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Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

Welcome Back

What a great week back we've had! It is lovely to see the children settling in well to their new classes and I know that many have impressed the staff team with their wonderful work. The children look so smart in their new uniforms. Please ensure all items of uniform are named, so that if lost we can return them.



A special welcome to those families who have joined us in Nursery and Reception for the first time this September. We look forward to working in partnership with all of our families in order to achieve the very best education for your children. If you have any questions/concerns/feedback about your child's education, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or speak to Miss Flynn or Mr Allen – Deputy Headteacher.



Artwork created by Nursery/Reception pupils.

Start of Year Mass

All Parents/Carers are welcome to join us in the school hall at 10am on Tuesday morning for the start of year Mass with Father Isidore.

Attendance & Punctuality

If children are to get the greatest benefit from their education at St Paul's, it is important that they have good attendance and arrive punctually. As children grow and prepare for their next stages of education and employment they need to see good attendance and punctuality as important qualities that are valued by others and employers. We will do all that we can to encourage good attendance and punctuality. Where children are not conforming to our high expectations for attendance and punctuality we will put into place effective strategies to bring about improvement. This year we are re-introducing attendance and punctuality awards. Instead of just awarding 100% attendance certificates we will now have a tiered system of reward certificates aimed at promoting good attendance and punctuality.

Award	Attendance	Punctuality
Gold	Attendance is 100%	Always in school on time
Silver	Attendance is 98% or higher	Very rarely late to school
Bronze	Attendance is 96% or higher	Very rarely late to school

If your child arrives late at school we now ask Parents to come to the office to sign them in with a reason for the late arrival.

Mobile Phones/Smart Watches

The School Policy is that children are not allowed to bring mobile devices or wear smart watches for school. Only in exceptional circumstances may Year 6 apply for permission to bring a mobile phone. Pupils who do bring a mobile device must adhere to the requirements of the policy. Failure to comply will result in permission being withdrawn. We thank you for your support of the policy which is designed to ensure pupils safety.

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 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.

Year 6 Parents - Admission to Secondary School

All Parents should have received a letter, via email, regarding applying for a Secondary School place. You should apply for a school place through the local authority where you live. You must apply for a place by logging on to <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/ssa> and the closing date for applications is **31st October 2023**. Any applications received after this date will be dealt with as a late application.

Year 6 Bikeability

On Monday 25th September and Tuesday 26th 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.

The permission slip has been handed out this week with further information on it regarding the programme. Please return this slip as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please speak to Mr. Allen.



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for Transport

www.bikeability.org.uk
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Change of contact details

We are currently in the process of updating emergency contact details and have now created an online form. We ask that once you receive the form you return it promptly so that we can update our records. This week Year 5 have been sent an email and a link to the new form. Please complete and return by **Wednesday 13th September**.

Before and After School Clubs

The following clubs will be on offer during Autumn 1:-

Day	Provision	Year Group	Times
Tuesday	Girl's Football Training	Year 5 and 6	8.00am to 8.50am
Thursday	Dance	Key Stage 1 Pupils	8.00am to 8.50am
Thursday	Multi-Sports Club	Year 3 and Year 4	3:15pm to 4:15pm
Friday	Dance	Key Stage 2 Pupils	8.00am to 8.50am
Friday	Boy's Football Training	Year 5 and 6	8.00am to 8.50am

In order to avoid any confusion, we ask that all Parents who would like their child to participate in Before/After School clubs sign up through the school spider survey system.

Dates for your 2023/2024 Diary	
Friday 8 th September	Year 6 Swimming starts
Tuesday 12 th September	Start of Year Mass at 10am – all welcome
Wednesday 13 th September	FOSP Meeting at 5.30pm
Thursday 21 st September	Individual Photographs
Monday 25 th September	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 26 th September	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 3 rd October	Year 4 visit to Science & Industry Museum, Manchester Year 6 Visit to Portland Basin
Wednesday 11 th October	Year 3 Class Assembly
Thursday 19 th October	Break up for Half-term
Friday 20 th October	Staff INSET Day
Monday 30 th October	Back to school
Tuesday 31 st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications
Early November	Online applications open for Reception 2023 places
Thursday 21 st December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	Back to school – start of the Spring Term
Monday 15 th January 2024	Closing date for Reception applications