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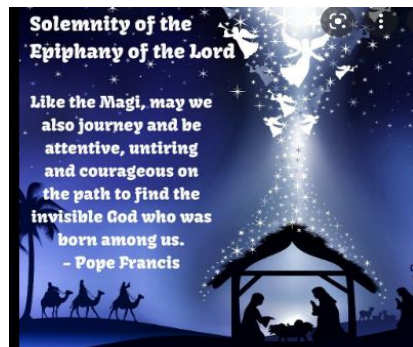
HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a safe and peaceful Christmas. We certainly hope that 2022 will be a year full of hope.

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school. We are pleased that we have been able to continue with face-to-face learning after the Christmas break.

EPIPHANY



This week we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany. Yesterday the children and staff celebrated the Epiphany Mass with Father Tom through a live stream from Holy Angels church. This morning the Year 6 prayer leaders delivered a lovely Epiphany reflection to parents and grandparents, which was enjoyed by all.

PASTORAL DROP-IN

Do you want to have a chat with our pastoral staff? Mrs Robinson and Mrs Gee are available to talk about any aspect of home or school life. The next drop in for parents is on **Tuesday 11 January** 2:00pm - 3:30pm. You can sign up for a call with Mrs Robinson by following the details below. Please visit <https://stvincentscatholicprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointment.

SEND DROP-IN

Does your child have additional needs? Do you want to have a chat about an aspect of your child's development? The next date for a SEND drop in is **Tuesday 18 January** between 1:30 - 3:00pm. Mrs Tiernan (Infant department SENDCo) and Mrs Farrell (Junior department SENDCo) will be



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available to answer any questions you have. Please visit
<https://stvincentscatholicprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book a slot.

If you would like to know more about the SEND local offer, please follow this link:
<http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/special-educational-needs/8336>

COVID UPDATE

We continue to follow stringent covid safety measures in school. If your child has tested positive on a PCR test, please email the following information to the helpdesk
helpdesk@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk:

Childs name, class, last day in school, date symptoms started, date due back in school.

If children who are isolating feel well enough, remote learning will be set on Google Classroom.

Updated guidance on national Covid measures can be found by visiting: [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges](#)

The main messages from this guidance are:

- Nationally, education and childcare settings are open, and attendance is mandatory for schools and strongly encouraged at childminders, nurseries and colleges
- The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health has made it clear that the overwhelming majority of children and young people still have no symptoms or very mild illness only
- Updated advice on tracing close contacts and isolation to reflect the changes to isolation rules
- Continuing to take regular rapid tests will help you to identify infections early and reduce transmission
- Nursery, school or college no longer trace close contacts - close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace
- Children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, are not required to self-isolate
- If the number of positive cases substantially increases in nursery or school, additional measures will be introduced
- Changes to advice for clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people
- In primary schools, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff, adults, and those aged over 11 (including visitors) when moving around in corridors and communal areas

The following update has been issued from the DfE:



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Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from **Tuesday 11 January**. This will mean that **anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.**

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS:

We are pleased to be offering a variety of extra-curricular activities this half term. We have also increased the number of places available. The clubs will commence again on Monday 10 January. There are currently still places available for Singing, Dodgeball and On The Stage clubs – please see attached letters for booking details.

Pick up and drop off details for the clubs will be sent via a separate communication.

ONLINE SAFETY

PARENTAL CONTROLS

As some children may have received a new digital device over Christmas, the information below regarding parental controls may help to ensure your child is safe online.

Parental controls allow you to block and filter upsetting or inappropriate content. They work across your WiFi, phone network, individual apps and devices. Parental controls can help you to:

- plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for
- create content filters to block apps that may have inappropriate content
- manage the content different family members can see.

More top tips include:

Talk to your child. Explain why you are setting parental controls: to keep them safe. Also let them know that they can talk to you to discuss why certain settings are in place.

Set good, strong passwords where you are able. On some parental controls, you can set a password which prevents settings and features from being changed.

Age is a significant factor; as children get older, restrictions and controls you use will change, but only at a pace that is appropriate for your child.

Content filters are never 100% effective, it is likely at some point that your child will see inappropriate or upsetting content and it is important that you are able to [talk to them](#) about this.



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Please follow this link for parental control guidance: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

ONLINE FILTERS

Below is information on how to set up filters on your home internet to help prevent age inappropriate content being accessed on devices in your home.

The 4 key internet providers in the UK – BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media provide their customers with free parental controls which can be activated at any time. They have come together to produce helpful video guides to help you to download and set-up the controls offered by your provider.

Please follow this link for more information. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parental-controls-offered-by-your-home-internet-provider>

KEY DATES FOR SPRING 1

Thursday	20 January	KS1 Class Assembly: Y2 Mrs Dreniw's Class	Infant hall - class parents only
Thursday	20 January	Year 3 Parents' Information – Sacrament of Reconciliation	Recorded
Thursday	27 January	Sacrament of Reconciliation Y3 Mrs McDuff's class: 6:30pm	St. Vincent's Church
Thursday	27 January	KS2 Class Assembly: Y6 Miss Kirk's Class	Junior hall - class parents only
Thursday	03 February	KS1 Class Assembly: Y1 Mrs Wormald/Mrs Gerrard's Class	Infant hall - class parents only
Thursday	03 February	Sacrament of Reconciliation: Y3 Mrs Needham/Mrs Jennings's class: 6:30pm	St. Vincent's church
Monday	07 February	Children's Mental Health Week	School activity
Tuesday	08 February	Safer Internet Day	School activity
Thursday	10 February	KS2 Class Assembly: Y4 Mrs Bullock's Class	Junior hall - class parents only
Friday	11 February	Parents' and Grandparents' Reflection: 10am	Zoom
Friday	11 February	School closes for half term	

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Each week we report attendance. Please note we do not authorise holidays in term time.



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Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Reception Miss Turnbull's class 99.3%
Highest junior class attendance	Year 6 Miss Hobday's class 99%
Overall school attendance	95.1%

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

We work in partnership with parents. Mrs Tiernan (deputy head teacher based in the infant department), and Mrs Farrell (deputy head teacher based in the junior department), and I are very vappy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

