

St Paul's Catholic Primary School

October 2023



Please support the Friends of St Paul's group . We would love to have some more families being part of our Lucky Number Draw. It is a great way to make a small, but significant contribution to school funds. There is a weekly draw and more chances to win bigger prizes at Christmas and in the Summer. Every penny raised enriches and enhances your child's education. Please contact the school office for more details.

Attendance

Thank you for ensuring that your child is at school every day they can be. In line with our updated Attendance Policy, please contact the school office by 9am if your child is unable to attend school.

Just a reminder that Head Teachers are unable to authorise holidays during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. All requests for leave of absence must be made at least 2 weeks in advance. Thank you for your co-operation.

We will contact parents directly if we have any concerns about attendance or punctuality. A copy of the Attendance Policy is available on the website.

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Welcome to October's newsletter which I hope finds you safe and well. It has been a very busy start to the school year with lots going on. Thank you for helping our arrangements and routines work smoothly. It was great to see so many parents and children at our recent 'Meet the Teacher' event. It has also been wonderful to welcome families into school to join classes for Liturgical Prayer.

We have enjoyed some lovely Autumn sunshine this half term to brighten up the days. It has been wonderful to see some of our children having the opportunity to get out and about, joining in with sports competitions. Over the past few weeks some children have been taking part in a scavenger hunt, cross country final, a football tournament and tag rugby. Year 4 are also taking part in their fortnight of swimming. Well done and good luck to all those who have taken part, or who will take part shortly! We are very proud of you and I am delighted that our children have displayed excellent behaviour when representing our school making the events a pleasure for everyone. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at school if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Best Wishes, Sheena Sinclair - Head Teacher



Leadership

Well done to so many of our children who are showing great leadership potential. We have a great need for leaders across school; Student and Sport Council representatives, play leaders, librarians, Stewards of Creation, Reading Ambassadors, Mini Vinnies and Faith in Action leaders all ensure that everyone in our school can live life to the full and make the most of every school day. Although not everyone is a member of one of these groups, every person has the opportunity to be responsible and to make a valuable contribution to school life. Well done and a huge thank you to you all!

Please remember that Friday 20th October is a Professional Development Day for staff so children will not be in school.

We return to school on Monday 30th October.

The Autumn term finishes on Thursday 21st December.

Term dates and holiday dates for 2023-24 and 2024-25 are available on the school website; a paper copy is also available in the entrance porch.



Road Safety

Please remember to park legally, safely and considerately around the vicinity of the school. You will be all too aware that the beginning and ending of each day is a very busy time. Please make every effort to walk, scoot or ride to school whenever possible and to allow a little more time for your journey if travelling by car so you can park and stride a short distance.



The Student Council will be promoting Road Safety Week in November

Mobile Phones

If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school they must hand it into the school office at the start of the day.

Winter Uniform and Lost Property

When we return to school after the half-term holiday, all children from Reception to Year 6 will need to wear their winter uniform. This includes a shirt/blouse and tie (no polo shirts please). Please ensure that tights and socks are plain black, grey, red or white. Hair accessories should be practical and minimal and there should be no extremes of hair styles. Please ensure that all uniform has your child's name on it so that any mislaid items can easily be returned.

Any items of clothing which are not labelled are kept for a short time in the school entrance porch, if unclaimed they will be donated to charity or our pre-loved uniform market place.

Stewards of Creation



Our Stewards of Creation group work hard to care for our common home.

To protect the environment and reduce waste, the group has very successfully established and developed our pre-loved uniform market place.

The pre-loved uniform market place will be open on the last Wednesday of the month (unless we are not in school, in which case it will be the following week).

Please help us care more for our environment by considering purchasing items of uniform from our market place. All items are clean and in a very good condition.

Important Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 7th November—Individual and family photographs will be taken (Nursery and school pupils only) No obligation to purchase.
- Wednesday 8th November —Pre-loved uniform sale after school.
- Tuesday 31st October—Flu vaccine for Reception—Y6 children (consent letters sent home, if not received please contact school office)
- Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th November Parents' consultation meetings (separate letter to follow) 3.40pm—6pm
- Monday 13th November—Year 5 - Level 1 Bikeability training
- Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th November—Year 6—Level 2 Bikeability training
- **Early Years Nativity**—Monday 11th December at 2pm and Tuesday 12th December at 9.30am
- **Year 1 and 2 Nativity**—Tuesday 12th December at 1.45pm and Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am
- **Year 3 and 4 Snappy Christmas**—Friday 15th December at Thornaby Pavilion (Parents can attend to watch the performance 1-2pm)
- **Y5 and Y6 Advent Liturgy and Carol Service** at Holy Rosary Church—Tuesday 12th December at 6pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS EVENT

FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW

