

ST PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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As another school year draws to a close, it is my pleasure to share with you such a lively and jubilant newsletter. This year has been a really successful one for our school, which I am sure you will agree, upon reading! It goes without saying that we do not achieve all we do on our own. Our partnership with such supportive and committed families is very much valued with gratitude, as is the unstinting work of our Governors, including Fr Butters, who dedicate their time and talents to ensure the very best for our school community. I am sure you will agree our school staff are truly amazing; they ensure the highest of standards educationally, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually for our children. This is my opportunity to thank each and every one of you. Most of all, however, I would like to thank our wonderful children. They make us all so proud - their vitality and enthusiasm knows no limits! As our Year 6 pupils move on to their new schools we say goodbye, good luck at your new schools and thank you. You have been great ambassadors for our school. We will miss you all.

Have a safe and relaxing summer holiday everyone.

Sheena Sinclair—Headteacher

Over the summer holidays there will be some interior and exterior refurbishments taking place in school. The woodwork around the external windows and doors is being repaired and decorated; the nursery garden will have a new fence and gate to improve security, and our dining room and support base classroom

are being decorated. There are also new internal doors being fitted in the dining room. We are very

excited to come back to a smarter school!



To ensure that our school site is as safe as possible at the beginning of each day, all children should enter school via the main gate on Thames Road. Janice operates our crossing patrol and helps our children cross the road safely. All pupils, except our Early Years children, should come into the front playground to line up. The gate is opened at 8.40am and teachers will supervise the children. We request that, once your child is inside the playground, adults leave the school premises. If your child is bringing a bike or scooter then this can be wheeled around to the bike storage area at the back of school—please follow the path around the outside of the Nursery garden to do so. Please remind your child not to ride their bikes or scooters inside the school premises. Thank you very much for your co-operation to ensure the safety of all.

St Paul's Super Sports Stars

It was a great pleasure to attend the Stockton Schools' Sports Awards celebration. We were also delighted that so many of our children were short-listed for several awards. You will know that we have had an amazingly successful, fun-filled calendar of sporting events this year with fantastic opportunities for our children. Our school were runners-up in the Active School Award category and it was to our absolute delight that St Paul's was named as Stockton Sports' Partnership "School of the Year." What a fantastic achievement and such well deserved recognition for all the hard work and dedication of Mrs Tattersdill, Mr Sheahan and all our staff and of course the fantastic commitment and talent of our pupils. Kian in Y6 was awarded "Most Improved Sports Person of the Year," Millie and Louis in Y6 were named as "Sports' Personality of the Year" and our cross country team and play leaders were also recognised for their talents.





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We are Gold!

In addition to the Sports Awards we are also delighted that we have been awarded two prestigious Gold Quality Marks this year. For the second year running we have achieved the Gold School Games Mark in recognition of the high quality school sporting opportunities, achievements and participation that St Paul's offers. We also achieved the Youth Sport Trust Gold Mark in recognition of such a high-quality PE curriculum and a whole school commitment to the health and well-being of our children and staff.

Every Day Counts

Congratulations to the children in our school who achieved 100% attendance this academic year. You should be really proud of yourselves. We know and understand that sometimes our children are not well enough to attend school due to illness, so absence is unavoidable. However, regular or prolonged absence means that your child is missing out on vital learning which may affect their social and academic progress. Unfortunately our whole-school attendance has dropped this year to 95% which is below the national expectation of 96.5%. Holidays taken during term time account for 668.5 lost days of learning for our children this year. Over the coming year, please avoid any time off school where ever possible, especially holidays thorisred absence. Punctuali-
sure a smooth and prompt day. Thank you for your



Walk this way....

On the final Friday each month, starting in September, we will be encouraging a walk-to-school event. We will meet at the Kings Arms Pub at 8.20am and will walk to school together. Children must be supervised by adults; we hope this will encourage more children to walk to school which has many benefits not only for ourselves, but also our environment. Please join us if you can. Dates for the Autumn Term are: 28th September, 26th October, 23rd November and 21st December. Fairtrade Breakfast will also take place each month—dates will be announced in September. **This will replace the weekly breakfast club which will not continue in the new academic year.**



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Academic Success

Our children deserve considerable recognition and praise for their hard work and great outcomes this year. We are delighted that our externally validated tests and judgements (Early Years, KS1 and KS2 SATs and Phonics Screening) are very positive and reflect the hard work of our children. Well done children – I am sure you will continue to work really hard next year. Thanks also to you, their families, for working in partnership with us to support this learning journey. We look forward to sharing our excellent results in the Autumn Term.

Remember to keep an eye on
our school website for details
of school events and news.
Our twitter account is also a
fantastic way to keep up to
date with exciting news!
Please follow us...



School Uniform

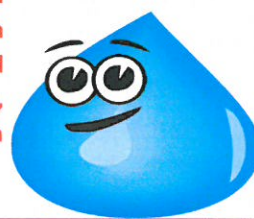
When our children return to school in September they may still wear their summer uniform, if they wish. Please, please remember to label every item of clothing including PE kit, shoes and coats to help us avoid accumulating so much lost property. A polite reminder that tights and socks should be plain, not patterned and our school jumper or cardigan is grey not red. Thank you.

Friends of St Paul's

Our Friends of St Paul's deserve a special thank you for their tremendous contribution to our school. Not only do they provide fun events and activities for our children, but they also raise essential funds for St Paul's School and every child benefits. They have organised an Autumn Disco for 8th November so save the date!



Remember a water bottle every day as well as a sun hat if the summer is still with us in September! If your child brings a need a drink and packed lunch they for the classroom, also a water bottle filled with fresh which should be squash. water or sugar-free



School Meals and Packed Lunches

The price of a school meal will remain at £2.05 per day/£10.25 per week. Universal free school meal entitlement continues for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Even though you do not have to pay for school meals for pupils of this age, or if you prefer to send a packed lunch, please let us know if you think you are eligible for free school meals as the school can claim additional funding which will be used to support your child's education. The free school meals checking service can give you confidential advice on this matter 01642 393939. If you are providing your child with a packed lunch, we ask you to consider healthy options. All packed lunches should contain fruit or vegetables. Only one treat like a cake or biscuit should be included. A drink should be provided – water, fruit juice or squash please, no fizzy drinks.

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Important Dates

PD Days

3rd September 2018

30th November 2018

25th February 2019

21st June 2019

22nd July 2019

The children return to school
on Tuesday 4th September



Award Winners 2018

Congratulations to our award winners this year! The children are nominated for the awards by all school staff. The winners are:-

Tait Award

The Tait Award was donated by the Tait family in memory of Jim. The award is to recognise sustained effort and willingness to take part in all aspects of school life. This year's winner is Lauren Sharkey.

Kilvington Award

The Kilvington Award is in memory of Mrs Marian Kilvington, a former Deputy Head teacher at the school. Mrs Kilvington had a passion for all things 'Literary'. The award is in recognition of these qualities. This year's winner is Olivia Dickenson.

Gallagher Award

The Gallagher award is in memory of Mr Joe Gallagher, the first Deputy Head Teacher at the school. He had a keen interest in sport and this award recognises sporting qualities including sportsmanship and willingness to support and encourage others. This year's winner is Deacon Simpson.

Mason Family Award

The Mason Family Award is to recognise good citizenship. It acknowledges children who display qualities including kindness and consideration. The winners this year are Matthew Malcolm in KS1 and Imogen Barlow in KS2.

The Light of St. Paul

Mrs Connolly donated this award to the school to recognise children who overcome challenges and continue to embrace the values of the school. This year's winner is Mackenzie Ormerod.

The Spirit of St. Paul's

The Spirit of St. Paul's was donated by Ian Richardson to recognise a pupil who models the school mission statement in their daily lives. The winner this year is Joel Bell.