

# St Paul's Catholic Primary School

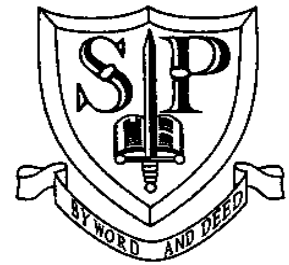
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## Newsletter

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023**

### **Special Friends Assembly**

Next Wednesday morning, Reception and Year 6 Parents are invited to join us for the annual **Special Friends** assembly. All of the Year 6 children are partnered up with a Reception pupil and during their first year at St Paul's they will be their Special Friend and will spend time with them in class and at lunchtime. We hope that you can join us for this celebration. We ask that if you are bringing younger siblings with you that you leave any prams/pushchairs outside as we do not have the capacity in the school hall to accommodate.

We do allow Parents to take photographs of these events, but we do ask that you respect pupil's privacy by not sharing any photographs of other pupils through any social media networks.

Photographs taken are your own personal use.



### **Year 5 and 6 Parents**

All Saints Catholic College are holding an opening evening on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Year 5 and 6 children should have received a letter inviting them to this. Thank you to those families who came along to the meeting with Ms Gilligan, Headteacher last week. We hope you found this to be a useful and informative meeting.

### **Photographs**

Today individual and sibling photographs have been taken. Your child will have brought home an information sheet personal to your child for you to order the photographs from <http://www.myfoto.co.uk/>

### **Year 6 Bikeability**

On **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** and **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**, Year 6 will be participating in a Bikeability training programme in school. Bikeability is the national cycle training programme supported and funded by the Department for Transport. The course builds the skills and confidence of children who can already ride. Bikeability can not only make children better cyclists – potentially for the rest of their lives – but can help with general confidence and independent thinking. All our Bikeability training is delivered by qualified, professional, DBS checked National Standard Instructors. If you have any questions, please speak to Mr. Allen.

If your child is bringing their own bike to school, please ensure that they bring a helmet and bikes can be left by the Mobile Classroom. Please ensure that that bikes are taken home at the end of the day.

### **Mary's Meals**

This week, Mr White, a parishioner St Peter's Parish, came to talk to the children about a wonderful charity called Mary's Meals [Homepage | Mary's Meals UK \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](http://Homepage | Mary's Meals UK (marysmeals.org.uk)) who raise funds to serve nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The Working Together council are meeting to discuss how we can support this charity. Mr White told the children that it costs £19.15 to feed one child for a full school year.

### **Jewellery**

Please ensure that your child **does not wear** earrings on PE Days. This is to ensure the safety of your child at all times. Only single stud earrings should be worn on non-PE days. If your child has had their ears pierced during the Summer holiday please speak to your child's class teacher and you will need to ensure earrings are covered with tape on PE days, until you are able to remove them.

### **We are recruiting for a Midday Assistant – To start as soon as possible**

The Governors of St Paul's are seeking to appoint a permanent Midday Assistant to work from 11.55am to 1.20pm daily (term-time only). We are looking for someone who is able to relate well to children and adults, is able to work constructively as part of a team and has awareness of safety within the school environment. We can offer a warm community with a strong Catholic Ethos, well behaved children who enjoy learning and a friendly and dedicated staff team. If you have any questions about the post please speak to Miss Flynn or Mr Allen. Applications must be made on a Catholic Education Service Application Form available to download <http://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/vacancies/52282>

### **Healthy Schools**

St Paul's is a **Healthy School** and we encourage all children to eat a healthy balanced diet. Please support us by ensuring your child's morning snack and, where applicable, packed lunch is a healthy one. Fruit is provided for children in Reception and Key Stage 1 as a daily morning snack at no charge. For Key Stage 2 children healthy snacks include fresh fruit/vegetables or bread sticks. **Water bottles** for classroom use must contain water only.

### **School Curriculum**

All of the class pages on the school website have now been updated and contain important welcome information that will help you to support your child during the Autumn Term <https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/classes> These pages also contain a link to the curriculum information for this term.

### **Safeguarding**

As a school we are committed to effectively safeguarding children in our care. All of the school staff received safeguarding training as part of the annual INSET training day and will receive further updates during this term. Our designated **Safeguarding Leads** are **Miss Flynn** and **Mr Allen**. Our current safeguarding policy and additional information can be found on the school website.

### **Attendance & Punctuality**

Congratulations to the youngest children in the school and their Parents as Nursery have had 100% attendance and no late arrivals.

<i>Attendance &amp; Punctuality for week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023</i>									
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
<b>Attendance</b>	100%	95.71%	94.48%	93.57%	98.97%	97.50%	93.79%	95.81%	96%
<b>Lates</b>	0	3	7	2	1	8	6	2	

### **Pupils on Free School Meals (FSM)**

If your circumstances have changed and you think you may now be eligible for Free School Meals, please email us at [admin@st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk) or pop in to the school office and we can provide you with additional information. School can then do a quick check to find out if you are entitled to Free School Meals.

### **Change of contact details**

We are currently in the process of updating emergency contact details and have now created an online form. This week, Year 4 Parents were sent an email and a link to the new form. Please complete and return as a matter of urgency as it is vitally important that we have up to date emergency contact details.

### **Year 6 Parents – Admission to Secondary School**

If you haven't already done so you must apply for a Secondary School place by logging on to <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/ssa> The closing date for applications is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**. Any applications received after this date will be dealt with as a late application and you may not receive one of your chosen schools.

### **Flu Immunisations**

All forms should now have been returned to the school office as they have now been collected by the vaccination team. If you have not yet returned your form please do so before the half term holiday to ensure that your child will receive the vaccination.

Dates for your 2023/2024 Diary	
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 6 Bikeability
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 6 Bikeability European Day of Languages
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Special Friends Assembly at 9.15am – Reception & Year 6 Parents welcome TCSSA Cross Country – KS2 pupils All Saints Catholic College Open Evening: 6.30pm – 8.30pm
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Year 4 visit to Science & Industry Museum, Manchester Year 6 Visit to Portland Basin
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Lionesses Competition
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	FOSP Non-Uniform Day* (please note change of date)
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 5 Class Mass at 9am – all welcome
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents Evenings for Nursery to Year 6
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents Evenings for Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y6
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents Evenings for Year 5
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Lionesses Competition Break up for Half-term
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Staff INSET Day
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Back to school
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Closing date for Secondary School applications
<b>Early November</b>	Online applications open for Reception 2023 places
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	FOSP Family Quiz night
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Break up for Christmas holidays
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024</b>	Back to school – start of the Spring Term
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	Closing date for Reception applications

