the needs of all children and believe that differences can also be their superpower. [What is neurodiversity? videos for children : Mentally Healthy Schools](#)

YOUNG CARER SUPPORT



Is anyone in your household a young carer? A young carer is someone under 25 who cares for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction, needs their support. A young carer may help with communication, looking after brothers and sisters or other practical tasks.

Support for young carers may include: emotional support; advice and guidance; activities and breaks. More information is available on their website <https://www.traffordcarerscentre.org.uk/>

If you think this applies to a member of your household, lots of help and support is available. You can either contact Young Carers directly or contact our Young Carers Champion, Mrs Sheldon, via email admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be visiting school early next week to take the class photographs. Winter uniform should be worn for this purpose.

ATTENDANCE

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Please note the term dates for 2023-24 and 2024-25:

- [2023-2024](#)
- [2024-2025](#)



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If your child is absent, we require the specific reason for absence. We do not authorise holidays in term time.

Please ensure your child comes to school and is collected from school/afterschool club on time each day.

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

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Rec-Mrs Dreniw	95.17%	Y2-Mrs Burke	95%	Y4-Mrs Gerrard /Mrs Leather	97%
Rec-Miss Turnbull	98.67%	Y2-Mrs Wormall/Mrs Robinson	96.33%	Y5-Mrs Luckham	93.33%
Rec-Miss Doherty	91.67%	Y3-Mrs McDuff	94.67%	Y5-Mrs Maguire	92%
Y1-Mr McCann	97.33%	Y3-Miss Hutton	96.45%	Y5-Miss Hobday	95.67%
Y1-Miss Hollins	98.28%	Y3-Mrs Needham/Mrs Jennings	99.35%	Y6-Mrs Sheldon	99.67%
Y1-Miss Reid	96.33%	Y4-Mrs Lawrence	94%	Y6-Mrs O'Keefe/Miss Kirk	91.67%
Y2-Miss Campbell	99.67%	Y4-Mr Kerigan	92%	Y6-Mrs Black	96.77%
Overall percentage: 95.77%					

DATES FOR SPRING 2 HALF TERM

Day	Date	Event	Location
Monday	25 March	KS2 Lenten Service: 6:30pm	Holy Angels Church
Tuesday	26 March	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am: Led by Y4 Mrs Gerrard/Mrs Leather's class	Junior department hall
Wednesday	27 March	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am: Led by Y6 Mrs O' Keefe/Miss Kirk's class	Junior department hall
Thursday	28 March	PTA Easter Eggstravaganza: 3.30pm	Infant hall and playground/junior playground
Thursday	28 March	School closes for Easter	-
Easter Break			

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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

