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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

LENT

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



Thank you to Canon Jonathan who came into school to celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass with us. During the special season of Lent, we will share the Easter story. The children know that Lent is a time to grow closer to God and learn how to be more loving and generous, both to God and to others. Here is how your children will be learning about and participating in this special season:

- Prayer:** During Lent, we will encourage the children to take small steps to grow in their relationship with God. They will be learning simple prayers and ways to talk to God throughout their day. We will also have opportunities for them to pray together with their friends and families.
- Acts of Kindness:** Instead of only focusing on what we give up, we will emphasise what we can give to others. The children will be encouraged to look for small ways to show kindness, whether that's helping a friend, sharing a smile, or offering a prayer for someone in need.
- Fasting in a Child-Friendly Way:** We teach the children how to "fast" by giving up something small but meaningful. This might be something like giving up extra screen time or choosing to play quietly so that they have more time for prayer and reflection.
- Almsgiving:** We will talk about how we can help others during Lent. By raising money for a charity, our children will learn that giving isn't just about money, it's about giving of our time and kindness.

Purple Wednesday

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Following our St. Vincent's tradition, each Wednesday will be 'Purple Wednesday'. Pupils will be encouraged to wear a purple accessory. This could be a belt, bobble, hairband, friendship band, socks or tights.



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Purple is used for two reasons: firstly, because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the colour associated with royalty and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty. #Be respectful

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR PARENTS: END OF SCHOOL DAY PROCEDURE

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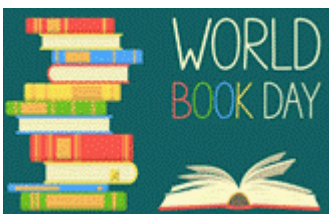
As part of our commitment to ensuring the safety and security of our school community, we kindly request that all parents and children leave the school grounds at the end of each school day. We kindly remind everyone that there should be no games or recreational activities on the school field after the school day ends. This is to ensure the site remains secure.

The Sunshine Club children will be using the field, and we need to ensure that the children using it are fully supervised and have full access to the site.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

WORLD BOOK DAY

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We had a fantastic **World Book Day on Thursday**. It was a wonderful way to raise awareness of the importance of reading and the joy it brings to children. During the day, the children participated in a variety of engaging activities that fostered creativity, imagination, and a love of literature.

From costume parades to interactive storytelling, the day was filled with fun and excitement as children explored new worlds through books. These activities not only sparked a passion for reading but also encouraged the children to develop their literacy skills in a creative, enjoyable way.



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We would like to thank everyone for their enthusiasm and support in making this day a memorable success. We hope the excitement from World Book Day continues to inspire your child to dive into the pages of their favourite books.

MINI VINNIES

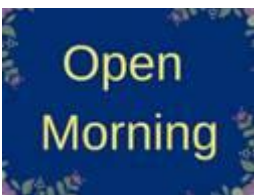
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The Easter chicks have hatched! The Mini Vinnies will be selling chicks from Monday 10th March to raise money for Francis House Children's Hospice. Please bring in the correct change of £2 per chick and please note that it will be 1 chick per child until all the children have been able to purchase one. They will then fly round again!

OPEN MORNING

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We are looking forward to our Open Morning on Wednesday 12th March. Prospective parents are welcome will have a tour and see the School and Nursery in action. Please inform family and friends you know and if they wish to attend please go to the admissions page of the school website to book a tour: St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Admissions. Please note that due to a national fall in birthrate, applications from all are welcome.



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SPRING 2 DATES

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	7-16 March	British Science & Engineering Week – Change & Adapt	-
Tuesday	11 March	Times Tables Check Parents Meeting (Year 3 & 4) 5:15 - 5:45 pm	Junior department
Wednesday	12 March	Open Morning	Across school
Friday	14 March	Parents 'Stay and Share': 8:40am: Y1 - 6	Y1-6 Classrooms
Friday	14 March	Parent's 'Stay and Pray': 9:05am led by Y3 This has been rescheduled to the Summer Term	Junior department
Friday	14 March	CAFOD Family Fast Day	-
Friday	14 March	Y2 Disco 6-7:30pm Y5/6 Film night 6-8pm	Junior hall
Tuesday	18 - 24 March	Neurodiversity Week	-
Wednesday	19 March	KS1 Lenten Mass: 9:15am	Infant department
Thursday	20 March	KS2 Lenten Mass: 9:15am	Junior department
Thursday	20 March	Parents' Evening 3:45 - 7pm	Both departments
Friday	21 March	Lent Love in Action Day (Class charity challenges- see google classroom for more information)	Both departments
Monday	24 March	Y1 Lenten Service dress rehearsal	-
Tuesday	25 March	Y1 Lenten Service: 9:15am	Infant department
Wednesday	26 March	Y1 Lenten performance: 9:15am	Infant department



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Thursday	27 March	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am: Led by Y4 Mrs Gerrard/Miss Kirk's class	Junior department
Friday	28 March	Own clothes day - Easter egg donations to the PTA.	Both departments
Tuesday	01 April	KS2 Lenten Service: 6:30pm	Holy Angels Church
Thursday	03 April	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am: Led by Y4 Mrs Durkan's class	-
Friday	04 April	Easter Bonnet Parade	Both departments
Friday	04 April	Easter Eggtravaganza (within the school day)	Both departments
Friday	04 April	School closes for Easter	-
Easter Break			

Please see all the Masses, liturgies and fundraising that will take place during this liturgical season of Lent: [Lenten planner 2025.pdf](#)

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), Mrs Sutton (junior deputy), and I are also available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

