

St Paul's Catholic Primary School

January 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

The new term is well underway and, as always, there is so much happening! The children are working so hard; it is such a pleasure to see our Trust Virtues in action during the school day. Resilience, confidence, responsibility and self-belief are four of our Trust Virtues which support learning within and beyond the classroom. Outside of lesson time, as the children interact with one another, compassion, honesty, justice and respect are the other virtues which are clearly evident. Our school community continues to be a place of pride and joy, where each of us can live life to the full. Thank you for your support, your partnership and your time. Let's hope and pray that this term continues to be a blessed one for each and every one of us.

I am delighted to be able to share that I have had some positive news regarding our new school building. During the Autumn Term there appeared to be little progress, however some compliance issues between the contractors and the Department for Education (DfE) have now been resolved and the planning application will be submitted very shortly. We should soon be in a position to undertake the planning consultation where the architects plans will be shared. I will keep you updated...

Many thanks, Sheena Sinclair - Head Teacher

Number
Day 2024

We will be supporting NSPCC Numbers Day on 2nd February to show our appreciation for the work of the NSPCC who provide a range of excellent resources for home and school to help children stay safe. During the Autumn term the children have benefitted from the online "Speak out, be heard, stay safe" assemblies and the younger children took part in the PANTS learning. Some year groups have also taken part in NSPCC workshops and we use a range of the NSPCC resources in school to support our PSHE curriculum. You can access resources at home too by visiting <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

Parent Consultation

We will be inviting parents and carers to meet with class teachers to discuss your child's progress on Tuesday 26th March and Wednesday 27th March from 3.45-6pm. We will be opening the booking system so you can book your own appointments from 6pm on Wednesday 7th February.

We value our partnership with you and know that the support you provide at home enhances your child's all-round development at school. Thank you.

Parent
Meeting

Safer
Internet
Day 2024 | Tuesday
6 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

The theme for Safer Internet Day 2024 is "Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online".

Mrs Cooke will be working with Ms Bowes and the Student Council to promote this theme across our school. More details to follow.



Friends of St Paul's

Thank you so much for supporting the Friends of St Paul's fundraising initiatives. We are so grateful for your generosity which enriches the children's experiences at school. FOSPs will be contacting you with information about events for the coming months. If you wish to be included in our Lucky Number weekly draw, please contact school for details or you can pick up an information letter from the school porch.

Congratulations

You may have seen on our Facebook page and in the Winter Trust Newsletter, that Luna in Y6 has achieved Reading Plus Champion Status with our Reading Plus programme provider. There are only 11 Reading Champions across the country and she will now have the opportunity to interview a children's author and write book reviews and blogs. Luna's passion for reading has been picked up by the local media. What a remarkable example Luna is and we hope she continues to inspire everyone to develop a love of books.



As a school which actively promotes the mental health and well-being of every person, we will be taking part in a range of activities to promote this year's theme: "My Voice Matters" During Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters".

Our school mental health team will work with Ms Bowes and the Student Council to deliver a range of activities across all age groups to promote this theme.

Our Parish Community

Fr Butters has announced that he will be retiring shortly after Easter. As well as being our Parish Priest for 30 years, Fr Butters was also a school governor until recently, and has always supported the community of St. Paul's, helping us to shape the Catholic Life and Mission of our school. Please keep Fr Butters and our Parish in your prayers during this time of great change.

Please remember that a Children's Liturgy takes place at both Masses most weekends:

Saturday at 5pm at St John's & Sunday at 10am at Holy Rosary.

Immunisation

We have been asked to promote the importance of the childhood immunisation programme.

You may have seen on the news that there is concern about the spread of measles. Please contact your health visitor or GP for more information.

Attendance and Parking Reminders

Thank you for ensuring that your child attends school every day possible. Attendance and Punctuality are important so that your child can make the most of every school day. You can monitor your child's attendance on the MCAS app: Log into your account—click 3 dashes—Attendance

Please park safely and considerately around our school vicinity. Thank you.

