

St Paul's Catholic Primary School

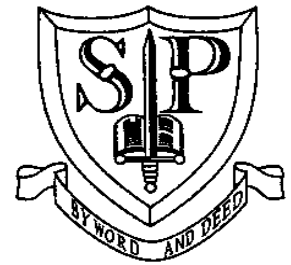
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Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023

Special Friends Assembly

It was lovely to welcome so many Parents and Grandparents to the annual **Special Friends** assembly. The Year 6 children and the Reception children led the assembly so well and the Reception children were exceptionally well behaved throughout. I know that the Year 6 children will enjoy spending time with their special friends and will help them to understand and follow the Golden Rules: - Jesus said 'Love one another as I have loved you'. This means we respect St. Paul's and everyone at our school through being gentle, kind and helpful, by working hard, by looking after property, listening to others and being honest. We also hope that families have had the opportunity to share their gift book at home too. Thank you for your feedback too through the online survey.



School Building Fund – Voluntary Contribution

Attached to the newsletter today you will receive a pdf leaflet explaining about the Diocesan Building Fund. As in previous years, voluntary contributions to the School Building Fund are being requested from all parents with children in our school. The Fund is of great importance in helping meet the 10% liability on building and major repair projects and managing property, as it enables schools to be able to take advantage of Government funding. The voluntary contributions made by parents in respect of children attending our schools play a vital role in this. The Pdf explains that parents can make their voluntary contribution Online and Gift Aid this. Voluntary contributions can also be made by cash/cheque. A Gift Aid Declaration (Form B) is also included as part of the Pdf that parents can complete to boost the value of their voluntary contribution made by cash/cheque.

European Day of Languages



5 'Hellos' challenge

PIC•COLLAGE



Learning
with Mrs
Wood

MFL

YEAR 5 FOOD TASTING

EUROPEAN LANGUAGES
DAY 26.09.23

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Sports Report

Cross Country

Well done to all of the children who took part in the Tameside Catholic Schools Sports Association (TCSSA) Cross Country on Wednesday evening. The children ran with great determination, effort and skill and we even managed to avoid the storm. A special mention to Niamh (Y3) and Rowan (Y5) who finished 9th and 6th respectively.

Running Club

Thank you to all of the KS2 children who attended the lunchtime running club on Monday and Tuesday. We will be continuing the very successful lunchtime running club on a Friday lunchtime. Weather-permitting, the running club will be on next Friday and all children in KS2 are welcome to join in. If your child would like to take part, please could you send a running kit (separate from their PE kit as it might get quite muddy) and suitable footwear to run on grass (not brand-new white trainers).



Bikeability

It has been a very busy week of sport at St. Paul's this week. The Year 6 children spent two days developing the cycling skills needed to stay safe on the road. The children made a remarkable amount of progress throughout the course and it was a great way to celebrate #CycleToSchoolWeek. If your child is bringing their own bike to school, please ensure that they bring a helmet. Please ensure that bikes are taken home at the end of the day.



Bikeability on Monday and Tuesday was so much fun and really useful. We were able to practise the things we learnt, such as u-turn and indication, on the roads! For indication you need to communicate with others what you are going to do so you put your arm out to tell the cars which way you are going. Before you set off on your bike, we found out that you should always do an "M check": this is where you check if your tyres are pumped and everything is where it needs to be. Written by Martha, Year 6.

Football Match v St Peter's

Wow! What a boys' football match we had on Thursday night! 7-7 at full time! The game ebbed and flowed throughout, but both teams were incredible. We showed amazing resilience to come back in to the game as we conceded 3 early goals. Unfortunately, because it was the first round of the Tameside cup, there had to be a winner so the match was decided on penalties. In the end, the penalties finished 3-2 to St. Peter's, but the boys played brilliantly – many of whom were making their debut for school.

The game has already been tipped by Tameside SFA to win the award for the 'Game of the Season.'



Change of contact details

We are currently in the process of updating emergency contact details and have now created an online form. This week, all Parents were sent an email and a link to the new form. Please complete and return as a matter of urgency as it is vitally important that we have up to date emergency contact details.

Year 6 Parents – Admission to Secondary School

If you haven't already done so you must apply for a Secondary School place by logging on to <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions/ssa>. The closing date for applications is **31st October 2023**. Any applications received after this date will be dealt with as a late application and you may not receive one of your chosen schools.

Flu Immunisations

All forms should now have been returned to the school office as they have now been collected by the vaccination team. If you have not yet returned your form please do so before the half term holiday to ensure that your child will receive the vaccination. Also, if you have your child vaccinated at the GP before the 21st November please contact IntraHealth 0333 3583397 (option 1, then option 6) to avoid any double vaccinations.

Learning at St Paul's

Year 1 have been introduced to the signs greater than and less than this week. They compared numbers to 10.



Mary's Meals

The Working Together council have decided that the children will participate in a sponsored fun run to raise funds for Mary's Meals [Homepage | Mary's Meals UK \(marysmeals.org.uk\)](http://marysmeals.org.uk) who raise funds to serve nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. More information will follow shortly.

We are recruiting for a Midday Assistant – To start as soon as possible

The Governors of St Paul's are seeking to appoint a permanent Midday Assistant to work from 11.55am to 1.20pm daily (term-time only). We are looking for someone who is able to relate well to children and adults, is able to work constructively as part of a team and has awareness of safety within the school environment. We can offer a warm community with a strong Catholic Ethos, well behaved children who enjoy learning and a friendly and dedicated staff team. If you have any questions about the post please speak to Miss Flynn or Mr Allen. Applications must be made on a Catholic Education Service Application Form available to download <http://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/vacancies/52282>

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance & Punctuality for week beginning 18th September 2023									
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Attendance	100%	97.24%	94.14%	95.93%	98%	97.5%	87.93%	97.10%	95.98%
Lates	0	2	10	6	1	3	6	3	

Photographs

Don't forget to order your photographs from <http://www.myfoto.co.uk/>

Dates for your 2023/2024 Diary	
Tuesday 3rd October	Year 4 visit to Science & Industry Museum, Manchester Year 6 Visit to Portland Basin
Thursday 5th October	Lionesses Competition
Friday 6th October	FOSP Non-Uniform Day* (please note change of date)
Wednesday 11th October	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome
Friday 13th October	Year 5 Class Mass at 9am – all welcome
Monday 16th October	Parents Evenings for Nursery to Year 6
Tuesday 17th October	Parents Evenings for Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y6
Wednesday 18th October	Parents Evenings for Year 5
Thursday 19th October	Lionesses Competition Break up for Half-term
Friday 20th October	Staff INSET Day
Monday 30th October	Back to school
Tuesday 31st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications
Early November	Online applications open for Reception 2023 places
Friday 17th November	FOSP Family Quiz night
Tuesday 21st November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 21st December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Wednesday 3rd January 2024	Back to school – start of the Spring Term
Monday 15th January 2024	Closing date for Reception applications