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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

MASS AND LITURGY DATES



It was lovely to come together to celebrate our new school year Mass. It was extra special to welcome both Canon Jonathan and Fr Tom. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who joined us for Mass. Parents and grandparents are always very welcome to come along to the Masses and stay afterwards for refreshments. Our next event will be the Harvest Mass on Thursday 3rd October at 9:15am in the junior hall.

HARVEST TIME



At Harvest time we give thanks for all of the food we have. It is a time when we consider those who may be struggling to make ends meet. Each year we ask for donations to send to Cornerstone Day Centre for the homeless and South Manchester foodbank. We ask each year group to bring a food to school. Please can these donations be sent into school on week beginning 30th September. For more information, please see the Harvest planner on the website [here](#).

- **Reception** Tinned meat/tinned fish
- **Year 1** Tinned fruit/rice pudding/custard
- **Year 2** Coffee/tea/juice/sugar
- **Year 3** Instant mash/stock cubes
- **Year 4** Pasta/tinned tomatoes/tinned spaghetti/ beans
- **Year 5** Jam/ sponge puddings
- **Year 6** Porridge



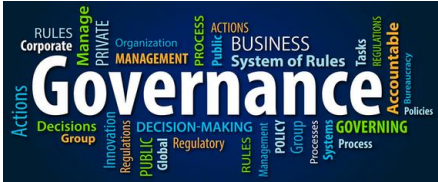
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FOUNDATION GOVERNOR



A vacancy has arisen for a foundation governor. Being a foundation governor is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in the strategic development of St Vincent's.

We are looking for the following qualities:

- A practising Catholic, who regularly attends church
- Experience in employment law or human resources
- To expand diversity on our board, we welcome applications from ethnic minority backgrounds and other under-represented groups

If you are interested, please refer to the letter sent last week for more information. Please do ask if you have any questions.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION



We are looking forward to the curriculum information meetings next week. The meetings are a good opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and learn about how we can work together to support your child's learning. The meetings are on the 25th and 26th September. Parents are also welcome to visit classroom after the presentation.

For year 6 parents, please visit the classroom before the meeting from 6:15pm.

On **Wednesday 25th September 2024** we are holding our **Junior Department Curriculum Evening**

- Y3 Curriculum Evening from 4:30pm to 5:15pm
- Y4 Curriculum Evening from 5:15pm to 6:00pm
- Y5 Curriculum Evening from 6:00pm to 6:45pm
- Y6 Curriculum Evening from 6:45pm to 7:30pm



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On **Thursday 26th September 2024** we are holding our **Infant Department Curriculum Evening**

- Reception Curriculum Evening from 4:30pm to 5:15pm
- Phonics Workshop Reception/Y1 from 5:15pm to 5:45pm
- Y1 Curriculum Evening from 5:45pm to 6:30pm
- Y2 Curriculum Evening from 6:30pm to 7:15pm

OPEN MORNING

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Our open morning is on Thursday 17th 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 process. 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)

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



Have you considered joining the PTA? The PTA is formed to support the school by raising money to enhance, enrich and improve learning experiences for all children. Each year we hold several events for our school community to come together. In order to hold events, we ask for parents and staff to volunteer to help.

Each year we hold the PTA AGM. This is where parents are invited to learn about what we want to raise money for so that we can continually enhance the learning experiences for children, as well as giving special treats. The PTA AGM is taking place on Tuesday 24th September at 6:30pm in the infant hall. Please look out for the invitation children are making for you, we would love to see lots of parents become involved in the PTA.



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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



We will be supporting the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity. We will be holding a Macmillan charity coffee morning for parents, grandparents and friends of St Vincent's on Friday 27th September in the junior hall from 9:10am. To make the coffee morning a success, we are asking for cake donations from parents.

Our Mini Vinnie pupils will be helping during the coffee morning. Please do come along, you will be made to feel most welcome.

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:

AUTUMN 1 DATES

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
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 Y5 Curriculum Evening 6:00 - 6:45pm Y6 Curriculum Evening 6:45 - 7:30pm	Junior department hall
Thursday	26 September	Infant Department Curriculum Evening Reception Curriculum Evening 4:30 - 5:15pm	Infant department hall



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		Phonics Workshop Reception/Y1 5:15 — 5:45pm Y1 Curriculum Evening 5:45 - 6:30pm Y2 Curriculum Evening 6:30 - 7:15pm	
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': 8:0am: 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
Monday	21 October	Pupil photos	-
Tuesday	22 October	Pupil photos	-
Thursday	24 October	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am Led by Y2 Mrs Burke's class	Infant department hall



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Friday	25 October	School closes for Half Term	-
HALF TERM HOLIDAY			

ATTENDANCE



Every student. Every day.

Please see below the attendance percentages for last week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RLDo	98.95	2AB	100	4CG/SK	100
RLT	94.85	2OW/CR	98	5ML	96.7
RKH	96.1	3DM	98.7	5LM	98
1AM	99.3	3LH	100	5JK	97.4
1MH	99.65	3CN/JJ	99.65	6NS	100
1CR	98.7	4LD	100	6MB	96
2LD	99	4CL/HB	99.3	6DH	95.65
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

