



St. Paul's Newsletter

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NSPCC

You should have received an email regarding the assemblies and follow up work that we will be participating in next week as part of our work in National Anti-Bullying work.



Flu Immunisations

Our flu immunisation clinic is due to go ahead as planned on **Tuesday 24th** November. All children who have returned consent forms and are present on the day, will receive the nasal immunisation.

School Photos

Individual and sibling photos have been taken and you will soon be receiving the proof card. Once you receive it, you will deal directly with Tulip Photography for the ordering and delivery process. Attached to this mailing are further details about the process.

Latest Local Covid data

At a briefing this week it was reported that approximately 60% of Primary Schools and **all** Secondary Schools in South Gloucestershire have had confirmed positive cases.

We review our risk

assessments regularly (every 2 weeks) and continue to make judgements about how we operate as safely as possible.

The flow of parents and carers at the beginning and end of the day is now much smoother from our point of view. There are a

few things I would like to improve further and will be sending out another MS Form for you to use to feedback to us.

I would like to thank you for your support and consideration of others on the playground.



All things Christmas....the show must go on!



I have held off until November before the first mention of Christmas! But since we are only a few weeks away now, things you will want to know are below. There are so many restrictions and guidelines we must operate under, we are constantly trying to work out how to make the things that make our school special continue.

Nativity Performances

Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 will each (and separately) produce a simple re-telling of the traditional Christmas story.

The performances will be pre-recorded and then presented at a live Zoom event (**dates to follow**). The recorded version will then be made available to you to view at your leisure.

We hope by showing it at a designated time there will be a sense of occasion.

KS2 Carol Service

Similarly, KS2 classes will each (and separately) prepare a part of the service, it will be recorded and then will be broadcast at a designated time for all to view at a live Zoom event on **Thursday 17th December at 6.30pm**.

The recorded version will also then be made available to you to view at your leisure if you are unable to attend the live event.

Christmas Fundraising

Christmas Shopping Morning

By far one of the most popular events of the year! We have had to make some adaptations in order to be able to hold a version of the event that will meet with current safety arrangements, but hope that the experience for the children will remain very similar. For those of you who have not experienced a shopping morning yet, the idea is that the children can buy a surprise gift for family members. We would normally have an army of volunteers to wrap the presents and then the children take them home.

What you need to know about Christmas Shopping 2020:

- Friday 11th December
- Gift prices are 50p, £1.00 and £1.50
- Maximum spend £5 per child
- Maximum 5 gifts
- NO cash on the day, pre-paid via School Gateway. Children will then be issued with a "credit card" so their purchases can be tracked *
- Please provide **5 gift bags with labels** (as we won't be able to wrap this year)

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Again a 2020 version of our popular and successful fundraising raffle. Restrictions will prevent us from handling cash and actual tickets this year.

Instead you will be able to buy "tickets" via the School Gateway payment system. For each 50p you donate, you will be entered into the draw for a hamper. For example, donate £2.50, receive 5 entries.

You can donate on behalf of family and friends and leave a note as for who they are for and we will organise the tickets.

A live draw will be broadcast on Friday 11th December, which you will be invited to watch via Zoom. Then we will contact the lucky winners to arrange a safe collection of the hamper from school.

* A more detailed letter explaining the Gateway Payments will come out next week.

Hamper Raffle Donations

We will be asking each year group to donate a different item to support the hampers.

There will be a mufti (non-uniform) day on **Friday 27th November** in exchange for an item on the list below:

Reception Class: Christmas cakes

Year 1: Mince Pies

Year 2: Savoury snacks

Year 3: Christmas puddings

Year 4: Toiletries/smellies

Year 5: Soft/fizzy drinks

Year 6: Alcoholic drinks

Please check that the items will be in date at the time of the draw and beyond if possible.

Items should be brought in on the morning

of the non-uniform day and delivered directly to the classroom door. Please take care with any glass bottles.



Last year we raised just over £400 in the hampers and had 21 lucky winners. I hope you will support us again this year.

Pedestrian Training and Scooter Training

Next week Year 5 and Year 2 will be participating in the council's Road Safety Team training programmes.

Year 2 children will need to bring their scooters and helmets to participate in the practical elements of the course on **Tuesday 17th November**.

This is another example of how we are adapting to the new normal and still offering the really important parts of our wider curriculum.

After School Clubs

We have now started after school clubs for Year 3 (football) and Year 4 (gymnastics).

There will be other opportunities for other year groups as time progresses. The logistics of offering clubs is led by coach availability and covid safety arrangements.

Remote Learning

If you haven't already, please see our Remote Learning plan on the school website.

<https://www.stpaulscatholicprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Remote+Learning&pid=1264>

Please keep me handy!

Dates for your Diary

November

Monday 16th: Yr 2 Virtual Scooter training

Tuesday 17th: Year 2 Practical Scooter training

Saturday 21st: Reception Parents 2021 tours

Friday 20th: Year 5 Class Assembly 2.45pm

Tuesday 24th: November: School Flu immunisation clinic

Friday 27th: Mufti day for hampers

December

Friday 4th: Year 6 swimming (if restrictions lifted)

Wednesday 9th: Year 6 Road Safety training

Friday 11th: Christmas Shopping morning
Hamper live draw

Wednesday 16th: Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 17th: KS2 Carol Service 6.30pm via Zoom

Friday 18th: End of Term

January

Monday 4th: Term 3 starts

Tuesday 5th: Cinematic Theatre in Education– The wonderful wizard of Oz.

Friday 15th: Deadline for Reception 2021 applications

Other important dates for the year ahead:

INSET Days (staff training, no school for children)

Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 2nd September

Monday 2nd November

Monday 22nd February 2021

Friday 18th June