



St. Paul's Newsletter

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A Christmas Message

The staff and I would like to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas. This has been a year like no other and an Autumn term with significant challenges. As we take a moment to reflect on our journey this year, let the hope, peace, joy and love of Christmas fill into our hearts.

Thank you so much for your messages of thanks and support. We have received lovely gifts too. Many parents have spoken to me on the play ground to express their thanks and delight at what the children and their teachers have achieved in the last few weeks to uphold the spirit and traditions of Christmas including 3 Nativity plays, and a carol service, is nothing short of remarkable. The staff have served our St. Paul's family well.

Merry Christmas to you all!

Christmas Reflection

This was sent in by a parent and I wanted to share:

T'was the night before Christmas,
God glanced over the earth.
All over it's girth.
They missed it again he said with a sigh,
A heavy heart and a tear in his eye.

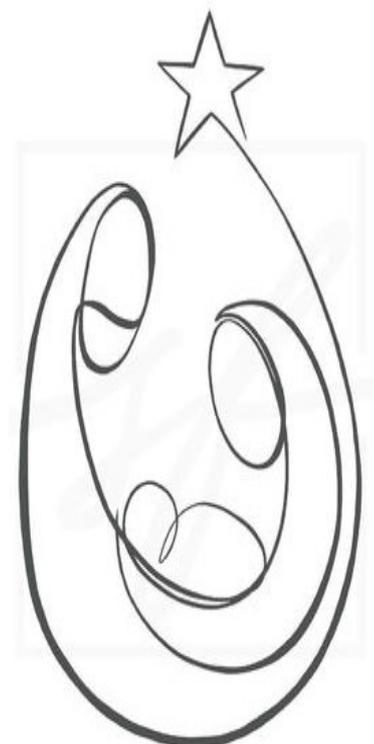
I gave them my son,
So they could be free.
My greatest gift,
To them from me.

They traded me in,
For a man in red.
A little tree,
And a horse drawn sled.

How do I save them,
And make them see.
My love is complete.
My grace is free.

How do I help them,
When all they know
Is a talking snowman
And a box with a bow.

Maybe next year
They will stop and see,
The biggest gift at
Christmas is a little child
from me.



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A message from the Governors...

Dear Parents, Carers and all who look after our pupils,

I would like to take a few moments to thank you all for your, understanding, cooperation and support for our school, Mrs Sewell and all our staff during this challenging year. I can't imagine the stress and strain you have all been under during this pandemic but I have been amazed at the way you have all supported the work of the school and also supported and cared for each other and all within our school community. Your children have been wonderful – coping so well with all the changes to their learning and with their bubbles and new expectations – they are a credit to you all.

It has been so difficult for everyone but it is clear from your support that you feel your children have overall been kept safe and welcomed and have

experienced school in a normal way as possible – even down to Christmas shopping day, Nativities and Christmas performances, raffles and Christmas Dinner,.

So I must also extend my thanks to Mrs Sewell and the whole staff for their hard work, compassion and determination to make this happen.

Thank you for all you have done to let this happen – great attendance and outstanding compliance with all the school's Covid Requirements to keep all as safe as possible.

You are all appreciated very much. I may be biased, but I feel that St Paul's is an amazing and caring community and that is because of you, your children and all who work at our school. It is a privilege to be your Chair of Governors.

I wish you all a safe, healthy and happy

Christmas, my thoughts and prayers are with you all – especially those of you who have suffered bereavements, job losses and other worries and concerns.

May the blessings of our Saviours Birth be with you at this time and through all of 2021.

Yours sincerely
Carol Lawler
Chair of Governors



How to report a positive Covid Result over the holiday

If your child should become symptomatic and received a positive test over the holiday period, you must report the result to:

ey-schoolscovidincidents@southglos.gov.uk

They will need to know the name of our school and the Year group your child is in if you have to send an email.

We will then be informed and advised as to who else at school this might affect— particularly this weekend and the first few days of the holiday.

Schools are responsible for the test and trace arrangements for their communities until midnight on Christmas Eve.

Fingers crossed this will not be the case for anyone, but please do inform us via the email above address above as soon as you have a positive result.

Rotary Tree of Light Campaign

I am delighted to announce that Dino Carboni won the colouring competition and got to switch on the lights. Well done Dino! He was also interviewed on BBC Radio Bristol.



Christmas Masses at St Paul's

There will be two Masses on Christmas Eve to try to manage the large groups that are likely to attend. One service will be at 6.00pm and one at 8.00pm.

Fr. Jim is urging people to spread out their mass attendance where possible to avoid the dreadful situation where you might be turned away if the church is full.

Under the current arrangements, St. Paul's Church can only accommodate about 80 people.

Further information and times are available on the parish website should you wish to plan.

<http://www.stlawrenceandstpaul.co.uk/Newsletter%20Third%20Sunday%20of%20Advent%202020%20Year%20B.pdf>

Please keep me handy!

Dates for your Diary

January

Monday 4th: Term 3 starts

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

Friday 8th: Swimming Yr 6 due to start

Monday 11th: Music tuition due to restart

Friday 15th: Deadline for Reception 2021 applications

February

Friday 12th: Half term begins

Other important dates for the year ahead:

INSET Days (staff training, no school for children)

Monday 22nd February 2021

Friday 18th June