



St. Paul's Newsletter

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Lent

This Wednesday (6th March) marks the beginning of Lent. There are various activities happening this Lent which we have devised linked to the Year of Prayer and would to invite parents to join us too. Each week (all year round), classes plan, lead and deliver worship in their class on a Thursday. Each week during Lent, we are inviting parents to join us on a designated Thursday. I appreciate there may be sibling clashes, but this is the only way to fit all classes in. Worship time will be 3.10pm for all classes, please go to the classroom door, via the playground.



7th March – Reception and Year 6

14th March – Years 3 & 4

21st March- Years 1 & 5

28th March – Year 2

As in Advent, the Lenten Prayer bags will also be coming home this week, please take the time to use them.

Mrs Hinchey will be hosting morning prayer in the school chapel at 8.30am each Friday in Lent in the school chapel. Please feel free to join us.

Medication

A reminder that only prescribed medicine can be dispensed at school and only then if the dose is required 4 times a day. (*)

Please ensure the medication has the pharmacy dispensing label on it; that it is in date and the

instructions are clear.

All request to administer medication should be accompanied by a completed school form, available from the office.

Please note, all medication is administered on a voluntary basis and we

advise you should ring a reminder message into the office if your child is unlikely to remember themselves to come and get the medicine.

(*) There may be a few exceptions to this, which will be agreed by the school on an individual basis eg a travel sickness tablet for a school trip

Big Pedal

We are registered to take part in this huge national event and hope to inspire as many people as possible to cycle, scoot and walk to school.

The challenge runs for two weeks and is open to individual classes as well as whole schools. On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents

cycling, walking or



scooting to school.

The project is about promoting the use of "human power" to get to school. So dust off your bike, polish up your scooter or get your walking boots ready!
<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/bigpedal>

If you are cycling or scooting, please do so safely. If you are not cycling or scooting, please pay due regard to those who are so that everyone can arrive safely at school.

Community Learning

We are currently in talks with various organisations that can offer adult education courses . We are particularly interested in setting up some learning opportunities that will support you in supporting your children as they progress through the school.

Many parents report that they

feel unable to help their children in maths because they are not familiar with the methods that we teach in school.

Some parents in Key Stage 2 tell us they have never heard of a fronted adverbial, let alone be able to suggest one to help their child with

homework!

So, watch this space and please do let us know, via your class teacher, if there is something in particular you would like specific support with.

Reading Scheme Books– update

The reading books have all now been sorted and damaged or old books removed from the scheme. The books have also been re-labelled with a colour coded band sticker. Books should now be coming home again. It is very likely however that some books were not returned in time for the big sort out or were over looked. If you come across a book in poor condition or that hasn't been labelled yet, please do let the class

teacher know so that we can keep all books up to date in the new colour codes.

We are still looking for parents or grandparents who are available to help hear readers in all classes. If you have some time you could offer on a regular basis, please let your class teacher or the office know. Thank you.

Book Week

St Paul's book week will start on **Monday 11th March**. We will have our annual book fair visiting that week and books will be for sale after school each day that week. There will be a series of events and activities organised during the week, including the dressing up as a book character day! Mrs Fry will be sending a letter home this week with more details. If you would like to be involved or can help with the activities please let Mrs Fry know.

Being prepared for all weathers!

After the warm weather in February, it would be easy to fall into the trap of not having a coat in school. But with the weather so variable at the moment, please ensure your child is properly equipped for all weathers. It is easy enough to warm up if you get cold, but drying wet clothes poses a bigger challenge. Moderate rain in is no barrier to going outside if you have a suitable coat. I would remind you again that we cannot accommodate requests for children to stay in and playtime and lunchtime because they have a cough or cold, we simply do not have adequate supervision to do so in large numbers.

Disco success

Thanks to all who attended the Valentine's Disco just before half term and thank you to our DJ too. Mr. T Roberts did a sterling job as ever.

We raised £350 and will be planning another event soon!

If there is an activity or event you would like to see us organise, please email: fundraising@stpaulscatholicprimary.co.uk

You might have seen the improvements to the Reception class playground, which is due in part to fundraising events like these.



Lent Class Worship Dates

Dates for your diary:

7th March – Reception and Year 6

14th March – Years 3 & 4

21st March- Years 1 & 5

28th March – Year 2



If you have children in more than one class and there is a clash, please choose which worship you would like to attend the other siblings can attend with you. Just let us know.

Please keep me handy!

Dates for your Diary

March

6th: Ash Wednesday

7th: 3.10pm Class Worship Year R and Year 6

11th: Book Fair arrives. Book week activities

12th: Football Vs Elm Park (H) (cancelled)

14th: Year 1 and 2 Westonbirt trip

Netball vs Crossways (A)

3.10pm Class Worship Year 3 and 4

15th: Fundraising Forum Meeting 9.00am

Year 5 Living Rainforest Trip

19th: Netball Vs St. John's Mead (H)

20th: Lenten Confessions 10.00am

21st: Year 3 Bristol Museum visit

Netball tournament @YOSC (1-4.30pm)

3.10pm Class Worship Year 1 and Year 5

27th: Easter Trail (Yr 5) @ St. Nicholas

28th: 3.10pm Class Worship Yr 2

30th: Family Bingo Evening (details to follow)

April

1st: Netball vs Tyndale (H)

3rd: Year 6 Class Mass 10.15

Year 5 Big Sing Event 11.15 @ Raysfield, parents welcome

4th: KS2 (Yr3,4,5) Easter Presentation 2pm in St Paul's Church

3.30pm Lent Fundraising event

5th: End of Term 4– Easter Holidays

23rd: INSET DAY

24th: Term Starts

26th: Year 5 Swimming starts