



St Pauls Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter

'Alive in Jesus'



28th September 2018

Principal Mrs N Damms

Dear Parents

## Catholic Life

We have had a busy couple of weeks in school with two beautiful masses led by our Liturgy group and Year 5. Thank you to all of the children who read beautifully and reminded us of our vocation to love and serve others. Do you know that we celebrate mass weekly in school and we would love it if more of our community came to pray with us? Our wonderful Liturgy group will lead us in mass next Thursday at 9.10am. Please do come along. A word from Pope Francis "A good example brings about so much good. Goodness always tends to spread"

## B30 Food Bank

B30 Food Bank visited us last week and spoke to all of KS1 and 2 about all the fantastic work they do helping the local community. The Food Bank is vital for many men, women and children and provides 3 days' worth of food for those who need it. Please help by sending in any non-perishable foods that we can donate such as; cereal, tins, rice, pasta, tea, coffee, long life/UHT milk etc.

## Parent's Evenings.

Our first Parents' Evenings of the year will be held **on Wednesday 10th October (3:30pm – 6:00pm) & Thursday 11th October (3:30pm – 5:30pm)** Letters will be going out, with the times for you, and your child to attend parent consultation, would need to be signed and bring back as soon as possible.

## ATTENDANCE

I have noticed that there have been several families who are arriving after the bell in the mornings. The bell is rung at 8.45 a.m. and the gates are locked at 8.55am. It is vital that your child is able to come into school on time with their peers. We have told the children that it is their responsibility to go to bed a little earlier so that they feel able to get up in time for School in the morning. Please help them achieve this. Please **DO NOT** book any family holidays or non-urgent medical appointments during the School Term. I am unable to authorise absence from school except in exceptional circumstances.

## PARENT CONTACT NUMBERS

We have become concerned that the emergency contact numbers that we have for some parents are either not up-to-date (due to a change of mobile phone) or the phone is one which cannot be answered during the day. In an emergency we need to be able to speak to you immediately—please provide us with **at least two contact numbers** that would enable us to do that.

## Communication Between School & Home

As you know we try very hard to keep parents regularly informed about school events, trips and special occasions. However, sending paper letters home can be rather 'Hit & Miss', with letters often going astray on the way! We are also increasingly aware of the substantial cost and environmental impact associated with the amount of paper and photocopying involved.

Here at St. Paul's we believe we are a forward-thinking school and therefore as a means to improve communication and save the cost of the endless printing and distributing of important school information, we have made the significant decision that from **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018** St. Paul's is going 'Paperless'. **Therefore can I ask that we please have an updated email address for you so that we can send you the fortnightly newsletter.**

It is the responsibility of parents to check the School's Website regularly as all letters and school information, including trips, school events and Newsletters will be available to access on our School

Website. This will enable **all** parents, carers and grandparents to avail themselves of our school's activities.

Please remember that any payments required along with permissions can be made using our very successful 'Parent Pay' online system to which all parents have an individual and secure password. If you haven't yet got a ParentPay Activation Letter please don't hesitate to come into the school office, and ask the office staff for one. We are sure that the transition to 'Paperless' will go as smoothly and expect that this system will be embraced by all as we move forward. If you have any queries, please contact the school office who will be able to assist you, if necessary.

### **Change to times of the school day**

Following consultation with parents and governors I am delighted to tell you that we have now changed the time of the end of the school day. EYFS and KS1 children as of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October will now finish at 3.10pm. Please note the end of day time for KS2 has remained unchanged, KS2 should be collected at 3.15pm as normal.

### **Secondary Transfer Reminder**

The local authority deadline for return of Preference Forms for Secondary Transfer is 31st October 2018. You are strongly advised to apply online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) by this date. If you do not receive acknowledgement of your application by 31 October, please contact the School Admissions and Pupil Placements Service urgently by telephone on 0121 303 1888.

### **Volunteers in school**

Thank you to the parents/carers who currently volunteer at school. Parents/carers in school can hear readers or help out in classes. Their support and commitment is much appreciated. If you would like to join our family of volunteers please speak to a member of the office staff.

### **Donations**

It is the time of year when the weather turns and we experience more wet plays. If you have any old board games, complete jigsaws or colouring books that you would like to donate to school please leave at the School Office.

### **SATs companion: Year 6**

In Year 6 we have launched SATs companion – an online app which helps your child to revise and prepare for their KS2 SATs tests. SATs companion is also being used as a Y6 homework tool and the children will complete homework tasks which will consolidate the work they have been taught in class. During school holidays the children will be set SAT papers which they can attempt up to three times. Each Friday your child will be set tasks for Reading, GPS and Maths to be completed by the following Friday. Your child's password and user name will be sent home on Friday 27th September.

### **Mirodo : Years 3,4 and 5.**

In Years 3, 4 and 5 we have launched Mirodo – an online app which helps your child consolidate what they have learned during the week in class. The class teacher will assign homework on Friday and this should be completed online by the following Friday.

Your child's password and username will be sent home on Friday 27th September.

### **SATs companion and Mirodo Meeting**

We would like to invite parents on Monday the 1st of October for a short demonstration on the above programmes and to answer any questions you may have.

### **Internet Access**

Mrs Barton will hold a homework session on a Wednesday after school- beginning Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October- for children who are unable to access the programmes at home. Please contact your child's teacher or school office if your child requires a letter.

### **Family Support Drop In**

If you have a child under 5, you are welcome to attend a drop in session which will run every Friday morning from 9:00am-11:30am in The Hub. The staff will be able to give advice on a range of areas such as: housing, benefits, debt, emotional support, behaviour management. No appointment necessary – just drop in.

### Pupil Premium Funding

Our school will receive £1300 pupil premium money per eligible pupil. Pupil Premium gives schools extra funding to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils. It is paid to our school and enables us to provide additional resources and opportunities for those pupils. Even if your child is in year 1 or 2 and receives a 'universal' free school meal, we still need to know if you would be eligible for free school meals. Please let us know if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

### Friends of St Pauls

I was absolutely delighted when two parents approached me yesterday with interest in starting up the Friends of St Pauls. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in school life and help us provide more exciting opportunities for our children. If you are interested in helping and being part of the Friends of St Paul's team can you please leave your name, contact number, e-mail address and suggestions of meeting times that would work for you at the school office by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October. We would hope to hold our first meeting week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> October.

### Attendance Figures

Our attendance this week was 95%. The class with the highest attendance was Y5 with 98% Well Done!



### School Clubs

Sports Club	Monday	3.15- 4.30p.m	Y5, Y6
Sport Club	Tuesday	3.15- 4.30p.m	Y3, Y4
Sport Club	Wednesday	3.00- 4.30p.m	Y1, Y2
Football	Thursday	3.15-4.30p.m	Y3,Y4,
Chess Club	Thursday	3.15- 4.15p.m	Y3,Y4,Y5,Y6

**Bench of honour** - These children were chosen by their class teachers:

Rec		Y1	David- James & Nathan	Y2	Pixie & Tyler
Y3	Oluwamuirede & Alex	Y4	Nathan & Rotan	Y5	Josh & Kayden
Y6	Charley & Orlaith				

**Virtues** - The following children were chosen for demonstrating the virtues of **Loving** and **Compassionate**

Rec		Y1	Jake	Y2	Bailey
Y3	La'Rae	Y4	Jamin	Y5	Delicia
Y6	Bethel				

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Calling all Children to join us for a Cosmic Lunch, there will be a delicious Space Burger, Astronaut Hotdogs, and Quorn Sausages for Vegetarians and Cosmic Chips with Super Sonic Sweetcorn and Planet Peas, with a Rocket ice lolly for pudding.



### School Policy

School Policy states that no jewellery is allowed to be worn, any planned ear piercing should take at the beginning of the six week holiday to give time to heal.

### **The Week Ahead**

Food bank Collection – All week

#### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

**3.10pm EYFS & KS1 New School finish time**

**3:15pm KS2 School finishes usual time**

3:15pm Parents meeting for SATs Companion & Mirodo KS2 children

3:15-4:30 Sport Club Y5&6

#### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

3:15-4:30 Sport Club Y3&4

#### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

3:15-4:30 Y1 Sports Club

3:15-4pm Homework session Y6

(See office if needed)

#### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

9.10 Mass in school

'Cosmic Lunch' school dinners

**\*\*Football club Cancelled Y3&4\*\***

3.15- 5.15 - Handball Competition Y5&6

3.15- 4.15 - Chess Club KS2

#### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

9am-11.30 Drop-in session for parents with children under 5 years old

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### **The Week of 8<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

3:15-4:30 Sport Club Y5&6

#### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

3:15-4:30 Sport Club Y3&4

#### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

3:15-4:30 Sports Club Y1

3:30-6:00 –Parents evening

#### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

3:15-4:30 Football Club Y3&4

3.15- 4.15 - Chess Club KS2

3:30-5:30 –Parents evening

#### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

9am-11.30 Drop-in session for parents with children under 5 years old

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Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and God bless  
Mrs Nichola Damms  
(Principal)