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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

HARVEST FOOD DONATIONS



Thank you for the food donations and to the parents who took the donations to Cornerstones and to the local foodbank. We received a lovely letter from Sister Maria at Cornerstones; she told us that the shelves were almost bare and that the delivery of food was just what they needed.

MINI VINNIE MASS



This week our Mini Vinnies took part in a special Mass along with Mini Vinnies from all Trafford Catholic Schools in the Shrewsbury Diocese, which we were pleased to host at St Vincent's church. During the Mass the children read their pledge and Mini Vinnie prayer. It was lovely to meet Mini Vinnies from other schools. Our Mini Vinnies have lots of plans for this year including linking up with the parish SVP and Mini Vinnies at Blessed Thomas Holford.



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SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

On Friday 21 October, we will be supporting 'Show Racism the Red Card' day. We feel this is such an important aspect to educate our children on, so we will be explicitly teaching about this and asking children to learn more about it. **As part of the day, the children and staff are asked to wear a red accessory.**

UNITED NATIONS DAY



On Monday, it will be United Nations Day. Your child will be set homework this weekend about the United Nations to bring in for the day. We would also like to invite parents who speak another language to come in and read a book in another language or from another culture for your child's 'stop drop and read' session in class on Monday. **Please contact your child's class teacher on Google Classroom if you would like to do so.**

DYSLEXIA COURSE FOR PARENTS



Over the past two weeks we have had a focus on Dyslexia. Did you know that between 10-20% of children have a specific difficulty with dyslexia?

The Nessy Company has a short course for parents that includes essential information about dyslexia. The training videos give hints and tips on how to support your child with their learning. Each section is followed by a short quiz to test knowledge. The training can be done on a smartphone, tablet or computer.

The course takes 2 hours but can be completed in bite size chunks, and a certificate is awarded when the course is completed. Please click here to access the course: <https://www.nessy.com/en-gb/product/understanding-dyslexia-parent-edition-free-for-dyslexia-awareness-month>



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HELP FOR HOUSEHOLDS



Please find some information supporting families with the cost of living.

[Trafford Assist](#) is the Council's local welfare assistance scheme to help residents in short-term acute financial difficulties. You can get emergency help with food, energy and water bills, essential travel expenses, white goods and furniture.

Households on certain low-income benefits, like Universal Credit, Income Support, Tax Credits and Pension Credit, will receive a £650 [cost of living payment](#). This will be paid automatically in two instalments.

All domestic households will receive a £400 energy rebate through the [Energy Bills Support Scheme](#) - your energy supplier will apply this discount to your energy bills for you from October 2022.

Trafford households in Council Tax bands A-D also received a £150 [Council Tax energy rebate](#) in April 2022.

Other sources of help:

Get [help with money matters](#) - this page has information on getting help with debts, making the most of your money, where to get benefits advice and help with energy bills.

Find [support with food](#) - food banks and community grocery schemes, plus help available from supermarkets and Free School Meals.

Get help with [school uniform costs](#) - including grants to pay for new items of school uniform, or places offering preloved clothes, shoes and kit.

HAVE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGED?

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a free and healthy school lunch, known as Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) whether they are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) or not. Even if your child receives UFSM, it is still important for the school to know whether eligibility exists for FSM as this may lead to additional school funding. Children in school years 3 to 6 will be offered a free lunch if they meet certain criteria for FSM.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals; your child is eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance



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- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed part of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as your annual gross income is £16,190 or less and you don't get Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-off after you come off Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit that you applied for on, or after, 1 April 2018 (as long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax, not including any benefits)

Registering for Free School Meals could also raise an extra **£1,320** in Pupil Premium for your child's school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above. Please contact the school office in confidence if you believe you may be eligible.

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE - RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2023 APPLICATIONS



Trafford are accepting applications for Reception places until 15 January 2023. Please see the following guidance to help you in your application:

<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/Admissions.aspx>

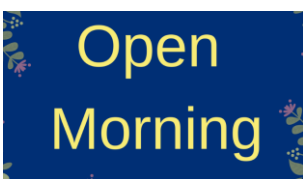
<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/composite-prospectus/Primary/Introduction.aspx>

Catholic schools also require a supplementary application form to be completed. **The supplementary application form along with a copy of the baptismal certificate must be submitted to St Vincent's office before 15 January 2023. The supplementary application form can be found here:**

http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/uploads/120/files/ADM_Supplementary_Application_Form.pdf

Please contact our admin team if you have any questions about the admission process.

OPEN MORNING



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We will be holding an open morning on Wednesday 19 October for prospective parents. If you would like to come along, please contact the office admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk to book your slot. Please share this information with any family and friends who would like to attend our open morning.

PARENT AND TEACHER ASSOCIATION



Did you see our wonderful PTA newsletter? Please follow this link to read it:

<http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/parent-teacher-association/8945>

We are looking forward to the PTA Quiz Night tonight. Thank you to all who have been involved in organising this and to the parents and teaching staff coming along tonight.

DATES LIST AUTUMN 1



Day	Date	Event	Location
Friday	14 October	PTA Quiz Night	Infant department hall
Monday	17 October	United Nations Day	-
Wednesday	19 October	Open Morning	Across school
Thursday	20 October	KS2 Class Assembly: 9.15am Led by Y5 Mrs Luckham's class	Junior department hall
Friday	21 October	Show Racism The Red Card Day (wear a red accessory with uniform)	-
Friday	21 October	School closes for Half Term	-
Tuesday	1 November	Children return to school	-



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ATTENDANCE



Please note we do not authorise holidays in term time.

Attendance figures for previous week:	
Highest infant class attendance	Y2 Miss Campbell 99.65%
Highest junior class attendance	Y3 Mrs McDuff, Y3 Mrs Needham/Mrs Robinson and Y4 Miss Morris all 100%
Overall school attendance	97.65%

We offer an open door to parents. If you have any questions about school life, please liaise with your class teacher. Mrs Farrell (infant department deputy head), Mrs Sutton (junior department deputy head), and I are also available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

