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Newsletter

Friday 9th December 2022

★ ★ Friends of St Paul's – Christmas Event

Thank you to Miss Wainwright and Mr Partington for leading our very successful Christmas event on Tuesday after school. The children performed exceptionally well whilst singing and playing. It was lovely to have so many families joining us for the occasion. Thank you so much to the Friends of St Paul's who organised the raffle and provided refreshments and Christmas treats for the event. We also had the added guest appearance by Father Christmas too! We are delighted to share that we have raised £690.00 from this event. Thank you to all who supported this on the night or bought raffle tickets.

Freshwater Theatre Company Visit – Year 3

On Tuesday we went to see a time traveler who told us the steps to be a time travel master, they were imagination, bravery, and strength. First, we made a line and put our hands out pretending they were wings and flew to the paleolithic period. Next, we learnt how to do actions for building a fire, hunting, and picking berries. After that half of the class pulled ropes to pull stones and some of the class shouted "Heave!" Eventually we made a real-life Stonehenge with our partners. It was a great lesson! By Louis, Year 3.

Ofsted Report

We hope that you have found the time to read the latest OFSTED report, following the inspection at the start of November. The report, confirming that St Paul's is a good school, was emailed out to all parents and carers on Monday and can also be found on the school website. We were absolutely delighted with the report and feel it is a true reflection of St Paul's and the hard-working staff team who strive each and every day to provide the very education and care for your children. Your children are a credit to the school family. It highlights many strengths and in response to the one area for improvement we will continue to review curriculum coverage over the next couple of terms.

Christmas Productions

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming Parents to school for the Christmas productions when **Early Years and Key Stage 1** children will perform their nativities. We appreciate that many families would like to bring along extended family members, but unfortunately, we just do not have enough space in the school hall. Therefore, we can only apologise if we have been unable to accommodate all additional ticket requests. Also, prams and buggies need to be left outside the main entrance away from fire exits and doors. There will be a raffle at each of the performances next week so don't forget to bring some money along with your tickets. **Key Stage 1** nativity on Wednesday at 6pm – all children need to return to their classroom for 5.30pm – 5.45pm. If you are not attending, you will need to collect your child at 6.30pm.

Please ensure that you bring your tickets to the performance with you.

We also ask that you remain seated throughout the performance.

****Please note that for all events any photographs or videos taken must be for your own personal use and images of other children must not be posted on any social networking sites. Thank you for your co-operation in relation to this matter.****



Illness & absences from School

Further to the letter emailed out to Parents from Population Health please can we ask all Parents to be specific with the reasons for your child's absence.

Please be vigilant for these symptoms of **scarlet fever** in your child:

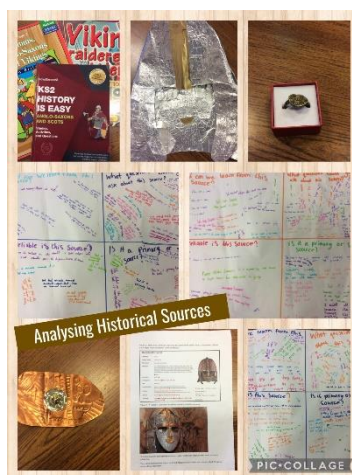
- The first signs of scarlet fever can be flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, headache and a sore throat.
- A rash appears 12 to 48 hours later.
- Sometimes a white coating also appears on the tongue.
- Flushed cheeks and with a pale area around the mouth.

If you notice any of these symptoms, please keep your child at home and speak to your GP or call 111 to see if treatment is necessary. The vast majority of children will go on to make a full recovery and will return to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

There are some simple steps that we can all take to help reduce the onward transmission of any infectious disease including frequent and effective handwashing, good respiratory hygiene - catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue and put used tissues straight in the bin, maintain good ventilation - open windows or doors whenever possible.

Focus on Learning in Year 5

Last week, Year 5 were busy learning collaboratively in their history lessons with Mr Titterington to analyse historical sources. The children also enjoyed sharing their learning in the celebration assembly.



Advent 2022

Dear Lord,
 Heal my heart during
 this season of Advent.
 Help me to love more fully.
 To forgive more generously.
 To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits.
 Amen.

Key Stage 2 Reconciliation Service

Thank you to Fr Oliver who came to school on Tuesday afternoon to lead an Advent Reconciliation Service for the children in Year 4 to Year 6. As always, the children participated with respect for each other throughout the service. Well done to the children who read at this service too.

Nursery Places 2023

Applications are open for Nursery for September 2023. The closing date for application is **31st January 2023**. If you would like a part-time place for your child then please contact the school office for an application form. Further information about admissions to Nursery and Reception can be found on the school website <http://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/admissions/18690>

Attendance & Punctuality

Well done to **Year 6** with the highest attendance last week. Thank you to all of those children and their families who arrive at school on time every single day.

We are unable to authorise holidays during term time and fines will be issued for any holidays taken during this academic year, unless there are very exceptional circumstances.

Attendance & Punctuality for week beginning Monday 28 th November 2022								
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Number of late arrivals	3	1	6	1	4	4	3	2
Attendance	81.54%	91.03%	97.31%	96.21%	89.03%	93%	95.33%	97.93%

Dates for your 2022/2023 Diary	
November – now open	Online applications open for Reception 2023 places
Wednesday 14 th December	EYFS Nativity at 9.30am
Thursday 15 th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity at 6pm
Friday 16 th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity at 9.30am
Monday 19 th December	Christmas Party Day – Christmas jumpers, party clothes may be worn
Tuesday 20 th December	Whole School Mass at 9am – all welcome Christmas Dinner for pupils on School Dinners
Wednesday 21 st December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St Paul's Church at 9.30am Break up for Christmas holidays at 3.15pm
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Back to school – start of the Spring Term
Tuesday 10 th January 2023	Year 6 Class Mass at 9am
Sunday 15 th January 2023	Closing date for Reception applications
Tuesday 24 th January	Year 3 visit to the Marist Centre
Wednesday 1 st February	Year 5 visit to Tatton Park
Tuesday 7 th February	Year 2 Class Mass Sacramental Workshop for Y3 Pupils & Parents
Saturday 11 th February	Sacramental Programme: Family Mass - St Paul's Church at 6pm
Wednesday 15 th February	Year 6 Residential depart for Kingswood at 9.30am
Friday 17 th February	Year 6 return from Kingswood approximately 3pm Break up for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 27 th February	Return to School
Monday 8 th May 2023	*Additional Bank Holiday

News from Tameside Library



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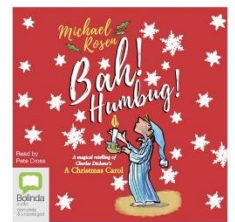
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