



Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023



Year 1 Class Mass

What a wonderful turn out for the Year 1 Class Mass this morning on the theme of Remembrance and Peace – thank you so much for joining us. The children read and sang beautifully. Thank you to Father Isidore for celebrating Mass today. We hope that everyone will take a moment to remember all who have died, serving their country this weekend.

Thank you for all of your donations to the Poppy Appeal.

Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 13th to Friday 17th November

Next week is National Anti-Bullying week. The theme this year is **Make a Noise about Bullying**. The week will start with **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 13th November** – all children and adults are invited to attend school, if they so wish,

wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. During the week, each class will be focusing on learning activities relating to developing understanding about bullying and how we can make changes to reduce bullying. Parents and Carers can find more information here <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/parents-and-carers>

Learning at St Paul's

This week, we have been making the most of learning in the outdoors.

Year 1 Learning Walk

We went on a walk. We walked past my aunties and saw lots of houses. We saw some that had two together, they are semi-detached. We saw some that had no upstairs, they are called bungalows. I enjoyed it even though it was cold and wet!

Written by Mia B.

Year 4 Local Well Being Walk

On Thursday, we went to Hyde Park for a nature wellbeing walk for our Arts Award. We were thinking about all five of our senses. We tasted different herbs, such as chives and mint.

We listened and heard twittering from the birds and crunching leaves as we moved. We used our sight to gather different coloured leaves from the trees. This work will be added to our Keen to be Green Art Booklets.

Written by Kenny.



Friends of St Paul's Quiz Night

Next **Friday 17th November** the FOSP are hosting a family quiz night. Tickets are priced at £5 per adult and £3 per child. Tickets are still available to purchase from the office and will also be available to buy in the playground on Friday 10th November. On the night there will be a sweet and soft drinks stall, but you are also welcome to bring your own refreshments. Doors will open at 6.30pm and the quiz will start at 7pm. We look forward to welcoming you to this event.

Mary's Meals

Thank you to those families who have already returned their sponsor money – The total amount raised so far is about £540.00. I know that Mr White will really appreciate your generosity which will go to help the needs of children around the world. We are clearly living out our Mission Statement by helping those in need.

Review of School Behaviour Policy

Thank you so much for all of the feedback through the School Spider survey. Many parents and children have raised some really interesting points and many are similar to the points raised by staff. The review process will continue and all feedback will be carefully considered. Once an updated policy is finalised we will share with you and your children. One point raised by a number of Parents was that they weren't sure where to locate a copy of the Behaviour Policy. You can find it here – current policies are always available on the website:- https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/serve_file/9110863

Reception Places – September 2023

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 you may know who may be looking for a school place for September.

Kingswood

Just a reminder to Year 6 Parents that you can pay for Kingswood through instalments. The second deposit is now overdue – if you haven't paid please can you ensure that this is done by the end of next week. The total cost of the residential is £154.50. We will be holding a meeting for Parents on **Thursday 30th November** at 3.30pm.

Black History Month Competition

Miss Smith has been very impressed with the entries she received for the Black History Month competition across Key Stage 2 and the winners have now been decided. Most importantly, lots of us have learnt a little bit more about black history. The children were presented with their certificates and book prizes in assembly today. The winners are:

Year 3 - Winner: Savannah – Mary Seacole

Year 4 - Winner: Isaac - Mae Jemison

Year 5 - Winner: Carter – Rosa Parks

Year 6 - Winner: Amelia - Issa Rae

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 as soon as possible so 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.

Year 3 Sacramental Programme

We have now met with Father Isidore regarding the Sacramental Programme and we would like to invite Parents to an initial meeting. This meeting will take place on **Tuesday 21st November** at 6pm in school. This initial meeting is just for Parents. We hope that you will be able to join us at the start of this important faith journey for your child.

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 4 with the highest attendance for last week and to Nursery, Reception and Year 2 with no late arrivals.

Attendance & Punctuality for week beginning 30th October 2023									
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Attendance	97.78%	96.9%	96.79%	95.60%	94.9%	99.38%	89.31%	97.10%	95.97%
No of Lates	0	0	4	0	3	5	9	3	

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 2023 places
Friday 17th November	FOSP Family Quiz night – doors open 6.30pm, quiz at 7pm
Tuesday 21st November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
	Year 3 Sacramental Meeting for Parents at 6pm
Wednesday 22nd November	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome
Wednesday 29th November	FOSP Meeting at 5pm – all welcome
Thursday 30th November	Kingswood Meeting for Parents at 3.30pm
Friday 1st December	Key Stage 2 Dance Presentation at 8.15am – Parents welcome
Friday 8th December	Year 3 Class Mass at 9am – Parents & Parishioners welcome
Tuesday 12th December	EYFS Nativity at 9.30am – Parents welcome (ticket information to follow)
Wednesday 13th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity at 2pm – Parents welcome (ticket information to follow)
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 (ticket information to follow)
Tuesday 19th December	FOSP Christmas Mingle
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas Dinner
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
Monday 15th January 2024	Closing date for Reception applications

Children in Need 2023

As you are aware, we have been raising money this term for Mary's Meals and the Poppy appeal. We understand that family finances are stretched so we will not be holding a specific event on Friday 17th November, however should you wish to donate, please send into school with your child and we shall forward any monies to Children in Need.