

Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2024

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings will take place next week on **Monday 26th February** for Nursery to Year 6 and **Wednesday 28th February** for Reception to Year 6. Bookings can still be made on the School Spider app, however this will close on Monday at midday. We hope that all Parents will take this opportunity to meet their child's class teacher and receive an update on their progress. If your child has Special Educational Needs this is also an opportunity to discuss their Individual Learning Plan. Please ensure that you sign in for your meeting in the school hall. Nursery Parents can go straight to Nursery for their allocated time. All appointments are 10 minutes so we ask that all parents arrive promptly and keep to the ten-minute time limit to ensure that the evenings run smoothly. Both Miss Flynn and Mr Allen will be available should you wish to speak to them. We look forward to seeing you all.



Year 3 Sacramental Programme

Thank you to the families who attended the Workshop on Tuesday evening. It was lovely to see families working together to create beautiful banners for a display. We look forward to the next stage on the Sacramental Journey when we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will be celebrated on **Tuesday 12th March** at St Paul's Church.

Year 1 Continents Workshop

Year 1 were lucky enough to be visited by an earth explorer this week. We went around the world and back again. We visited the 7 continents. We travelled by plane, train, hot air balloon, boat and motorbike. We climbed up the Grand Canyon, rowed down the Amazon River and scuba dived in the Great Barrier Reef. It was lots of fun! Parents can still make contributions towards this visit through the payment section of the school spider app.

"I liked it when we waddled with the penguins in Antarctica. It was really cold!" Mia

"I enjoyed it when we went on a pretend plane to South America. We saw the Amazon river - it wriggled like a snake." Sebastian.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child is only bringing water in their bottle to school on a daily basis. An increasing number of pupils are bringing juice. Juice is fine if it forms part of the packed lunch, but must not be drunk at other times of the day. We ask that you support us with this healthy school's initiative. Thank you.

Nursery Provision

Following a recent consultation, the Governors have taken a decision to expand the Nursery offer to 30 hours from September 2024. We can now offer 30 funded hours for 3/4-year olds in a teacher led nursery. If you are not eligible for 30 funded hours we can provide afternoon sessions at a cost. If you would like any further information please speak to the school office staff.

Families, Parents and Carers

Come and meet your local Children's Services that are here to support children and families.

- Health advice
- Art and craft sessions
- Bikes
- Mental health support
- Cultural & library information
- Infant feeding & family support
- Money & benefits advice
- Plus much more



Saturday 2 March from 10.30am-2.30pm at Tameside One, Level 1, Ashton



St Paul's Catholic Primary School has 30hr spaces available in Nursery for September 2024

Are you looking for a nursery place for September 2024? We have some full time spaces available in our wonderful, teacher led nursery. For more information, or to arrange a tour, please contact the school office on 0161 368 2934 or email admin@st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk

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Learning This Week

This week it was lovely to welcome the **Nursery** children who joined us for the first whole school assembly on the theme of Lent. They sat beautifully throughout and Mrs Sajid was very proud of them all.

Reception have had a great time baking bread this week. They have also created some amazing fairytale castles.



Year 4 – Practical Science Lesson

In Science, we had some raisins, which we put into different fizzy drinks, such as Orangeade and Cherryade. We were trying to investigate whether the raisins were going to dance. The raisins were lifted up by the gas particles, when the raisins reached the top, they would fall down. They fell down because the gas that was lifting them up escaped out of the top of the bottle.

Report from Kenny

World Book Day

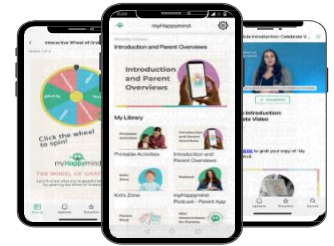
On **Thursday 7th March** we will be celebrating World Book Day. If the children so wish, they can come to school dressed as a book character, or, if you wish to avoid last minute, frantic super market shopping, then they can simply come in comfy clothes or their school uniform to enjoy a good book and our amazing author visit. If your child has P.E on a Thursday, please consider the practicalities of them having to get changed as well as the fact that all children will still play outside on this day.

The day is about promoting a love of reading and each year the staff love having even more time allocated to remind the children of the encapsulating excitement of entering an imaginary world or feeding curiosity in a way that only reading can achieve. **If the children could bring their favourite book with them on the day to discuss and enjoy, this would be wonderful and help with planning activities.**

We are even more excited this year because author Curtis Jobling will be coming into school to inspire and entertain the children. If the children wish, they can bring £7 on the day to buy one of his books, which Curtis will sign. The books have a spooky element and are predominantly aimed at KS2. However, Curtis will be entertaining all children with age-appropriate talks.

As you know we use a programme called myHappyMind in school which is based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves! MyHappyMind has just launched a Brand-New Parent App which you can access for free. This new app contains new content for you as parents/carers and children to enjoy as they carry on their myHappyMind learning journey at home! You will find:

- Mini Masterclasses for Parents
- A new Kids Zone which is jam-packed with things for the kids to enjoy such as animated stories, Happy Breathing, Music and the brand new myHappyMind Games.
- Brand new children’s activities.



Head over to your phone or tablet’s app store and simply search ‘myHappyMind’ and the app will be there ready for you to download. Once you have downloaded the app, just log in as you usually would and the content will be there in your library. If you have not yet signed up for the myHappyMind parent resource yet, then head to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email, and authentication code (106238) to create your account. We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum. If you have any questions about the curriculum, please contact your child’s class teacher. If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact hello@myhappymind.org

FOSP – Lenten Smarties Challenge

The Friends of St Paul’s are organising a Smarties Challenge ‘Good Deeds throughout Lent’ to raise funds for equipment and resources required for the school. Thank you to those families who have already returned their tubes. All filled tubes need to be returned by **Monday 25th March 2024**. Don’t forget all children who return tubes will be placed in a draw to win a fabulous Prize.

Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Year 2 with the highest attendance and to Nursery for being the most punctual. We now ask that if your child arrives late to school (after 8.55am) that parents/carers take your child to the main office and you are required to sign them in with a reason for your late arrival.

Attendance & Punctuality for week beginning 5th February 2024									
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Attendance	90%	93.79%	89.62%	99.26%	94.67%	91.88%	93%	94.84%	93.38%
No of Lates	0	1	5	3	3	7	7	2	

Dates for your 2024 Diary	
Monday 26th February	Parents Evenings for Nursery to Year 6 – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Tuesday 27th February	Girls Football Match v St John Fisher (H) *Weather permitting*
Wednesday 28th February	Parents Evenings for Reception to Year 6 – 3.30pm to 6pm
Tuesday 5th March	Year 4 Arts Award Assembly at 10am – Parents welcome
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 8th March	Year 2 Class Mass at 9am – Parents & Parishioners welcome TCSSA Annual Swimming Gala – evening Start of Science Week
Tuesday 12th March	TCSSA Cheerleading Competition – pm Sacrament of First Forgiveness at St Paul’s Church at 7pm
Wednesday 20th March	Class Photographs
Sunday 24th March	Start of Holy Week
Monday 25th March	Return Date for filled Smarties Tubes
Tuesday 26th March	FOSP – Spring Sing at 3.30pm
Wednesday 27th March	Year 3/4 present The Stations of the Cross – Parents welcome
Thursday 28th March	Break up for Easter Holidays
Wednesday 10th April	Start of the Summer Term
Saturday 11th May	First Holy Communion – 9.30am at St Paul’s Church
Monday 13th May	Start of Year 6 SATs Week