

## Friday 21st January 2022 *Newsletter*

This week we have had the pleasure of Amethyst Class leading us in Worship. The children shared with us their hopes and dreams. I know the parents and families that attended will join me in congratulating the children on delivering such a fantastic message so well.

You may have noticed that I have been teaching more over the past couple of weeks. This has been due to an increase in staff absences. This has affected a number of schools across the country and the impact has meant we haven't been able to get supply cover. Thank you to you all for your patience and support during this time, our focus is always the quality of education and as an academy we have tried to ensure that this hasn't been disturbed.

#### <u>Reminders</u>

Please could you ensure that your child is ready and prepared for the school day with the correct items. We have seen an increase in children without PE kits, reading books and spelling books.

Please also note that toys are not allowed in school unless they have been approved by a member of staff. There have been a number of cases of things being lost and broken and this has caused upset in school.

I am really keen to organise another PTFA meeting, if you would like to come along please could you let me know.

Please take care and have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Dean



## Well done to Emma, Ivy, Wyatt, Marley and Elsie





The year group with the best attendance goes to Year 6!



# House Points

Congratulations to St. Patrick's team for winning the most points this week.



This week we celebrated ... Raven and Maksim's birthday!

Our Gospel Value this half term is ...



At St. Paul's we have high hopes and aspirations for our future, our school and community. We also understand that faith gives us hope for both now and for the future, and that this hope brings confidence. Hope for us means that there is always a



future whatever situation we are in, because God promised to never leave us, to always love us, and to help us in times of need.

What makes hope a distinctively Christian value? Christian hope is rooted in God's love for us. Christians believe that: God has our best interests at heart; God will never leave us; God will provide for us when we are in need; God knows us (even the number of hairs on our head!); and God promises us of a better life to come. When we are in our darkest time, God is there, and will help us. Hope is grounded in the character of God; the Bible is full of stories of how God changes situations.

We see hope shown in the Christian narrative in many ways. The resurrection gives us hope for eternal life. The gospel stories tell of hope, for example the woman who touched Jesus' robe ("If I just touch his clothes I will be healed."). The rainbow after the flood is a sign that God will never break his covenant of love with us. God used Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, when slavery seemed their destiny. The lost

coin and the lost sheep tell us of the lengths God will go to bring us back. At St Paul's we develop our value of hope through: supporting never giving up on our pupils; wanting the best for them academically and in their character; helping them see light despite the darkness; and learning about prayer.

## School Dates 2021/2022

### Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4 January 2022 – INSET Reopen: Wednesday 5th January 2022 Half Term: Monday 14th February - Monday 21st February 2022\* Reopen: Tuesday 22nd February 2022 Ends: Friday 1 April 2022

### Summer Term 2022

Reopen: Tuesday 19 April 2022 May day: Monday 2 May 2022 Half Term: Monday 30 May -Friday 3 June 2022 Monday 6th June and Tuesday 7th June INSET Reopen: Wednesday 8th June 2022 Ends: Friday 22nd July 2022

Total number of openings – 190 days INSET Days – 5 Days



\*Please note the additional day is due to the extra bank holiday in 2022 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (**Friday 3rd June)**.