### **Attendance**

Whole school attendance (12-11-18 to 16-11-2018)

Year	%
1	97%
2	98%
3	99%
4	99%
5	97%
6	99%

Year	%		
Nursery	94%		
Reception	88%		

Whole school attendance 4<sup>th</sup> Sept to 16<sup>th</sup> Nov

Year	%			
1	96%			
2	97%			
3	97%			
4	96%			
5	96%			
6	98%			

Year	%				
Nursery	90%				
Reception	93%				

# What's your attendance grade?

A = 100% Excellent

B = 98% Very good

C = 95% Good

D = 92% Satisfactory

E = 90% Below Average

F = 85% Poor

E = 80% Unacceptable



# Congratulations to Years 3,4,6 with 99% Attendance

Attendance from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> for Key Stage 1 and 2 is 99% School Attendance from 4<sup>th</sup> Sept to 16<sup>th</sup> Nov for Key Stage 1 and 2 is 96% Please ensure your child attends school unless they are too unwell to do so.

All children should be in school by 8.45am at the latest.



### THE MESSENGER

#### **CATHOLIC LIFE**



November is the month of remembrance when we remember departed loved ones as well as pay tribute to those who suffered or died in conflict. On Monday we held a powerful remembrance service in which all children were given the opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice of those who have lost their lives on active service. (see photos below)

This half term we are focusing on being Faith filled and hopeful. At St Paul's we will help our pupils grow by passing on the living and the faith-filled traditions of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in the pupils, and by encouraging them, in turn, to have faith and hope in others.

On Monday 5th, the liturgy leaders went to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in Rednal to be commissioned. On arrival Mr Ingram told them all about his family and therefore our family as a community together. In groups they prayed at different prayer stations and considered different ways to pray. To end, the children took part in a prayer service based on St John Henry Newman. It was a lovely afternoon and a good opportunity to make friends with children from other schools (see photos below)

A word from Pope Francis "Children are a wonderful gift from God"

16<sup>th</sup> November 201

Dear Parents/Guardians

What a start to our half term! Thank you all so much for your support, patience and understanding whilst we dealt with our burst pipe last week. The team here were incredible with getting the school up and running as soon as possible. I'm really pleased to say that the pipe has now been repaired and we are back up and running as normal. A huge thank you to the parent who supplied the staffroom with goodies last Friday – all staff really appreciated it.

It was lovely to welcome all of our children back (all be it a week later than planned) to school on Monday and see them looking so smart. We hope that you all had a lovely, restful and enjoyable week.

#### **Wedding bells**

Congratulations to our Year 3 teacher Miss Holtom who got married last Saturday. She will now be known to all children and staff as Mrs Minchin I'm sure you will all join me in wishing both her and her husband Tom and long and happy marriage. Didn't Mrs Minchin make a beautiful bride? (see photo below)

#### **Parent Volunteers**

We have a very small number of dedicated parents and grandparents who help out in a number of different ways in school. Their help and support is invaluable. If you have any spare time, either on a regular basis or maybe just occasionally, we'd really like to hear from you. If you are interested please call into the office and ask to speak with Miss Tashman.

Learning is the lifelong process of transforming information and experience into knowledge, skills, behaviour and attitudes.

#### Labels

The weather has taken a rather chilly turn so please ensure that your child arrives in school each day with a coat and if necessary, scarf, hat and gloves. As always please ensure that all items of clothing are named. Thank you.

#### **Appointments**

In order to support your child's attendance please ensure all appointments (where possible) are arranged outside of the school day.

#### **Reception Intake 2019**

Do you have a child who was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015? If so, it is important that you apply online for your child's Reception class place for September 2019. If you haven't applied the final date for online applications is the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. <a href="https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a>

#### **Parent Pay**

Please remember to check your child's ParentPay account to see if there is anything you need to pay for. Remember school dinners, breakfast club and after school club needs to be paid for in advance (by Monday morning). If you child is attending a club or having a dinner as a 'one-off', they need to be paid for on the day.

#### **Parents' Evening Questionnaire**

Apologies that the attachment was missing from our last messenger. Please find attached the results of our findings. Thank you for all of your continued support.

#### **Library Loans**

We are very fortunate here at St Paul's to have a well-stocked library. We encourage the children to visit our school library, especially over the lunch hour, and choose some books to take home to read at their leisure. We have a wonderful system of scanning the books in and out so that we can keep track of them. Your child does not have a limit as to how long the can keep their library books, we are trying to encourage them to read as much as possible at home. Half termly we will be carrying out a check on books. From this point on lost or damaged book will incur a fine of £2.50. I have no doubt that you will support school with this so that all of our children can continue to develop their love of reading.

#### **Online Safety**

It has been brought to our attention that some children are playing inappropriate games at home such as Fortnight. Please monitor your children and their internet use closely as lots of these games have age restrictions and are not suitable for Primary age children. If you have any concerns over online safety please see a member of the leadership team.

Have a lovely weekend all, Stay safe & God bless,

Congratulations Mr and Mrs Minchir



Our poppy display



## VIRTUES

The following children were chosen for demonstrating the virtues of Faith-filled and Hopeful.

ı	Y1	Olivia	Y2	Kaden	Y3	Eghosa
	Y4	Ciaragh	Y5	Delicia	Y6	Brooklyn

### **BENCH OF HONOUR**

These children were chosen by their class teachers:

Y1	Ivy & Jake	Y2	Jason & Devlin	Y3	Elora & Cameron
Y4	Asem & Jewel	Y5	Tino & Ann- Mary	Y6	Emilly & Mayann

#### **Sports Club**

Year 2 Sports Club will now take place be on a Tuesday and Year 4 Sports Club will now take place on a Wednesday. This change is due to Year 2 study group on a Wednesday.

#### **Inset Day**

School will be open on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January. This is no longer an inset day. Please be mindful when booking holidays that children will be in school.

#### **Year 2 Workshop**

On Wednesday, Year 2 welcomed their parents into their classroom so that they could learn about subordinating conjunctions together. They were given sentences about one of their favourite stories, The Pirates Next Door, but they had to improve these sentences by adding subordinating conjunctions and lots more interesting details.

Everything in the street was neat and tidy until the pirates moved in with their ship and messed it up. (Pixie)

Tilda went fishing in the sea while she waited for Jim Lad to return. (Kaden)

The town was dull in the winter as it was so cold and rainy that not many people wanted to visit. (Noah)

Jim Lad gave Tilda a message in a bottle before he left for good. (Ayanna) The school children would not sit next to Jim Lad in case they caught lice. (Bailey) What a fantastic morning everyone had! The children are going to make fantastic progress in their writing now that they have learnt to use subordinating conjunctions to extend their sentences. Thank you for all your hard work.



### Odd Sock Day Anti- bullying week

Well done to all those children who came to school wearing odd socks on Monday, it really helped us all to think about how we are all different but all equal. All the children have worked hard this week and have had lots of fun learning about this year's Anti-Bullying Campaign- Choose Respect. We have had a wonderful assembly this afternoon where classes have presented some of the different activities they have taken part in. These included: pictures, drama, computers, singing, poetry and art work. Thanks for all your support and please encourage your child to bring in their posters by next Thursday so we can display these in school too.



# Dates for Diary Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Voar 5/6 Sport club 3 15pm- 4 30pm

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Year 2 Sports Club 3.10pm- 4.30pm

Wednesday 21st

Year 4 Sports Club 3.15pm- 4.30pm

Reception Phonic workshop 2pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Year 5/6 Football Club 3.15pn- 4.30pm

Chess Club 3.15pm- 4.15pm

Year 1,2,3 GIRLS Football Festival 3pm-

5pm

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Christmas Reflection Rehearsals KS2 3.15pm- 4.30pm

# Dates for Diary Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

Year 1, 5 Wonderdome 9am

Year5/6 Sport Club 3.15pm- 4.30pm

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Year 2 Sports club 3.10pm- 4.30pm

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Year 4 Sport club 3.15pm- 4.30pm

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

Year 5/6 Football Club 3.15pm- 4.30pm

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

Whole School Non School Uniform Chocolate Donation