



St. Paul's Newsletter

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Fundraising Forum

I am delighted to report that nearly 20 parents attend the first meeting of the fundraising forum last week and there were many offers of support, help and ideas for future events. We are keen to get started and we will be hosting a Table Top Sale on **Saturday 25th November at 1pm. Tables cost £5.** Why not come along and have a clear out before Christmas or bag yourself a Christmas bargain! Please book your table at the office and spread the word so the event is well attended. Could you do a leaflet drop in your street? Please collect some flyers from the office.

Date for your diary:

Friday 15th December: Christmas Shopping morning for children from 9am AND School Christmas Fayre from 3.45pm (with visit from Father Christmas!)

Diocesan Inspection Report

Following the inspection of the school on 28th and 29th September, we have now received the final report and are delighted to report that the overall effectiveness of the school was judged to be **GOOD**. The quality of the provision for prayer life of the school was said to be **OUTSTANDING**.

Thank you to parents who returned a questionnaire. The inspectors examined nearly 80 individual responses and shared them with senior leaders and governors.

Issued raised for action by the inspectors are already underway and were largely due to unavoidable staff changes.

The report is published both on the school website in the About Us section, under RE Inspection Report and on the diocesan website so you can read it. You will also receive a text link to the report. Hard copies are available for collection from the school office.

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Chaplaincy: Chocolate Appeal

The Chaplaincy team would welcome your support with their Apostleship of the Sea Christmas appeal. The Apostleship of the Sea is a Catholic Charity which supports seafarers around the world. When ships dock in ports, the Apostleship of the Sea are there to give both practical and spiritual assistance. The Apostleship of the Sea group based at Sharpness docks have visited

school to talk to the Chaplaincy team about life for the seafarers. Many seafarers are away from family for months at a time, often unable to have regular communication with their families. In the lead up to Christmas, we will be collecting donations of chocolate bars that will be given to the seafarers when they are visited by the Apostleship of the Sea. To us, a chocolate bar

may seem like a small donation, but it means so much for the seafarers. We would ask that all donations of chocolate bars are received in school by Monday 4th December 2017 so that they can be distributed by the Apostleship of the Sea in the lead up to Christmas. There will be a prize for the class that brings in the most

Jam Jar Tombola Appeal

For the **School Christmas Fayre on Friday 15th December**, we will be asking for your support in lots of different ways. For each item you donate, you will be given a raffle ticket for a prize draw on the afternoon. To that end we would like to ask you to **fill an empty jam jar** (any size). You can be really creative (or not!) with what you fill it with. It could be sweets, chocolates, lego bricks, a toy car, dog treats, craft items, anything really! It can be a single item or lots of smaller ones. We hope to be able to add some ribbon and bows to the jars to make them look even more attractive. Or you could do this yourself if you felt so inclined. These jam jars will then provide the prizes on a stall at the Christmas Fayre. Please label the bottom of the jar so that the winner knows what is inside. Some examples are made up and on display near the office. Please take a look. It would be great if each family could donate at least one jam jar, that would be about 170 prizes! Please bring in your filled jam jar by Friday 8th December. Hopefully, our stall will look something like this...



In the news....

In case you missed them, the links to the latest St. Paul's features in the media:

<http://www.cliftondiocese.com/st-pauls-primary-school-pray-roasry-million-others/>

http://www.gazetteseries.co.uk/news/15628428.Kids_skip_for_fun_and_fitness_at_Yate_school/

http://www.gazetteseries.co.uk/news/15640547.Pupils_at_a_Yate_school_go_bonkers_for_conkers/

Save the date

Parish Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 9th December at 11.00

The school will be having a stall again this year and a choir have been invited to sing some carols too. We hope you will be able to come.

Dark nights

As the nights are darker earlier now, please ensure that if you are cycling or scooting to school you have lights that work. Please also ensure your child has a helmet if riding or scooting to school.

Safeguarding Notice

Please can I remind you to refrain from approaching children or staff through the gate. We take a great deal of care to ensure the children are safe and protected from strangers, so it gives a very mixed message when parents try and pass things through the fence or call for attention through the gate. This is particularly true of the Reception area fence.

Parents are not permitted to park anywhere on the school site. There are a couple of exceptions to this that are pre-agreed with the school and where permission for a specific reason has been granted. A very big thank you to parents using breakfast club for respecting this rule to help ensure the safety of all.

E-safety Competition

Joshua in Yr 4 has taken responsibility for organising an e-safety poster competition. Children are invited to design a poster on A4 paper with an e-safety message. 50p to enter and the money raised will be donated to Computer Aid International. Deadline for entries extended until: Thursday 14th December

Please keep me handy!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th November: Year5/6 Sportshall Athletics
3.40pm

Tuesday 21st November: Netball Vs St. Mary's

Wednesday 22nd November: KS2 Film Festival trip

Friday 24th November: Chaplaincy Commissioning at
Downside Abbey

Saturday 25th November: Table Top Sale 1pm in
school hall.

Monday 27th November: Legion of Mary visit Yr 6
Yr 5 Yate Pilgrimage
Football Vs Emersons Green

Tuesday 28th November: Netball vs Frampton (A)

Friday 1st December: Fire engine Visit Year 1/2

Saturday 9th December: Parish Christmas Bizarre
11.00am

Thursday 14th December: Reception, Year 1 and Year
2 Nativity 2pm and 6pm

**Friday 15th December: Christmas
Shopping Morning from 9am, Christmas
Fayre 3.30pm**

Wednesday 20th December: End of Term 2

**Thursday 21st December - Tuesday 2nd January -
School Closed for Christmas Holidays**

Wednesday 3rd January: Start of Term 3 for children