

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Summer Term 2022

July 2022

As the summer holidays begin and we say goodbye to the end of a successful year, it is a great opportunity to reflect. We can celebrate the hard work and commitment of our whole school community; children, governors, staff, and that of our parents, carers and extended families. I believe that the strong and confident partnership between home, school and Parish is central to our success. The unwavering commitment and hard work of our governors and staff help us to offer the best opportunities both educationally and socially to each child. The outcomes for our children speak for themselves. They are secure, happy and successful.

The special days we have been able to enjoy recently for the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, our Sports Days and the Treasure Hunt organised by the Friends of St Paul's, were a wonderful opportunity to remind us of everything that makes St Paul's the school it is. Your support of everything that happens at school does not go unnoticed; we are very grateful.

A special thanks to all the families who leave the school this year. We would like to thank you for your tremendous support over the years and we wish the children every success as they begin the next phase of their education. You will be missed!

On behalf of everyone here at St Paul's, I wish you a happy, safe and relaxing Summer break .

With very best wishes, Sheena Sinclair—Headteacher

Endings and New Beginnings..



At the end of this term we said goodbye and thank you to our much loved teaching assistant, Mrs Taylor.

Mrs Taylor began her connection with St Paul's over 20 years ago as a volunteer, before becoming a Teaching Assistant. Mrs Taylor has always held St. Paul's School close to her heart and will be fondly remembered by us all.

We wish her a long and happy retirement.



We welcome Miss Wilberforce's new baby daughter, Poppy, who was born at the beginning of July.

Congratulations to Miss Wilberforce and her family— she is beautiful!



We also say goodbye to our brilliant Year 6 children who have been absolute stars this year. Not only have they worked exceptionally hard throughout the whole of the year, they have also been fantastic ambassadors for the school. As sports leaders, student council representatives and play leaders, they have given their best and we will miss them. Good bye and good luck to our Year 6s of 2022!



Thank you!

Good LUCK!



WE HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE GOLD SCHOOL GAMES QUALITY MARK ONCE AGAIN!

THIS AWARD IS IN RECOGNITION OF THE HIGH QUALITY SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PARTICIPATION ST PAUL'S OFFERS.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS SUCCESS, PARTICULARLY MRS TATTERSDILL AND MISS WOOD AND TO ALL OUR BRILLIANT SPORTS STARS WHO DEMONSTRATE THE VALUES OF PASSION, BELIEF, RESPECT, HONESTY, DETERMINATION AND TEAMWORK.



ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Summer Term 2022

July 2022

Academic Success

Our children deserve considerable recognition and praise for their hard work and great outcomes this year. We are delighted that our externally validated tests and judgements (Early Years, KS1 and KS2 SATs, Phonics Screening and Multiplication Tables check) are very positive and reflect the hard work of our children. Well done children – I am sure you will continue to work really hard next year. Thanks also to you, their families, for working in partnership with us to support this learning journey. We look forward to sharing our results in the Autumn Term.

Remember to keep an eye on our school website for details of school events and news. Our twitter account is also a fantastic way to keep up to date with exciting news! There will be lots of new dates and events being released in September, including information about your child's new class!



<https://twitter.com/StPaulsRCPrimar>



<https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsBillingham/>

School Reports

Many thanks to those parents and carers who have returned acknowledgement slips to school. We have received many, overwhelmingly positive comments. The report format is aimed at providing very clear information about your child's attainment and effort in the curriculum as well as celebrating the successes of the year. Please remember that each term, through the class newsletter, your child's teacher provides a detailed outline of the content of the curriculum that is to be taught. There are also two opportunities for parent consultation meetings to discuss progress throughout the year. We do feel that this ensures that you are fully informed about what your child has been learning and the progress they have made but as always, please contact us at school.

Friends of St Paul's

Our Friends of St Paul's deserve a special thank you for their tremendous contribution to our school. Not only do they provide fun events and activities for our children, but they also raise essential funds for St Paul's School and every child benefits. All parents are automatically members of FOSP so please do help at events when you can—many hands make light work!



School Uniform

When our children return to school in September they may still wear their summer uniform, if they wish. When you purchase shoes please ensure they are well-fitting, black school shoes. A polite reminder that tights and socks should be plain, not patterned and our school jumper or cardigan is grey not red. Simple hair accessories like bobbles or slides may be worn, preferably in plain colours.

Hairstyles should not be extreme—dyed or highlighted hair, shaved heads or tram lines are not allowed.

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING

NO EARRINGS MAY BE WORN IN SCHOOL, SO IF YOU INTEND HAVING YOUR CHILD'S EARS PIERCED PLEASE DO SO THE FIRST WEEK OF THE HOLIDAYS!

Remember a water bottle every day as well as a sun hat if the summer is still with us in September! If your child brings a packed lunch they need a drink and also a water bottle for the classroom, which should be filled with fresh water or sugar-free squash.



School Meals and Packed Lunches

The price of a school meal will remain at £2.20 per day/£11.00 per week. Universal free school meal entitlement continues for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Even though you do not have to pay for school meals for pupils of this age but you think you may be eligible for free school meals you can check by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/stockton-on-tees> and if you are eligible the school can claim additional funding which will be used to support your child's education.

If you are providing your child with a packed lunch, we ask you to consider healthy options. All packed lunches should contain fruit or vegetables. Only one treat like a cake or biscuit should be included. A drink should be provided – water, fruit juice or squash please, no fizzy drinks.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Summer Term 2022

July 2022

Term Dates and Holidays

You can find a link to our term dates and holidays [here](#)

PD Days this year are Monday 5th September, Friday 21st October and Friday 25th November

School re-opens after the summer on Tuesday 6th September.

St Paul's School Governors

Our Governing Committee is established to assist the Directors of the Trust to fulfil their responsibilities and provide additional support to leadership. Our Governors are:

Marc Scott—Chair of Governors

Rachel Petch—Vice Chair of Governors

Carlos Dos Santos—Foundation Governor

Sarah Gunston—Foundation Governor

Sarah Hanson—Foundation Governor

Gemma Wright—Parent Governor

Leanne Stockton—Community Governor

Marie-Louise Peacock—Staff Governor

I am very grateful for their commitment, challenge and support.



Lucy and Tom represented St Paul's School at a celebration of Service to Catholic Education for the career of Dame Maura Regan, CEO of Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust.

Mass was celebrated by Bishop Robert Byrne CO, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, at St Mary's Catholic Cathedral in Newcastle.

You can read about this event and other Trust events in the BHCET Summer Term Newsletter by clicking [here](#)

Thank you for making Mabel so welcome at school—she will see you all in September!

