



ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Alive in Jesus'

Parent Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

VIRTUES

The virtues this half-term are **grateful** and **generous**. **Grateful** for our gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with our gifts, now and in the future

Rec	Amer	Y1	Lexi	Y2	Jamie
Y3	Janiyah	Y4	Chase	Y5	Skye- louise
Y6	Chante				

BENCH OF HONOUR

These children were chosen by their class teachers:

Rec	Rosie-Mae & Lola	Y1	Pheobe & Jayden	Y2	Ian & Cameron
Y3	Esther & Leah	Y4	Josh & Leila	Y5	Charley & Kwaku
Y6	Doha & Arturs				

WELL DONE!



ATTENDANCE

Our attendance this week was 96%. The class with the highest attendance was Y1 with 99%. Well done!

RETIREMENT



After 20 years as head of St. Paul's it is time for me to retire and I will leave at the end of the summer term. I have been lucky to work with supportive Governors, great children, staff and parents. I have loved being Principal of St Paul's and I will miss being part of school life and seeing the children learn and grow. I'm sure I'll hear all about them from the friends I have made over the years.

I'm going to have more time to spend with my family, go to the gym, read and be able to go on holiday in school time. What a treat!!

Nicola Damms, who is an experienced Principal will be joining the school as Principal in September and there will be the opportunity to meet her before the end of term.

MASS

Thank you Y1 for leading Mass on Thursday. They were well prepared and read with confidence. Well done! It was lovely to see so many parents and friends at Mass too



ATHLETICS

What a fantastic day we had at the annual school Athletics tournament, held at Hadley Stadium. 19 students represented St Pauls and they competed in a number of events. Chante and Reign (Y6) won the keenly contested High Jump event but we also had other excellent results to cheer about. Seb (Y4) came second in the Long Jump and we competed well in the sprint races where Max (Y3) finished second in a very close race! Layla and Daivee (Y4) took part in the 800 meter race and, even though she was running against Y6 girls, Layla finished in 3rd place. Daivee was running strongly in the boy's race but gave up his chance for glory to help a runner from another school, who had fallen and hurt himself. Daivee walked the other student to the finish line where they both crossed at the same time. What a wonderful example of sportsmanship! The students were very pleased with their efforts and wish to thank Mr Bryan and especially Mr Cadney for organising the races for our school.



SWIMMING

During the latter part of this half term, Y5 visited Cocks Moor Wood Leisure Centre to improve their swimming. The class showed great character in overcoming their initial nervousness in the water, and have all made rapid progress towards becoming confident swimmers. On their last session, they completed a distance swim of twenty five metres to gain their first swimming badges. Congratulations Y5!

MOSQUE



Y6 visited the Birmingham Central Mosque this week. They had a lovely time learning about the faiths of others and were warmly welcomed by their guide - Mr T. Well done Y6 for showing respect for other religions and asking lots of sensible questions. You were all very curious and inquisitive!

EMAILS



To reduce paper waste we will be collecting email addresses after half term. We will then send newsletters to you via email.



CASHLESS SCHOOL

As a cashless school we will be looking at using Parent Pay to pay for the children's morning snack. As you know we use Parent Pay for trips, Before and After school Club and school lunches. This will just extend the process and make the Office more efficient.



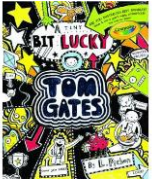
LUNCH-TIME AWARDS

During lunch time the children are given a raffle ticket by a Lunch-time supervisor for good behaviour. This raffle is held every week and was won this week by:

Y1	Corey	Y2	Leo	Y3	Nathan
Y4	Corey	Y5	Kaylum	Y6	Frederiko

A GOOD READ

This week's book has been recommended by Abdulrahman Y6- *A Tiny Bit Lucky*– by L. Pichon, 'Enjoyed how there was a plan especially the twist further on in the story'.



LUMEN CHRISTI UPDATE

We are pleased to inform you that Lumen Christi Catholic Multi Academy has agreed with the Diocese to provide leadership support to St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School in Sheldon. Rebecca Nash, Executive Headteacher within Lumen Christi will be supporting the school on their improvement journey. Mrs Nash will also continue in her current role at St. Brigid's and St. Columba's Schools. We would like to wish Rebecca well in this undertaking. Lumen Christi welcomes the opportunity to live out our mission and support the work of Diocese and our Catholic family of schools.

*Dear God
May we go out in peace to all the world
to continue the work of Jesus
Amen*



Dates in the new year...

- 4th June – school open/Health Week
- 6th June – Sports' day
- 10th June – First Holy Communion
- 11th June – Y5 & Y6 Residential
- 18th June – Bikeability
- 29th June – Whole School Retreat
- 10th July – Y6 Leavers Assembly
- 12th July – Safari Park
- 17th July – EYFS Umberslade Farm
- 19th July – Y6 Leavers' Picnic
- 20th July – Summer Holidays

