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LIVING OUR FAITH



Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024

Welcome Back

What a fantastic start to the new school year! It's been wonderful to see the children settling into their new classes so well, and many have already impressed the staff with their excellent work. The new uniforms look fantastic on everyone. Please remember to name all uniform items to help us return anything that gets lost. A special welcome to the families joining us in Nursery and Reception for the first time this September. We are excited to work in partnership with you to ensure the best possible education for your children. If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback regarding your child's education, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher, or contact Miss Flynn, Headteacher, or Mr. Allen, our Deputy Headteacher. We are very much looking forward to a great year ahead!

Academy Status

We are excited to share that on 1st September, St Paul's Catholic Primary School converted to voluntary academy status and became a member of the Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust. This transition marks an important milestone for us and opens up new opportunities for enhancing the educational experience we provide. Rest assured, our commitment to delivering high-quality education and fostering a supportive learning environment remains our key priority. We look forward to the continued partnership with our families and the positive impact this change will bring to our school community.



Start of Year Mass

All Parents/Carers are welcome to join us in the school hall at 9am on Tuesday morning for the start of year Mass with Father Isidore. This is always a lovely occasion to start the school year. We look forward to seeing you there.

Revised Mission Statement

Living Our Faith by Word and Deed

As children of God, we value and respect ourselves and each other.

We forgive others, say sorry, love and support those in need as Jesus showed us how to.

We encourage and celebrate everyone's efforts and achievements.

Over the past twelve months we have reviewed our School Mission Statement. Our school's mission statement is a powerful reflection of our core values and educational goals. It emphasises our commitment to providing a nurturing and inclusive learning environment where every child is encouraged to reach their full potential. By focusing on academic excellence, personal growth, and community involvement, our mission guides us in creating a well-rounded educational experience. We are dedicated to fostering a love of learning, cultivating critical thinking skills, and preparing our children to become responsible, confident, and compassionate individuals. The mission statement not only inspires our daily work but also helps us stay aligned with our long-term vision of achieving excellence in education and supporting the development of each child.

Year 5 and Year 6 Parents

Mrs Gilligan, Headteacher of All Saints Catholic College, will be visiting St Paul's on Wednesday 18th September. Parents with children in Year 5 and Year 6 who are exploring high school options are invited to this meeting. The meeting will take place at 3.30pm in the school hall.

We pray for children and young people in our parish and in our school. Fill them with hope, courage, and determination to face new and exciting challenges as we begin the new school year.

Mr Travis – 24th August 2024

We are deeply saddened to announce the death of Mr Jim Travis, a former Headteacher of our school. I am sure many of our school families remember Mr Travis and know that he served the community for 21 years. His commitment to education was evident in every aspect of his work. We extend our condolences to Mr Travis' family during this time. We will remember Mr Travis with great respect and appreciation for his significant contributions to St Paul's. His funeral service will be held at St Paul's Church on Thursday 19th September at 10.30am.

Attendance & Punctuality

To ensure that children receive the maximum benefit from their education at St Paul's, maintaining good attendance and punctuality is crucial. These qualities are not only fundamental to academic success but also essential life skills that are highly valued. Recognising the importance of these attributes, we are committed to fostering and encouraging excellent attendance and punctuality. For pupils who may struggle to meet our high expectations, we will implement effective strategies to support and improve their attendance. Instead of solely awarding certificates for 100% attendance, we will celebrate and promote consistent attendance and punctuality throughout the year.

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 kindly ask that you come to the office to sign them in and provide a reason for their late arrival. This process helps us ensure accurate attendance records and allows us to support your child effectively throughout the school day. Thank you for your co-operation in helping us maintain a smooth and organised start to the day for all children.

Mobile Phones/Smart Watches

Our School Policy prohibits children from bringing mobile devices or wearing smartwatches to school. Only in exceptional circumstances will Year 6 students be allowed to apply for permission to bring a mobile phone. Students who are granted permission must adhere strictly to the policy guidelines. Non-compliance will result in the withdrawal of this permission. We appreciate your support in upholding this policy, which is designed to ensure the safety and focus of all our pupils.

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 2024**. Any applications received after this date will be dealt with as a late application.

Year 6 Bikeability

On Monday, 16th September, and Tuesday, 17th September, Year 6 will participate in the Bikeability training programme at school. Bikeability, supported and funded by the Department for Transport, is a national cycle training initiative that aims to enhance the skills and confidence of children who already know how to ride a bike. This training not only aims to improve cycling abilities - potentially benefiting children for a lifetime - but also fosters greater confidence and independent thinking. All Bikeability sessions are conducted by qualified, professional instructors who adhere to National Standards.

A permission slip with additional details about the programme has been distributed this week. Please return the completed slip as soon as possible. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Allen.

Flu Immunisation

Intrahealth will continue to deliver the school-aged flu vaccination programme in autumn this year. This will be offered to all pupils from Reception to Year 6

Today your child should have brought home a Flu Immunisation Consent Form. Please complete and return this form to school no later than **Thursday 12th September**.

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 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.

Before and After School Clubs

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

Sport	Staff Member	Year Group	Day	Time
Multi-Skills	Tameside Active	Year 2	Monday	3:15pm – 4:15pm
Girls' Football	Mr Allen	Year 5 and 6	Tuesday	3:15pm – 4:15pm
Dance	Dance Coach	Year 1, 2 and 3	Thursday	8:00am – 8:50am
Tag Rugby	Tameside Active	Year 3 and 4	Thursday	3:15pm – 4:15pm
Dance	Dance Coach	Year 4, 5 and 6	Friday	8:00am – 8:50am
Boys' Football	Mr Allen	Year 5 and 6	Friday	8:00am – 8:45am

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 2024/2025 Diary	
Tuesday 10th September	Start of Year Mass at 9am – all welcome
Thursday 12th September	Return Date for Flu Immunisation Consent Forms
Friday 13th September	Year 6 Swimming starts
Monday 16th September	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 17th September	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 18th September	Mrs Gilligan, Headteacher at ASCC Meeting at 3.30pm
Wednesday 25th September	TCSSA Cross Country Event
Wednesday 9th October	Flu immunisation
Friday 25th October	Break up for Half-term
Tuesday 31st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications
Monday 4th November	Return to School
Early November	Online applications open for Reception 2025 places
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 7th January	Back to school – start of the Spring Term

Lunchtime Organiser Vacancies – Required as soon as possible

We are looking for two lunchtime organisers. This role is to supervise students in the dining areas, outside and elsewhere as required by the Headteacher.

- Part-time 11.40am - 12.50pm Monday to Friday (Fixed term 12-month contract)
- Part-time 12.10pm - 13.20pm Monday to Friday (Permanent position)

The successful candidate will:

- Establish a good rapport with the students in your care
- Be professional, and friendly, patient and understanding towards the students
- Be flexible, motivated and able to follow instructions and remain calm in difficult circumstances
- Be able to adapt and respond appropriately to challenging situations
- Be open to new ideas, committed to working as part of a team and of course have a good sense of humour
- Have strong moral and ethical principles and values

We can offer the successful candidate:

- An opportunity to work within a welcoming and enthusiastic environment with wonderful children, supportive staff, governors and parents
- Close links and group support from an expanding multi-academy Trust
- An opportunity to be part of a team of dedicated, talented and hardworking individuals
- Entry into the Local Government Pension Scheme
- A true commitment to Continuing Professional Development

Prospective candidates are warmly invited to visit the school and meet with the School Business Manager, Mrs Phoenix. Please contact the school office at admin@st-paulshyde.tameside.sch.uk or call 0161 368 2934 to make arrangements. If you would like to apply for the position, application packs are available from <https://www.corpuschristitrust.co.uk/vacancies/> You should complete the CES Application Form for Support Staff and return it by e-mail to recruitment@corpuschristitrust.co.uk