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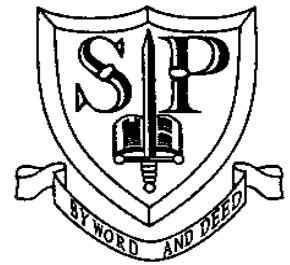
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Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023

Learning at St Paul's

In Science, with Mrs Wood, **Year 5** have been looking at the properties of materials and have worked in groups to decide the best method to separate different mixtures. They used sieves, filter paper, magnets and evaporation and had great scientific discussions.

Year 3 Stone-Age Workshop

This morning, our classroom was full of excitement because we were going to do a Stone Age Theatre Workshop. As everyone entered the dinner hall, we were greeted by a time travelling master who invited us to take the time travelling oath and embark on a quest with her.

First, to start off and help us we all created a human timeline. Next, we started our journey to the Stone Age by doing things Early Man would have probably done like picking nuts and berries. A few minutes later, we created in groups some photos. My group did building a house. Next, in two massive groups we heaved huge stones of stonehenge. Then we moved onto a different part, The Bronze Age.



Worship Leaders. They learnt all about Catholic Social Teaching and are now tasked with sharing this good news throughout school.

Year 3 Sacramental Programme

Congratulations to the Year 3 children who have enrolled on the Sacramental Programme this year. The children led the readings and singing so well this morning. Thank you to the Parents and Grandparents who joined us for this lovely celebration.

Year 5



Before long, we were in a round house eating disgusting boar stew whilst the time traveller told us more about the fabulous Bronze Age. This quickly transformed into an Iron Age forge where we smelted iron to make an axe. Soon, we had definitely moved to an Iron Age fort and loudly bartered for Iron Age clothes.

At the end of our time we were knighted as time travelling masters which was so fun!

Report from Heidi (Year 3)

Worship Leaders

On Wednesday morning it was an honour to welcome Mrs Duffy from CAFOD to work with the



Friends of St Paul's

The FOSP meeting took place this week and were busy planning the Christmas Mingle. However, in order for this event to go ahead more volunteers are needed. If you are able to help out please let the Office staff know before Tuesday 5th December.



Reception Places – September 2024

The online portal is now open for applications for Reception 2024. The closing date for application is **15th January 2024**. Please be aware that we require additional evidence such as baptismal certificates to accompany your online application. This should be brought to the school office before the closing date in January. Please promote our lovely school with anyone who may be looking for a school place for September.

Parking



This week there have been concerns raised about parking in and around school. If you are using the visitor's car park off Regency Gardens please ensure that you do not stop at the entrance to the car park near the drop off zone to let your children out of the car as this prevents other families from driving in. Also, please take care not to drive too close to the cones as one or two have been damaged by thoughtless actions.

We also ask that you are considerate to the residents of Turner Lane and that you do not park in front of the main school gates, as emergency access is required at all times.

Christmas Dinner

This year we are in a position to be able to offer all children a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 20th December if they so wish. All children who are currently on school dinners will have a Christmas dinner anyway.

If your child is currently **on sandwiches in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2** and you would like them to have a Christmas dinner please complete the school spider survey by Friday 8th December – there is no cost for this meal.

If your child is in **Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6** and is **currently on sandwiches** you have the option of paying for a school meal at a cost of £2.95. You will need to pay for this meal through the school spider app **before Friday 8th December**. Due to having to order the food, any requests received after this time will not be accommodated.



Please be aware that we may be unable to offer this in future years.

Kingswood

Thank you to those Parents who attended the meeting on Thursday evening. Mr Allen will be leading the trip and Miss Smith will also be accompanying the children. You should now have received an email containing the kit list with a link to the online forms requiring completion. Please can all Parents ensure that forms are completed by Friday 8th December. Thank you.

Communication

We have a dedicated SEND email address for all SEND matters. Please do not use this email address for communication about non- SEND matters such as absence or communication for the class teacher. Thank you. Any other communication should be sent to admin@st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk

Sports Report

Congratulations to the hockey team who took part in the Tameside Catholic Sports Association Competition on a rather cold Tuesday evening. The children all played with great team spirit and finished in 3rd place in their group. Many thanks to Mr Allen for organising the event and to those Parents who went along to support.

Christmas Events

Any ticket requests for EYFS and Key Stage 1 performances need to be returned by Monday 4th December. Tickets will then be sent home with your child later that week.

Mary's Meals

We are absolutely delighted to announce that we raised a grand total of £1062.30 for Mary's Meals. Mr White will be attending school so that we can present him with a cheque.

Reception Vision Screening Tests

Due to staffing shortages the Vision Screening checks for Reception did not take place this week. We will update you with a new date as soon as we are able to.

Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Reception with the highest attendance for last week and to Nursery and Year 3 with no late arrivals.

Attendance & Punctuality for week beginning 13th November 2023									
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Attendance	84.44%	97.24%	88.21%	93.20%	94.83%	96.25%	90.69%	90.97%	91.99%
No of Lates	0	1	6	2	0	4	11	6	

Dates for your 2023/2024 Diary	
<i>(Please be aware that sometimes dates/times may be subject to change)</i>	
November	Online applications open for Reception 2024 places
Monday 4th December	EYFS/Key Stage 1 ticket request deadline
Thursday 7th December	Full Governing Body Meeting
Friday 8th December	Advent Prayer Trail
	Deadline for ordering a Christmas Dinner
	Deadline for return of Kingswood Forms
Tuesday 12th December	EYFS Nativity at 9.30am – Parents welcome
Wednesday 13th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity at 2pm – Parents welcome
Thursday 14th December	Key Stage 1 Dance Presentation at 8.15am – Parents welcome
Friday 15th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity at 9.30am – Parents welcome
Tuesday 19th December	FOSP Christmas Mingle
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas Dinner – open to all
	Christmas Jumper Day – Donations for Caritas Christmas Appeal
Thursday 21st December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service at 9.30am - Parents welcome (ticket information to follow)
	Break up for Christmas holidays at 3.15pm
Wednesday 3rd January 2024	Back to school – start of the Spring Term
Friday 5th January 2024	Year 5 Swimming starts
Monday 15th January 2024	Closing date for Reception applications
Wednesday 17th January 2024	Year 5 visit to Jodrell Bank
Tuesday 23rd January 2024	Year 3 visit to The Marist Centre
Wednesday 24th January 2024	Year 1 Class Assembly – Parents welcome
Wednesday 7th February 2024	Year 6 Residential to Kingswood – departure at 9.30am
Friday 9th February 2024	Year 6 Return from Kingswood – approx. 3pm
	Break up for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 19th February 2024	Return to School