



# St. Paul's Newsletter

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## Sand Pit: Grand Opening

Just before half term, we enjoyed an outdoor assembly to mark the opening of our re-furbished new giant sand pit. The work began last summer when the old rotten timbers were removed and the area excavated. Special thanks go to Mr and Mrs Dinning who between them prepared the new area and constructed a new sunken frame to contain the sand. 7 tonnes of play sand, donated by Uplands, has been waiting patiently to be relocated to its new home. A small, but hard working group of volunteers helped to move the sand. Grants Forklifts gave us a helping hand to get the sand to the edge of the field. All in all an excellent example of community work and teamwork producing something really special for the children. Thank you to everyone involved. A cover on a roller has now also been installed (paid for by the Fundraising Forum) so that the sand can be protected and kept in a good, clean condition. Archie in Yr 5 did the honours of cutting the ribbon— here's to many a happy lunchtime playing in the sand.



## Family Bingo: Success

Thank you to all who helped organise and all who attended the bingo night. It was a lovely evening

and lots of fun too. An impressive £413 was raised, some of which was used as outlined above. Don't forget if there is an

event you'd like us to organise let us know: [fundraising@stpaulscatholicprimary.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@stpaulscatholicprimary.co.uk)



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## Book Sponsorship

Massive thanks to all of you who have pledged to sponsor books in our updated reading scheme. So far £210 has been received. We asked for forms to be returned by May 24th, but in talking to some of you on sports day, you hadn't realised the deadline had approached and still wanted to be able to sponsor a book (or three!).

We intend to open

up the sponsorship up to past pupils, parishioners and local businesses now, but its not too late! We will be resending the forms by email so that those of you who would like to sponsor the books can do so. Don't forget you can pay using the School Gateway until Friday 19th July.

## Clothes Collection

We are having a Bag2School collection on Monday 24th where we will collect unwanted clothes etc in exchange for 40p per kilo.

Other items that can be collected include:

Bed lined, towels, soft toys. A full list is provided here:

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Bags will come home this week for you to fill. You can bring the bags in anytime. Thanks.

## Parents Questionnaire: Feedback

The full results are ready to be emailed to you shortly. Having gathered views on homework, the senior leadership team will be considering ways to address the comments made in preparation for September. Some of the highlights from the questionnaire are as follows:

*My child feels safe at school*– 99% of respondents agree or strongly agree (1 didn't know/couldn't comment)

*My child is making good progress at this school*–99% of respondents agree or strongly agree (1 didn't know/couldn't comment)

*This school meets my child's particular needs*– 99% of respondents agree or strongly agree (1 didn't know/couldn't comment)

*This school ensures my child is well looked after*– 99% of respondents agree or strongly agree (1 disagreed)

*My child is taught well at this school*– 100% agreed or strongly agreed.

*This school helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics*– 100% agreed or strongly agreed.

*There is a good standard of behaviour at this school*– 95% agreed or strongly agreed (3 people disagreed; 1 didn't know)

*This school helps me to support my child's learning*–100% agreed or strongly agreed.

*More feedback to follow in each newsletter edition.*

## School Trips

The school budget has been further reduced and stretched this year. Last year we subsidised trips by nearly £1800. We are no longer in a position to do this. We are reliant on parental contributions to ensure the trip can go ahead. We have had to take a difficult decision to cancel a planned trip because we had not received 8 replies by the deadline and therefore had to assume that those families were not able to pay the contribution. None of those had approached myself or the class teacher to discuss the situation. It may well have been they intended to reply, but we have to give notice to coach companies and the venues if we are going to cancel without penalty. In the event that a trip doesn't go ahead, refunds will be given to those that had contributed. I hope you can see the importance of replying on time and discussing the financial contribution with us if you need too. Life gets expensive, I know, so we will make a commitment to give you as

## Staffing for Next Year

Can I ask that you don't put staff in the embarrassing position of asking them which class they will be teaching next year, when they don't know themselves!

There are only certain times in the year where teachers can give notice of resignation, the final time being May 31st. No decision is ever made before then because I never know who I will have until that date has passed. We have to make plans for the new Reception Class intake due to induction meetings for parents (but even that has had to change in the past!).

Now that the resignation date has passed, proper planning can take place. As soon as decisions are made, you will be informed. We plan each year to have a step up morning where classes meet their new teacher and some children will require more sessions to ensure smooth transition.

## Summer Fair: 12th July 3.30pm-6.00pm



Please start saving any empty wine bottles with lids for our "Water or Wine" stall.

Donations of Pre-loved Uniform welcomed.

Raffle tickets on sale next week. (will be sent home with your child in the first instance)

Offers of help needed to help set up, run stalls and pack away— look out for a Text appeal for help soon. Thanks!

**Please keep me handy!**

## Dates for your Diary

### June

**3rd: Start of term 6; Cycle training year 6 (week 1)**

**4th: Year 6 leave for camp**

**7th: Year 6 return from camp**

**10th: Cycle training year 6 (week 2)**

**12th Yr 6 trip to Avon Valley**

**12th: Yr 4 Class Mass 10.15am**

**13th: Yr 5 Redwood camp**

**13th: Yr 6 Leavers Mass, Clifton Cathedral (11am)**

**14th: Year 2 Class Assembly 3pm**

**15th: Festival of Youth Sport**

**17th: Cycle training year 6 (week 3)**

**21st: Year 1 Class Assembly 3pm**

**24th: Sports Week**

**Cycle training year 6 (week 4)**

**26th: Whole school Mass 9.30am**

### July

**1st: Cycle training year 6 (week 5)**

**2nd: Year 4 Trip to Bristol Museum**

**5th: Reception Class Assembly 3pm**

**8th: INSET Day (no school for children)**

**10th: Year 6 Leavers Mass– celebration service**

**12th: Summer Fair 3.30-6.00pm**