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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

JUNIOR HARVEST MASS AND INFANT LITURGY

It was lovely to welcome Canon Jonathan to school to hold the Harvest Liturgy and celebrate Mass with the children today. Both events will be made available for you to watch at home next week.

HARVEST FUNDRAISING

Thank you for sending the children to school in their own clothes today for the Family Fast Day. Donations of £1 may be paid via ParentPay and will go to CAFOD.

FOOD DONATIONS

From Monday we will be collecting food donations. The donations will be given to South Trafford Foodbank and Cornerstone Day Centre for the homeless.

We asked them to tell us what they are short of and have allocated year groups to ensure we are able to give a wide variety of food to them.

The following is a list of suggested year group donations to bring into school:

- **Reception** Tinned meat/tinned fish
- **Year 1** Tinned fruit/rice pudding/custard
- **Year 2** Coffee/tea/juice
- **Year 3** Instant mash/pasta sauce
- **Year 4** Pasta/tinned tomatoes/tinned spaghetti
- **Year 5** Jam/ sponge puddings
- **Year 6** Treats/chocolate/biscuits

Donations will be taken to Timperley Methodist Church on Friday 15 October between 9am and 11am when the warehouse team will be available. Please email the office at admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk if you are available to help transport the donations.

We also require transportation of goods to Cornerstone Day Centre, 104b Denmark Road, Manchester, M15 6JS. Please contact the office if you are able to help. All offers of help are welcome.



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MINI VINNIES

The Mini Vinnies will be selling large, wooden rosary beads for the month of October. If your child would like to buy a set, the cost is £2 and they will be on sale from Monday 11 October. Please bring in the correct money.

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

This term, the safeguarding newsletter, [found here](#), is focused on raising awareness of sexual abuse and harassment covering peer on peer sexual abuse. The focus on this matter came about by members of the public publishing testimonies on the website, Everyone's Invited, about their experiences of sexual harassment and abuse. This prompted Ofsted to conduct a national review. As a result, this aspect of safeguarding is an area that all school must educate children, staff and parents on. We have put together information for parents to learn about how we educate our children in an age appropriate way on this important matter.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

In place of our face-to-face curriculum evening, the teachers have recorded the content onto PowerPoint presentations. The presentations cover what will be taught this year and along with other aspects associated with the year group.

Important information is shared in the presentations, which will be ready for viewing early next week on the [curriculum information link](#). Please ensure to view them to learn how we can work in partnership to ensure our children access all we have to offer, and reach their potential.

WORLD POETRY DAY

On Thursday we celebrated 'World Poetry Day' in school. During our Stop, Drop and Read sessions, the children have brought in their favourite poems to share and recommend. We have been amazed at the diverse range of poetry that has been shared and have been so impressed with each and every performance of them. It has been wonderful to see our children taking real pleasure in sharing their poems and giving reasons why they have chosen them. Thank you to everyone for your support in this wonderful enrichment activity.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The month of October is an opportunity to celebrate the outstanding contributions that Black people have made to British society, whether that is in our world today or in the past. Celebrating



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multiculturalism and diversity helps shape our community. We want our children to learn about key moments in Black history throughout this month. To support their learning, we will be teaching the children about significant individuals who have been an inspiration.

A history lesson for each year group is to be completed week commencing 11 October. Similar to last year, each year group will be invited to explore an influential person/group of people and to gain a deeper understanding about Black history & culture. These will be linked to either previous topics the children have covered, or topics they will cover later in the year.

Here are some websites to find out more information on this theme.

<https://www.history.org.uk/ha-news/categories/455/news/3874/more-than-a-month-black-history-month>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/black-history-month-primary-and-secondary-resources/zjwf8xs>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/black-lives-black-history-resources/zy7sm39>

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Today, the children have enjoyed learning about how they can look after their mental health. They took time to learn how to stay in tune with their emotions and self care. Classes completed a range of activities including making happy bunting, taking part in circle time, being grateful, tips on positive mental health and who to go to if they are worried about anything.

RECEPTION 2021/22 INTAKE OPEN MORNING

We are pleased to announce that we are now able to invite all prospective parents to visit us to meet our wonderful children and to see the school in action. This will take place on Wednesday 10 November and we be holding tours throughout the day. Please see the link below for further information or call or email the school to book a slot.

<http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/admissions/6191>

ALLOTMENT HELPERS

Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to help with organising the allotment.

On Friday 15 October, from 10am, there will be a gardening morning where parents and grandparents are invited to attend school and help organise the allotment for the new academic year. It will include



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turning over the soil, fixing the wooden beds and clearing out the shed; any help would be really appreciated.

Tools and equipment will be provided however if you have any specific items which you think would be beneficial please feel free to bring these on the day.

If you would like to help with the allotment please email admin@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk with the subject line 'Allotment' FAO Miss Jamieson. Thank you in advance for your support.

YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU

Thank you to everyone that has contacted us regarding being your child's class member of the PTA committee. There are several classes without representation. It is a lovely opportunity to meet other parents and help to plan and organise events for your children. More than one person could share the role. Please contact the PTA on stvincentspta@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

Thank you to the parents interested in the secretary and Treasurer roles. We are still looking for parents interested in the Chair role, this role would be perfect for a few friends to share. It's a wonderful opportunity to help shape the PTA and introduce new events and activities that will benefit all our children. For an informal chat about the role please contact us on stvincentspta@gmail.com.

PTA AGM

If you want to talk to the PTA about your involvement, please email stvincentspta@gmail.com

There is a further opportunity to get involved and learn more about our PTA. Please try to attend our remote PTA AGM on Wednesday 20 October at 7:30pm, zoom details will follow. You will be most welcome.

2022 SUMMER BALL

We are also looking for people to join the summer ball committee. Due to covid, our ball has been postponed several times but will hopefully go ahead in June 2022. This is a great opportunity to get involved in a big event and help make it a real success.

ATTENDANCE

Each week we report **attendance**; please note we do not authorise holidays in term time.

Attendance figures for previous week:



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Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Reception Miss Hollins, Y1 Mrs Wormal/Mrs Gerrard and Y2 Mrs Dreniw 99.3%
Highest junior class attendance	Y4 Miss Jamieson 99.3%
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

