

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

OUR MISSION



The new school year is a good time to remind parents about our Mission and Values. Our Mission and Values permeate through everything we do. Attached is a document outlining our Mission, Values, Scripture and Prayer associated with our Values. Please do read the attached overview of our mission so that we can work in partnership to be consistent in promoting our mission and St Vincent Values.

ST VINCENT'S MISSION STATEMENT IS BELOW:

'Let your light shine.'

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.' John 8:v12

At St Vincent's Catholic Primary School we celebrate, the uniqueness of each child as created in the image of God. We aim to provide a high quality education and environment where each person can develop their individual potential. Christ's example of love and care, shown by St Vincent de Paul, is encouraged through every aspect of school life and developed in partnership with parents, the parish and in the wider community. As a Catholic School, our faith permeates all aspects of school life. Our mission underpins our beliefs and values, which can be seen below.

We also have our St Vincent values. We refer to our values all of the time and they underpin all we do. Please read the attached St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Mission and Values for our prayers and scripture associated with each value.



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MASS AND LITURGY DATES



The mass and liturgy dates have been planned for this year and can be found on this link: [Mass and Liturgy Dates](#). The masses and liturgies give parents a wonderful opportunity to join us in prayer. We are very grateful that Canon Jonathan, Father Godlove and Father Tom dedicate so much time to our school. We encourage parents to note the dates and join us for these special occasions.

In addition to masses and liturgies, we invite parents to join us for class assemblies and Stay and Pray liturgies. Please do try to come along, you will be made most welcome.

YEAR 3 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Year 3 is a very special year for our Year 3 families. The children will continue their faith journey where they will prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. As part of the preparation, we invite parents to attend meetings so that we can work together to help prepare the children. The dates for the Sacramental Programme can be found on this link: [Sacramental Dates](#).

SAFEGUARDING



As part of our safeguarding procedures, it is very important that both Orchard Rd and Osborne Rd remain congestion free. As is the case for all schools, we need to be sure that an ambulance is able to reach our school in an emergency situation. Please support us in keeping the route to our school gates congestion free by using the Tesco park and stride car park close by.



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OPEN MORNING

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Our Open Morning is on Thursday 17 October. This is where we welcome prospective parents to see St Vincent's school and nursery in action. There will be a presentation about St Vincent's giving information about the school and the application progress. This will be followed by a tour.

Please let your family and friends know about our open day. We are an inclusive community and value and celebrate diversity. All are very welcome to come along and apply for a place.

If you would like to come along, please see our website to register for one of our tours on our admission webpage. [St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Admissions \(stvincents.trafford.sch.uk\)](http://stvincents.trafford.sch.uk)

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT



This week the children have been learning about 'Fairtrade' to raise awareness for Fairtrade Fortnight. During our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September, we will also hold a Fairtrade stall and encourage the children to talk to their families about looking for Fairtrade products when shopping. Please see the Fairtrade Fortnight website for details about you can also support this cause at home: <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/bethechange/buy-fairtrade-this-fortnight/>



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CURRICULUM INFORMATION



Please note that the parent curriculum evenings are listed on the Autumn Dates List below. This is a good opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and learn about how we can work together to support your child's learning. We look forward to meeting you on the 25th and 26th September.

WHOLE SCHOOL DATES LIST



The key dates have been set for the academic year. On the list, you will see the date, event and location. The full list can be seen on this link and autumn 1 dates can be seen below:

KEY AUTUMN DATES

| DAY | DATE | EVENT | LOCATION |
|-----------|--------------|---|------------------------|
| Tuesday | 03 September | School re-opens for Years 1-6 | - |
| Wednesday | 04 September | Reception children join school | - |
| Monday | 09 September | Fairtrade Fortnight | |
| Thursday | 19 September | New School Year Mass: 9:15am | Playground/field |
| Tuesday | 24 September | PTA Annual General Meeting: 6.30pm | Infant department hall |
| Wednesday | 25 September | Junior Department Curriculum Evening Y3 Curriculum Evening 4:30 – 5:15pm Y4 Curriculum Evening 5:15-6:00pm | Junior department hall |



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| | | Y5 Curriculum Evening 6:00- 6:45pm Y6 Curriculum Evening 6:45-7:30pm | |
| Thursday | 26 September | Infant Department Curriculum Evening Reception Curriculum Evening 4:30-5:15pm Phonics Workshop Reception/Y1 5:15—5:45pm Y1 Curriculum Evening 5:45-- 6:30pm Y2 Curriculum Evening 6:30-7:15pm | Infant department hall |
| Friday | 27 September | Macmillan Coffee Morning: 9am | Junior department hall |
| Friday | 27 September | St Vincent de Paul Feast Day | - |
| Tuesday | 01 October | Black History Month | - |
| Thursday | 03 October | KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am led by Y2 Mrs Dreniw's class | Infant department hall |
| Thursday | 03 October | Junior Harvest Mass: 9.15am | Junior department hall |
| Friday | 04 October | CAFOD Family Fast Day/Harvest fundraising commences | - |
| Friday | 04 October | Parents 'Stay and Pray': 9.15am Led by Y1 | Infant department hall |
| Thursday | 10 October | World Mental Health Day | |
| Thursday | 10 October | KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am led by Y5 Mrs Maguire's class | Junior department hall |
| Friday | 11 October | Parents 'Stay and Share': 8.40am: Y1-6 | Y1-Y6 classrooms |
| Thursday | 17 October | Open Morning | Across school |
| Friday | 18 October | Show Racism The Red Card – Wear Red Day | - |
| Friday | 18 October | PTA Quiz Night | Infant Hall |
| Thursday | 24 October | KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am Led by Y2 Mrs Burke's class | Infant department hall |
| Friday | 25 October | School closes for Half Term | - |

HALF TERM



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ATTENDANCE



Every student. Every day.

Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

| Class | Attendance % | Class | Attendance % | Class | Attendance % |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------|
| RLDo | 100 | 2AB | 100 | 4CG/SK | 98.4 |
| RLT | 100 | 2OW/CR | 100 | 5ML | 99.15 |
| RKH | 98.8 | 3DM | 100 | 5LM | 97.5 |
| 1AM | 100 | 3LH | 95 | 5JK | 96.4 |
| 1MH | 100 | 3CN/JJ | 100 | 6NS | 96.7 |
| 1CR | 96.7 | 4LD | 100 | 6MB | 99.2 |
| 2LD | 94.6 | 4CL/HB | 97.5 | 6DH | 97.5 |
| Overall percentage: 98.4 % | | | | | |

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 Harrop
Headteacher

