

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,



We have been busy raising funds to help the humanitarian appeal for Ukraine. Thank you for the cake sale donations and Lenten fundraising donations. Your donations will help fund food, clean water, clothes, healthcare and shelter.

CAFOD along with many other charities is looking for support for the families who are in desperate need. Further donations can be made by following this link

https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversalitytype=single&_Appeal=123770

DAY OF DIVINE MERCY

This special celebration will be held on Sunday 24 April 2022 at St Vincents Church. The church will be open from 1:30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 2pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be read at 3pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3:30pm. You are invited to recite the 9 day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday. The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet can be found at

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>

EXCELLENCE IN PUPIL DEVELOPMENT



We are delighted to share that following an external assessment, we have achieved the Excellence in Pupil Development Award. Thank you to all the children, parents, staff and governors who were part of our assessment day. We are pleased that our commitment to the personal development of our children has been recognised. In order to achieve the award the following aspects of personal development needed to be evidenced:



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- The school demonstrates a commitment to promoting pupils' personal development and skills by working towards achieving the Excellence in Pupil Development Award.
- The school has robust policies in place that promote and develop pupils' personal development and skills, including their behaviour and attitudes.
- The school's curriculum promotes and supports pupils' personal development and skills.
- The school actively enlists the support of professionals and agencies linked to national and international organisations to strengthen its provision for pupils' personal development and skills.
- The school promotes pupils' positive behaviour and attitudes towards one another, adults and their learning.
- The school commits to training and developing its staff to fully support pupils' personal development and skills.
- The school works with the local community and parents/carers to support the school's commitment to developing pupils' personal development and skills, including their conduct and attitudes.



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 5 April 2pm to 3:30pm.

You can sign up for a call by following the details below. Please visit <https://stvincentscatholicprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointment.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

The booking system for next half term's after school clubs went live yesterday and will close on Thursday 7 April at 4pm. There is always high demand and in response to this, we have continued to offer a wide range of clubs and have increased the number of places across all year groups. Next



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term we are pleased to be able to make the most of the spring weather by adding tennis and gardening club to our list of exciting opportunities for the children to take part in.

SAFEGUARDING

Please note that Mr Brindley, our site manager locks up at 3:45pm, therefore the site needs to be vacated by this time in order to ensure our site is secure.

Please also note that we do not permit dogs onsite other than guide and assistance dogs.



MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY

On Friday 29 April we are asking the children to dress up as mini Rockstars to take part in our mathematics enrichment. During the day the children will take part in Times Tables Rockstar activities, maths quizzes, puzzles and opportunities to beat their personal bests. Please see the poster attached.

MINI VINNIES – EASTER CHICKS



The Mini Vinnies will be selling Easter Chicks across school. The chicks (with crème egg) will be on sale for £2 each and all proceeds will go directly to Francis House Children's Hospice.

NATIONAL AUTISTIC WEEK 29 MARCH TO 4 APRIL

One in every 100 UK school children is autistic and, without the right support, school can be a confusing and difficult place. World Autism Awareness Day is an internationally recognised day on 2nd April every year, which raises awareness about people throughout the world with autistic spectrum disorders. The following link gives information about autism. If you have any questions about autism, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Farrell or Mrs Tiernan.

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/what-is-autism>



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SPRING 2 DATES LIST

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday	05 April	Junior Lenten Service: Year 5 to lead. 6.30pm Y3-6 Children and parents	Holy Angels Church
Tuesday	05 April	Y1 Lenten Liturgy 9:15am – Y1 parents only	Infant Department Hall
Wednesday	06 April	Y1 Lenten Liturgy 9:15am – Y1 parents only	Infant Department Hall
Thursday	07 April	Infant and Junior Mass in each department for all children and staff only	Department Halls
Friday	08 April	Parent's Reflection: 10am	St. Vincent's School
EASTER HOLIDAY			

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

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

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Y1 Mrs Wormall/Mrs Gerrard and Y2 Mrs Dreniw 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Y6 Miss Hobday 98.98%
Overall school attendance	96.76%

*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 happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

