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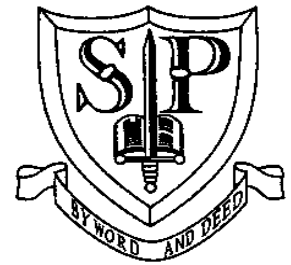
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Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024

Parents and Parishioners welcome to the Reception Class Mass on Friday morning at 9am.

Kingswood

On Wednesday morning next week, Year 6, will set off for their adventures at Kingswood. Mr Allen, Miss Smith, Miss Girven and Ms Nicholson (Foundation Governor) will be accompanying the children on the visit and Mr Edwards, Chair of Governors, will attend for the day on Thursday. I know that the children (and staff) are very much looking forward to the experience and we hope that they all have a wonderful time.

Your child should attend school as normal on **Wednesday 7th February** and they should bring their luggage into the school with them. Parents are welcome to wave the children off at 9.30am. Your child will need a packed lunch, for the Wednesday, please ensure that food is sent in a disposable bag. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, they will be provided with a packed lunch.

Departure information on Wednesday 7th February:

- Arrive at school for 8.55am wearing casual clothes
- Depart from School **with Orion Coaches** – 9.30am
- Arrive at Kingswood for approximately 11.00am
- Visit to Loggerheads Country Park – Walk & Picnic

Return Information on Friday 9th February:

- Depart from Kingswood – approximately 1pm
- Return to school – approximately 3pm

All medication should be clearly labelled with your child's name and a separate form should be completed, with the daily dosage clearly identified. On Wednesday, all medication and money should be handed to Mr Allen.

In order to keep you up to date whilst we are away we update the class page of the School Website so that we can keep you posted with the highlights of our week. We will endeavour to keep this up to date on a daily basis but please be aware that there is limited access to IT facilities. We will not contact Parents unless there is a specific need – remember no news is good news. If there is an **urgent** need to contact us whilst we are away, please phone the school office during the day or contact Kingswood in the evenings on 01352 811000.

Learning at St Paul's this week

EYFS had some special visitors this week as part of their learning about *When I Grow up!* The children have loved taking care of each other after their visit from Nurse Hazel. On Friday morning, the local Police Officers also visited school. Thank you to those Parents who volunteered to talk to the children about their jobs.



Evidence Me

Evidence Me is only used for children in the Early Years – Nursery and Reception. Once pupils move into Key Stage 1 Learning is recorded in books, hence the reason we do not need the online platform. All Parents in Reception and Nursery can have access to Evidence Me and parents are always welcome to contribute to the online Learning Journey.

Nursery Provision

Many thanks to all those Parents who have responded to the Nursery Survey issued through school spider. The Governors will use this information as part of the review of the current Nursery provision.

Children's Mental Health Week – 5th to 11th February

Next week we will also recognise Children's Mental Health Week. We will also continue with the MyHappyMind sessions and it's great to see that many parents have signed up to use the app. It's still not too late if you haven't yet signed up. We also would like to signpost parents to some additional support available throughout Tameside and some online resources for adults.



Mental Health
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Safer Internet Week

Monday 5th February 2024 will be **Safer Internet Week** at St Paul's. On Tuesday 6th February 2024, it is **Safer Internet Day**.

The theme this year is:-

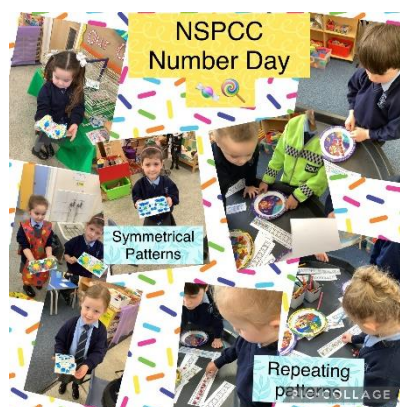
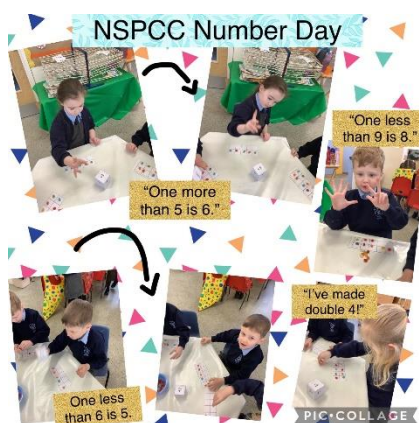
“Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.”

The theme of this year's E-Safety week is particularly important, as we continue to embed our expectations for respect throughout school, including how our children interact online. E-safety Week continues to be an important topic in our ever-changing digital world. The safer internet day website has some helpful guidance and advice for Parents.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

NSPCC Number Day

Today we have participated in the NSPCC Number day and based Maths learning around the book, *How many Jelly beans? By Andrea Menotti*. Thank you to Mrs McGowan who organised the Jelly Bean Competition. We are delighted to announce the winner of the competition is Amelia O who guessed correctly that there were 397 jelly beans in the jar. Thank you to all who participated. We have raised £124.00 for the NSPCC.



Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations to Year 1 with the highest attendance and to Nursery for being the most punctual once again. We now ask that if your child arrives late to school (after 8.55am) that parents/carers take your child to the main office and you are required to sign them in with a reason for your late arrival. Lateness has a significant impact on learning for your child so we ask that all parents make a real effort to arrive at school on time every single day.

Attendance & Punctuality for week beginning 22nd January 2024									
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Attendance	98%	95.17%	98.46%	92.59%	97.67%	95.31%	91.67%	94.84%	95.46%
No of Lates	0	1	4	1	2	1	8	5	

Dates for your 2024 Diary	
Monday 5th February	Children's Mental Health Week
	Safer Internet Week
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7th February	Year 6 Residential to Kingswood – departure at 9.30am
Friday 9th February	Reception Class Mass at 9am – Parents & Parishioners welcome
	Year 6 Return from Kingswood – approx. 3pm
	Break up for half term at 3.15pm
Saturday 17th February	Hyde Utd v Stafford Rangers – 3pm Kick off (Please see letter from Mr Rothwell for more information)
Monday 19th February	Return to School
Tuesday 20th February	Family Workshop for the Sacramental Programme at 6pm
Thursday 22nd February	Year 6 Safe Squad
Friday 23rd February	Little Bikers for Reception and Year 1
Friday 8th March	Year 2 Class Mass at 9am – Parents & Parishioners welcome
	TCSSA Annual Swimming Gala - evening
	Start of Science Week
Tuesday 12th March	TCSSA Cheerleading Competition
	Sacrament of First Forgiveness at St Paul's Church at 7pm
Wednesday 20th March	Class Photographs
Sunday 24th March	Start of Holy Week
Tuesday 26th March	FOSP – Spring Sing at 3.30pm
Thursday 28th March	Break up for Easter Holidays
Wednesday 10th April	Start of the Summer Term