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Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023

Sports Report

Well done to the boys' football team who drew 2-2 against Greenfield Primary School on Tuesday night. It was another end-to-end game with lots of great football on show. Thank you to all of the parents and family members who came along to watch.

Unfortunately, the girls' football match against St. John Fisher had to be postponed due to the heavy rainfall.



Year 3 Class Assembly

Congratulations to the Year 3 children who led a fact filled assembly on Wednesday morning and shared so many aspects of their learning. We heard about their learning in Geography, Science, English, RE, Maths and they also shared lots of their learning through song. It was lovely to welcome so many Parents and Grandparents for the occasion.

Parents Evenings

We hope that all Parents have now booked their appointments for Parents evening next week. This meeting will give you the opportunity to hear how your child has settled into their new year group and see their books. Appointments are for a maximum of ten minutes and we ask that you adhere to your allocated time slot. We ask that all Parents come to the main school hall to register initially. Both Miss Flynn and Mr Allen will also be available on Monday and Tuesday should you need to speak to either of them.



Year 5 Class Mass

Thank you to the Year 5 children who led the readings and prayers so beautifully at Mass this morning. The theme of the Mass was Creation. Thank you to Fr Isidore and to all of the Parents and Grandparents who joined us and waited patiently for Father's arrival.

Coats

Please ensure that your child attends school with a coat on a daily basis. At this time of year, the weather can be a little unpredictable and whenever possible we will take children outside at break and lunch, even in rainy weather.

Cycling to School

It is good to see that children are cycling to school. If your child is cycling to school they must wear a helmet and must ride with due care and attention at all times. I have had a couple of parents raise concerns about some of the children cycling to and from school on a daily basis who are not riding carefully.

Please remind your child that they must dismount their bike as soon as they enter the school site. Children must not ride their bikes in the visitor's car park.

School Meal Price Increase

We have just been notified by Tameside that with effect from **Monday 16 October 2023**, the cost of a standard, two course, fully inclusive meal will be **£2.95** per pupil. The cost per week will be £14.75.

PLEASE CAN ALL PARENTS KINDLY COMPLETE THE ONLINE PUPIL UPDATE FORM – It is vitally important that we have at least 3 up to date contacts for all pupils. Thank you to those who have already completed it.

Black History Month Competition

The children have been set the challenge of researching an inspirational black woman. For example, these may be women who have made incredible contributions to literature, music, fashion, sport, business, politics, academia, social and health care, and more. They can choose to present the information they find in whatever they want; it could be a poster, on a model, or even through PowerPoint or edited video. Entries can be sent to admin@st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk All entries need to be received before the 1st November. The winner from each year in KS2 will win a certificate and book.

School Building Fund – Voluntary Contribution

Thank you to those who have already donated to the School Building Fund. Voluntary donations are being requested from all parents with children in our school. The Fund is of great importance in helping meet the 10% liability on building and major repair projects and managing property, as it enables schools to be able to take advantage of Government funding. The voluntary contributions made by parents in respect of children attending our schools play a vital role in this. Voluntary contributions can also be made by cash/cheque. A Gift Aid Declaration (Form B) is also included as part of the Pdf that parents can complete to boost the value of their voluntary contribution made by cash/cheque.

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 **31st 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 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. Also, if you have your child vaccinated at the GP before the 21st November please contact IntraHealth 0333 3583397 (option 1, then option 6) to avoid any double vaccinations.

Mary's Meals

The Working Together council have decided that the children will participate in a sponsored fun run to raise funds for Mary's Meals [Homepage | Mary's Meals UK \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) who raise funds to serve nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. This event will take place on Thursday 19th October. Children should now have received a sponsor form to start collecting sponsors.

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>

Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Year 2 and Year 6 with 100% attendance last week and to Nursery, Reception and Year 3 with no late arrivals.

<i>Attendance & Punctuality for week beginning 2nd October 2023</i>									
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Attendance	91.11%	93.66%	96.43%	100%	93%	98.44%	96.85	100%	96.19%
No of Lates	0	0	4	3	0	9	3	7	

Dates for your 2023/2024 Diary

Monday 16 th October	Parents Evenings for Nursery to Year 6
Tuesday 17 th October	Parents Evenings for Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y6
Wednesday 18 th October	Parents Evenings for Year 5
Thursday 19 th October	Sponsored Run for Mary's Meals 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
Friday 17 th November	FOSP Family Quiz night
Tuesday 21 st November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
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

Local Community Information

TAMESIDE LIBRARIES for children and families

Tameside Libraries have stories and information books for children of all ages, including board and picture books for young children, books for children learning to read independently and all types of junior and teenage fiction and non-fiction.

Children can join the library from birth! Under 16s need permission from a parent or guardian to join the library, but no other ID is necessary.

Tameside Libraries are for everyone!

8 libraries
Free to join and borrow books
Borrow 20 items at once
3 week loan period with 8 renewals
Free access to PCs with printing facilities

Children can also download free ebooks, talking books and comics anywhere using their Tameside Library card

There's a Time for a Rhyme session for 0-4s in every library every week, plus free family activities during school holidays for 4-11s, the annual Summer Reading Challenge, Lego Club and lots more! Find out more on social media or the Tameside Libraries website.



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WITH CRAFTS, GAME AND A TREASURE HUNT

MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER
10-11AM
HYDE LIBRARY
TOWN HALL
SK10 1AL

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER
10:30-11:30AM
MOSELEY LIBRARY
GEORGE LAWTON
HALL
OL5 0HR

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER
2-3PM
STALYBRIDGE
LIBRARY
TRINITY
STREET
SK10 6SN

THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER
2-3PM
DENTON LIBRARY
MARKET STREET
M24 2AF

AIMED AT CHILDREN AGED 4-11 AND THEIR GROWN UPS. NO NEED TO BOOK,
JUST COME ALONG ON THE DAY.