



St. Paul's Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

Thank you for all the gifts, cards and messages received by the staff at Christmas time.

A few reminders for a happy and healthy new year:

- Please park carefully and considerately when dropping off and picking up your children. No cars are permitted on the school site **at any time. (Even on a Tuesday after football club!)**
- Please ensure your child is properly equipped for all weathers. The expectation is that children will play outside at all opportunities. If they are not well enough to play outside, please ask yourself are they well enough to be in school. We are unable to accommodate the increasing number of requests for children to stay in at playtime.
- Thank you for sending a healthy snack for playtime. Chocolate and crisps are not healthy snack choices. School Council are looking into improving this situation further.

Before and After School

Please be reminded that school officially starts at 8.50am. We open doors at 8.40am to ease the "bottle neck congestion" and allow messages to be passed etc. We cannot be responsible for children before this time. If your child is arriving at school before 8.40am, they remain your

responsibility until handed over to a member of staff. Children who are arriving by themselves should therefore NOT be onsite before 8.40am.

Similarly, at the end of school, children and parents are expected to leave the site as soon as they can. Many staff are

involved in clubs, meetings and other commitments, so cannot be responsible for your children once they have been handed over to you. Children going home by themselves, should do that straight away. Many thanks for your support in keeping all of children safe all of the time.

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Reflection

Christmas time provided many opportunities for our children to think about others and our commitment to help others less fortunate than themselves. I am very proud of the efforts made by our children. They surpassed themselves in supporting the sea

farers via the Apostleship of the Sea appeal and those who sang for the residents at Stanshawes Nursing home made the residents day! It was very humbling to be part of this. Well done to all involved.

Christmas Fundraising

Thank you for all of your support with the Christmas Shopping morning and Christmas Fair. A total of £1000 was raised through all of our Christmas events. You will have noticed some playground changes are underway....watch this space for more developments.

Parents Evening Times and Information

The dates are as follows:

**Wednesday 27th February
4.30pm-7.00pm**

**Thursday 28th February 3.45pm
-6.30pm**

Bookings for appointments will open a couple of weeks before—we will let you know when. If you don't book an appointment, one will be made on your behalf. If you feel you

need a longer appointment, please feel free to arrange this at another time with the class teacher. Please try and keep to your allotted slot.

It is really important to us that you are able to communicate with us in an effective way, Please be aware that staff are available on the door first thing to take messages; staff

can not always be available to see you in person then. Teachers can ring you if you would like on that day or arrange a mutually convenient time to see you. Just because you can see a member of staff in their room doesn't always mean they are available.

Friends of St Paul's

We are just **ONE** committee member away from being able to re-launch The Friends' of St.Paul's. Please do think about whether you are able to help us out and contribute to the committee . The next meeting of the group will be on January 25th at 9.00am in the staff room. If you are interested but unable to attend please email:

fundraising@stpaulscatholicprimary.co.uk

Bring your Teddy to Lunch Day!

On Thursday 17th January, we will be having a special hot food box Teddy Bear's Picnic. Children are invited to bring their favourite bear (or toy) with them to lunch. There will be a change to the menu that day:

Sausage Rolls/Veggie Rolls
Potato wedges
Salad bar
Fruit kebabs
Bear biscuits

DISCO

The next Fundraising Forum event will be on **Friday 15th February**.

DISCO

Reception and KS 1 5.30-

6.30pm

KS 2 7.00-8.00pm

£3 all inclusive ticket, pay on the door.

Any suggestions?

The Fundraising Forum are looking for new ideas for events and fun (as well as fundraising!).

Is there an event you would like to see us host?

Recent suggestions have included:

- a film and Prosecco evening (adults only)
- a roller disco (family event)
- a bottle drive (family event)
- international food tasting event

Please email:

fundraising@stpaulscatholicpriimary.co.uk
with your ideas.

Healthy habits at home and school

1. **Sugar swaps** – Swap sugary drinks for water, milk or unsweetened fruit juice
2. **Meal time** – Aim for 3 main meals a day
3. **Me size Meals** – Eat portion sizes that are the right size for your age
4. **Snack check** – When buying packaged snacks, look for 100kcal, two a day max
5. **5 a day** – Try to eat 5 portions of fruit and vegetables each day
6. **Cut back fat** – Make meals more healthy by changing how they are prepared and cooked
7. **60 Active Minutes** – Spend at least 60 minutes walking, playing sport, running around or playing outside every day

Thank you

You will remember that children wore Christmas Jumpers and Fancy dress in aid of the Grand Appeal. We collected £126 on the day and a very generous donation from a parent rounded this up to £200. Amazing! If you have a charity that is particularly close to you

World Cancer Day 2019

This year World Cancer Day falls on Monday February 4th 2019. As many of you will know, cancer has touched our community in many ways in recent years and as such we want to continue to support cancer charities as part of our fundraising work.

As such on **Friday 1st February** we will hold

a **non-uniform day** to raise funds which will be donated to Cancer Research UK. A staff and governor team have entered this year's Relay for Life and will be collecting in Tesco on Sunday 3rd February 1-3pm– feel free to pop in and see us!



Please keep me handy!

Dates for your Diary

January 2019:

7th: Term 3 starts

11th: Swimming Starts for Year 4

16th: Year 1 Class Family Worship (10.15am)

17th: Teddy bears picnic lunch

18th: Year 5 class assembly (3.00pm)

23rd: Young Voices Concert

25th: Friends meeting 9.00am

February:

1st: Year 4 Class Assembly (3.00pm)

Non-uniform day (donation to World Cancer Day)

5th: Safer Internet Day

8th: Year 6 Life Skills Centre visit

13th: Year 2 Class Worship 10.15

15th: Disco Reception and KS1 5.30-6.30

KS2 7.00-8.00

15th: End of term 3

25th: INSET Day– no school for children

27th: Parents Evening 4.30-7.00pm

28th: Parents Evening 3.45-6.30pm

March

6th: Ash Wednesday

11th: Book Fair arrives