



St. Pauls Catholic Primary School
'Alive in Jesus'



Newsletter

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Principal: Mrs N Damms

Catholic Life

With October flying by it might be timely to remind ourselves that this is the month that is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. Pope Francis has said that praying the rosary is "good for the heart, good for the soul, good for your whole life" Please take time each day to say some of the prayers of the Rosary - Glory Be, Our Father and Hail Mary. That prayer has been one of the distinctive parts of Catholic devotion for centuries. The calm, unhurried repetitions of the prayers help us to focus on the mysteries that the Rosary celebrates. That repetition creates a space for us to picture and ponder the life, death and resurrection of Christ and of Mary's part in that story of our salvation. Miss Foster will be leading the rosary group each Friday in the school library at lunchtime – please encourage your child to bring in Rosary beads to school which they can use to pray. Our wonderful Liturgy group led us in Mass this week, it was beautiful and the children were reverent in their behaviour.



Harvest time is a time for us to come together to give thanks for God's abundant gifts and to help those in need in our local parish community. Thank you to those who have already donated food items for the B30 foodbank. Please continue to show your support next week, by donating tinned, dried, long life food supplies.

Parents' evening

Thank you to all of those parents who came to our recent parents' evening. We really appreciate you taking the time to complete our questionnaire. We will collate the findings and present them in the next newsletter. If you were unable to make your appointment for whatever reason please contact your child's class teacher who will be more than happy to rearrange another convenient time with yourself. If you have a questionnaire or data checking sheet at home, please drop them into the office as soon as possible.

Communication

Staff, are available at the end of the school day if you need to see them. Please be mindful of the process of communicating with staff: 1st port of call should always be your child's Class teacher followed by the Phase Leader (KS2 Mrs Barton, KS1 Mrs Ingram, EYFS Miss Foster). If you still have concerns following this line of communication please see the Vice Principal (Mrs Williams) in the first instance followed by the Principal (Mrs Damms). A member of staff is present at the door each morning to take any messages from parents. Whilst senior leaders are also at the front office each morning, if you need to see any of us about an issue, please pop into the school office to make an appointment. We would rather not discuss important matters that require our individual attention whilst welcoming children into school. We would also like to give you the time you deserve. Thank you for your co-operation. Have you given the school office your e-mail address yet? If not please do as a matter of urgency. Remember we are on a quest to becoming a paperless school and will be e-mailing out the newsletter and other correspondences as of week beginning 5th November.

Parent Pay

By now our online method of paying should be well used and established. Can I please remind you all dinners, toast, breakfast club and afterschool club must be paid for in advance. We cannot get into a situation whereby the office staff are having to chase late payments. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring all payments are up to date.

Medical updates

Please ensure that if your child is asthmatic that they have their blue/brown inhaler on their person at all times. It is the parents responsibility to ensure that they are full and in date. School do not keep spare inhalers. If you feel that your child no longer needs their inhaler we will need to see written confirmation from their GP stating so otherwise we will expect your child to carry their own inhaler. If you have a spare inhaler for your child their class teacher will be happy to store it in the classroom.

Friends of St Paul's

I'm really keen to get this up and running but sadly only 2 parents have shown interest so far. If you could spare some time and would like to get involved please give your details to the school office.

Reception 2019 application

Parents who wish to apply for a place for their child in our Reception class for September 2019 need to log onto Birmingham City Council's website – www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. If you have any queries or require assistance, please pop into the school office. Please do not leave it too late - the deadline is 15th January 2019.

St Thomas Aquinas family evening

On Tuesday 23rd October 2018 at 7pm St Thomas Aquinas are bringing the past, present and future families together. There will be an opportunity to browse displays, celebrate Mass and gather together for refreshments. Some activities include: celebrating past contributions and marking the retirement of Nuala Hickey the School Nurse of 17 years and the opening of 'The Gallery' – a permanent display marking the history of the school. Come as you are; it will be a joyful, relaxed and informal occasion. Spread the word and pass this invitation on. If you can attend, please contact the school on 0121 464 4643 reply via email to Enquiry@stacs.bham.sch.uk

School Council

We are pleased to announce that the School Council members for this year have been elected by their classes. They are; Emily and Sam (YR6) Delicia and Casey (YR5) Asem and Jamin (YR4) La-Rae and Ethan (YR3) and Kaden and Lexie (YR2). We would like to say a big thank you to all those children who wrote manifestos and delivered some very persuasive speeches. Mrs Ball and Mrs Bodlovic are really looking forward to working with the new School Council and looking at ways the children think we can make our amazing school even better!



Punctuality

Thank you for all those who made an effort to arrive at school on time this week. We have already seen an improvement in whole school punctuality. Just a reminder for those not yet joining us on time, you will need to sign your child in at the main office if they arrive after the 8:55am bell.

Attendance Figures

Our attendance this week was 95%. The class with the highest attendance was Y3 with 98% Well Done! Our class with the lowest attendance was 92% which is well below or school target. Please ensure children are in school every day and appointments are made out of school time.



Breakfast Club

It has been great to see so many children attending breakfast club each morning. Please remember that **breakfast club does not start until 7:45am**. Children cannot be dropped off at school before this time as there is no capacity for children to be supervised before this time. We have had a number of pupils dropped off much earlier than 7:45am which is a safeguarding concern for us as a school. Please ensure pupils are dropped off no earlier than 7:45am. Breakfast club costs £1.50 per day and needs to be paid weekly via Parent Pay.



Congratulations Mr Shone!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mr Shone and his wife welcomed their second baby last week – another beautiful boy! We send Mr Shone and his family all of our love and best wishes during this exciting time. Please may we ask that you keep the family in your thoughts and prayers as they are adjusting to life as a family of 4.



Safety Notice



Please can we remind parents, carers and pupils that no bikes, scooters or any other equipment is to be ridden around the playground or school grounds either before or after school. This is for the safety of everyone especially as there have recently been accidents involving small children. We ask that you take the lead in ensuring your children get off bikes and scooters before entering school grounds. We also request that anyone collecting children refrain from riding bikes on school grounds. Thank you for your support with this.

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

Rec		Y1	Maci- Leigh & Kelsey	Y2	Mariyah & Aisosa
Y3	Teo & Levi	Y4	Janiyah & Sean	Y5	Tino & Kayden
Y6	Levi & Paul				

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

Rec		Y1	Amer	Y2	Emilia
Y3	Elora	Y4	Pheobe	Y5	Kaci- Rae
Y6	Julianna				

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

Dates to cut out and keep-----



The Week Ahead

Tuesday 16th October

9.30a.m-12p.m Reception class eye test

Friday 19th October

Barwick Photographs

9a.m- 11a.m Y1 Parent Workshop/
Phonics with Alex Finn

Thursday 25th October

Break up for half term

Friday 26th October

Teachers Training day