

# ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

### COVID UPDATE

If your child tests positive for Covid please inform the school via the [helpdesk@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:helpdesk@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk)

Children should not come to school if they have the following symptoms:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

### WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

It was lovely for us to come together to celebrate our first open air Mass since March 2020. It was extra special to welcome both Canon Jonathan and Fr Tom to concelebrate Mass and lovely to see so many parents joining us.

### PRAYER REFLECTION DATES

Please do try to join us for our first parent and grandparent reflection on Friday 1 October at 10am. This will be an online reflection with the hope to meeting face to face again throughout the year.

<https://zoom.us/j/95583704669?pwd=NllhTWxUWmVvL0JVcmVtaCtLN2poZz09>

Meeting ID: 955 8370 4669

Passcode: i4JypU

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. We will soon be commencing the Sacramental Programme for the current Year 3 children; please follow the link to our website, [First Sacrament Dates 2021-22](#), to find out when Year 3 will be making their first sacraments this year.



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## SPECIAL YEAR 7 LITURGY

You will remember that towards the end of the summer term, two of our year 6 classes needed to isolate. This meant that the children did not have the end to the year we would have liked. For this reason, we invited the children back to school for a special liturgy and blessing from Cannon Jonathan. It was lovely to see the children again and we wish them continued success at secondary school.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you for all of the wonderful cakes donated for our first open air Macmillan coffee morning. It was great to see so many parents staying for a coffee and cake. All donations will go to Macmillan cancer care. Thank you to our Mini Vinnies who helped to give out drinks and cakes too.

## FEAST OF ST VINCENT

The Feast of St Vincent De Paul is on Monday 27 September. We wanted to mark the feast day by following the example St Vincent set by giving back to those in need. With that in mind, we ask that children wear their own clothes on Monday in exchange for a £1 donation. The money raised will be given to The Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund.

Please make your donation via ParentPay; we thank you in advance for your generosity.

## DATES FOR THE YEAR

The key dates for the year have been set and may be found [here](#), on our website. Please note that dates and arrangements may need to change depending on safety measures.

## CHILD NET ONLINE SAFETY TRAINING

It was really good to see parents attending the online safety training on Monday evening. The training was recorded and can be watched on the link below; please do talk to your children about online safety, this way we can work in partnership to keep our children safe.

The session for parents and carers can be found in this link: <https://vimeo.com/610545902/653adbda68>

The links to the Childnet online parent training session will expire on Wednesday 6 October.

You also have access to a feedback survey for the session and the survey is available for parents and carers: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ChildnetEvaluation>

Please also look through the Childnet website for further advice on how to ensure our children stay safe online.



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- Childnet Parents and Carers Hub  
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>
- Parents and Carers Toolkit (including the resource sheet with links to all mentioned organisations).  
<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit>
- Internet Matters (for parental controls)  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/>
- Common Sense Media (for more info about apps, games and ratings)  
<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>
- Family Gaming Database  
<https://www.taminggaming.com/>

## PARK AND STRIDE AT TESCO

We ask parents to use the park and stride facility at Tesco carpark to reduce congestion on Orchard and Osborne Road and surrounding roads. We want to keep Orchard and Osborne Road as safe as possible for our children. We ask that parents do not drive down Orchard and Osborne Road unless dropping off or picking up for the Sunshine club when it is much quieter.

Each week we report attendance and as part of our safeguarding procedures, please report any non-attendance to the school office by contacting the office on 0161 911 8040.

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Y1 Mrs Wormald/Mrs Gerrard's Class 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Y3 Mrs McDuff and Y4 Miss Jamieson both 100%
Overall school attendance	96.5%

\*Please note that disability related absence is not taken into account when calculating best attendance

We aim to be a listening school and offer an open door to parents. Mrs Farrell (deputy head teacher based in the junior department), Mrs Tiernan (deputy head teacher based in the infant department), and I are very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

