St Hilda's
Church of England Primary School
Trafford

Autumn Newsletter 2

A Message from the Principal

Since My Role has been taken by two very questionable Principals, I am going to keep my message short and sweet.
Thank you all for such a supportive and welcoming first term here at St Hilda's. When I visited St Hilda's, Before I applied for the job, the school was described to me a 'like one big family'. As cheesy as that may sound, I really do believe it is. The saying 'it takes a village to raise a child' has never been so true. The whole community are truly the beating heart of the school and I am proud to be a part of it.

Wishing you a safe, happy and healthy New year!

Miss Plant (Not the Principal)



Monday 13th-Friday 17th February
Half term

13th- 15th March
Robinwood Residential (year 6)

Car Parking

We ask that you do not park on the road in front of school as it makes accessibility very difficult for residents that live on this road. If you park on Rye Bank Road please do not park in front of driveways as this causes problems for residents. Please also avoid leaving your engine idling for long periods of time as this can create dangerous fumes for the environment. St Hilda's appreciate your support in keeping our children safe on the road.

It is so important to be an excellent role model for our pupils at all times! We are asking you to support us on this when accessing our playground. Look at the ground rules below:

- **No dogs on the playground**
- **Dismount on the playground**



Attendance

Attendance is very important at St Hilda's. We are aiming for at least 96% attendance as a school.

Just a reminder that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they should stay off for 48 hours.
If your child cannot attend school, please call the office, and inform them of the reason.

Pupils will receive attendance certificates for good attendance each half-term.



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A Message from our Principal for a day

As we come to the end of school term this is what the children are getting up-to:

We have visited all the year groups and seen all the festive fun that is taking place in our school. However, the children in the notoriously mean Mr James' class are still being worked to the bone. Luckily everyone else is celebrating the end of term fun by consuming extortionate amounts of popcorn; watching wintery films; making cards and decorations and generally being wild!

A few reminders from the Principals:

- Don't forget to get your children at 2pm tomorrow, otherwise they'll be stuck with the teachers - awkward!
- There is a lot of snot around our school (we write this whilst sniffing) remember to wash your hands regularly.
- We can only apologise for the potential hyperactivity at the end of the school day today as your children will have just witnessed the teachers being 'cream pied!
- Be extra careful on the roads during this cold and slippery season we are experiencing.

Anyway, we have work to do, cream pies to make and hot chocolate to drink.

Smell you later!

Miss Kellaway and Miss Beck

What have we been up to this year?







Our Year 5's and 6's had a great time with Sam in our Science Workshop today! He brought so many cool Things for us to work with to begin our topic "Look! Hear!" about Sound and Light

Reception class have been please to share their first three Shine sessions with Parents. They have been a great success and enjoyed by everyone who came along. The next Shine session is on Friday 20th January 2023 at 2pm and has a Literacy focus this time. We look forward to seeing you all there!

We are also excited to welcome Music instructors from Trafford Music Services who will be running a 10 week limited class for our year 3 and 4 Students In the new year. This will be taking place between January and March they will be coming into our year 3 and 4 classes where they will receive African Drumming Lessons.

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Christmas Nativities

Our Nursery Class had a Fantastic Time getting ready for their Christmas Nativity.













Reception did a fantastic job during their Nativity.

Everyone had a Fantastic time at the school disco- we had some Awesome dance moves from the kids!
Thank you to everyone who attended and supported us- The Money raise will go towards Our Library and Gardening Projects.





Wonderful singing and acting from all our KS1 Nativity Stars!





KS1 took part in a music project this term where they received specialist ukulele tuition from Trafford Music Service Staff. They were able to showcase all they had learnt in concert at the end of November. The children worked hard at learning different musical skills and we hope they all go on to become great musicians in the future! If parents would like more information about booking ukulele lessons for their child via Trafford Music Service please contact Miss Raggett who can give details about this.

The children in Year One and Two shared their learning with each other as part of an Exit Point for our IPC unit 'The Magic Toymaker'. We looked at each other's puppets and looked at the different joining techniques used and also compared the progress we had made since the start of the topic.

After School Clubs

We are hoping to get our Star Coaching breakfast club is running again in the new year, Once we have confirmed a start date with them you can book onto their sessions here: https://www.a-starcoaching.co.uk/st-hildas-clubs

Awesome Arts club will also be returning after the Christmas Holidays Starting on Wednesday 11th January. Any then meeting every Wednesday from 3:30 – 4:30 for all ages. Booking will open in the new year, if you're interested you can book onto this club here: https://awesomeartsclub.co.uk/make-a-booking/

Multi sports will be running as normal, if you would like to enquire about your child joining this club, please speak to the school office.
KS1 and Reception will be doing **Tennis club**
Lower KS2 will be doing **Athletics clubs**
Upper KS2 will be doing **Dodgeball**

Steel Pans meets every Monday between 3:30 and 4:30 for year 4's and up. They perform at our summer fair each year so If you interested in joining, please speak to the teachers or School office. There are currently spaces available, and we'd love to have you!



Follow us on social media:

St Hilda's Primary School – Vantage Academies

@school_sthildas

www.sthildasprimary.co.uk We have lots of support on there for families with information on wellbeing, support services in the area and an internet safety section.

Friends and Family Activities

Every Friday afternoon 2:15- 3:15 we host our **Friends of St Hilda's Coffee Afternoon**. It's a great way to meet other parents, promote a dialogue between parents and school and join in school activities, or just join us for a brew and biscuits! Preschool children are welcome, we have a selection of toys, milk or squash and fruit all provided by School.
So far this year we have prepared the courtyard for gardening activities for next year, created backdrops for the KS1 nativity and planned the school disco.
We look forward to seeing you!

We have 1 staff representative vacancy on St Hilda's CE Primary School Governing Board. If you would like to become a Governor for St Hilda's Please speak to the school Office.

Support for families

We understand that times are difficult at the moment, so we have found some information that may be helpful for you.

https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk Provides an update on support available for energy bills, childcare costs, transport costs, discounts, etc

https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/get-help-with-the-cost-of-living/ - Outlines what support is available nationally.

https://Britishgasenergytrust.org.uk/ independent fuel debt advice- British gas energy Trust.

Manchester City Council:

Cut your costs | Cut your costs | Manchester City Council

Debt advice | Debt advice | Manchester City Council

Help with energy bills | Help with energy bills | Manchester City Council

Trafford Council:

Support with money matters | Trafford Directory

Trafford Assist

https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/news/articles/2022/20221012-Cost-of-living-support-package-unveiled-in-Trafford.aspx

Supporting your financial wellbeing

Introducing - The Academy of Money. The Open University (OU) has joined forces with MoneySavingExpert (MSE) to produce this new free course to give you the skills and knowledge to master your finances. The course was written by the OU, with MSE providing support and guidance.

Our Pastoral Care officer **Valerie Beaumont** will be available to contact between Christmas and new year (28th-30th December) and the 3rd January between 12-1pm if you need her. Her phone number is 07547702189.

School Direct Teacher Training

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Our Teach North West School Direct course is expanding into Merseyside and East Manchester and we are currently recruiting trainees to begin their teacher training journey from September 2021

Do you know an outstanding candidate looking to begin teacher training?

At Teach North West, training is delivered in school from the very first day.

If you find that you learn best 'on the job' and would prefer to do all of your training and practice at a local school, then our highly nurturing and trainee-focused School Direct course could be the best route for you.






Here's what some of our past trainees have to say about the course:

"The course is a fantastic opportunity to work with talented teachers and see how a classroom works from start to finish. I felt really supported throughout the training and was totally prepared to have my own class in September. I love my job as a Year 2 teacher and I wouldn't have completed my teacher training any other way." Trainee 2018, now employed within a Vantage school

"The School Direct route gave me first-hand experience in the classroom. From the start, I was able to work alongside experienced teachers that offered exceptional support and advice. Teach Bolton fully equipped me with the knowledge and skills I needed in order to progress with my career." Trainee 2020, now employed within an Alliance school.

You can take a look at our website here: www.teachnorthwest.co.uk

Or, to find out more about beginning your teaching journey, contact Christina on 07739364322 or email christina@teachnorthwest.co.uk