

# St Paul's Catholic Primary School

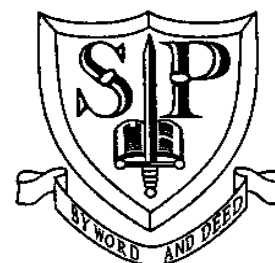
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## Newsletter

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

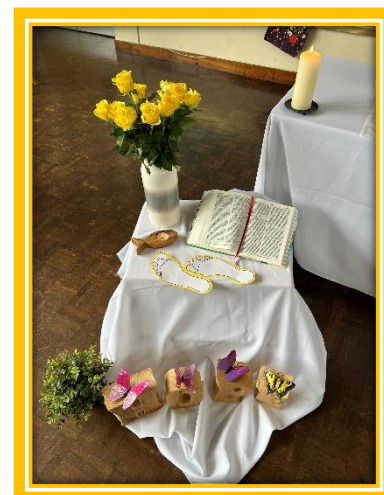
***Parents are welcome to join us for the Year 5 Class Assembly on Wednesday morning at 9.15am***

### **Year 4 Class Mass**

It was lovely to welcome Father Denis back to school to celebrate Mass with the Year 4 children last Friday morning. The theme of the Mass was *Followers of Jesus* and the children read and sang beautifully. Thank you to all of the parents who joined us.

### **Nursery & Reception Provision**

This week we have sent out offer letters for Reception places for September 2024. We do have some spaces available so if you know anyone looking for a Nursery or a Reception place please encourage them to contact the school office for more information. We will happily show them around our lovely school.



### **Year 4 Class Visit to Hyde Library**



On Thursday, Year 4 went to Hyde Library. While we were there, the Librarian, James, told us about library cards and that you can borrow up to 20 books at a time. We started by discussing the meaning of Fiction and Non-Fiction, and the different types of genres of fiction books. We then sorted some Fiction books for the shelves using alphabetic order for the author's surname. Non-fiction books were sorted into their topics. Afterwards, we had time to search around the library, and to choose books which we wanted to read. I read *The Worst Witch* and some of a *Secret Seven* book. My favourite part was sorting the books.

Report written by Nola – Y4.

### **Learning at St Paul's – Summer Term Curriculum**

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to the start of the Summer Term, although the weather certainly hasn't felt like Summer!

Below you will find information about the curriculum and further information can be found by clicking on the relevant year group on the school website <https://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/page/curriculum-information/5603>

	Summer 1	Summer 2
Nursery	What can you hear on the farm?	Magnificent Minibeasts
Reception	Is it hot where you are?	Sail the Seas
Year 1	Farm to Fork (Science)	
Year 2	Wiggle, Crawl and Grow (Science)	
Year 3	Pharaoh's (History)	
Year 4	Rotten Romans (History)	
Year 5	Rivers & Mountains (Geography)	
Year 6	The Mayans (History)	



## Emotional Health & Well-Being

This half-term we have started the next unit on the Myhappymind called Relate. We had an assembly and we talked about why positive relationships are so important and the skills we need to build positive relationships.

## An interesting start to the term in Year 1

Year 1 started the term with a strange visitor from outer space! They carefully studied the mystery spaceship and read a story all about our new friend - Beegu!



## Mobile Phones

School Policy is that children are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school from Nursery to Year 5. Year 6 can only bring a mobile phone with consent. We are aware that many children access mobile devices at home and we are asking that Parents support school by being proactive in keeping children safe in an increasingly connected world. For this reason, it is vital that **all parents** are aware of and understand current regulations and guidance. It may be useful to know the following age restrictions for having social media accounts:

- **Tik Tok, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, YouTube – 13 years old**
- **WhatsApp – 16 years old**

Despite the age restrictions, the vast majority of social media sites do not ask for proof of age; therefore, the responsibility primarily is with parents to monitor acceptable use of social media. We are committed to teaching your children about online safety as part of the school's curriculum.

## Dinner Money

Thank you to all of the Parents who promptly pay their dinner money on a weekly basis. The weekly cost for meals is **£14.75** and we ask that this payment is made in advance. The total cost of 32 meals for the duration of the Summer 1 half term is **£94.40**. If you have any questions or queries relating to school meals please speak to the staff in the school office.

## Academy Consultation

Thank you to those Parents who attended the Statutory Consultation Meeting last night. It was lovely to welcome the CEO of the Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust, Mrs Humphries, to school who was able to talk about the academy and answer questions about the proposed conversion. If you have any further questions/queries about the proposed academy conversion to join Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust please complete the consultation response form <https://forms.office.com/e/afD2aLOMYg> The consultation will close next **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**.

## Attendance & Punctuality

Today, we presented 119 attendance awards to children. Certificates will be awarded again at the end of the Summer Term for those pupils who have **both** good attendance and good punctuality. The overall attendance for school is currently **95.3%**.

Award	Attendance	Punctuality	Number of Certificates presented – Autumn Term	Number of Certificates presented – Spring Term
Gold	Attendance is 100%	Always in school on time	36	42
Silver	Attendance is 98% or higher	Very rarely late to school	44	58
Bronze	Attendance is 96% or higher	Very rarely late to school	33	19

### **FOSP – Spring Sing & Lenten Smarties Challenge**

Many thanks to all who donated prizes or cakes or attended the event before the Easter break. Thank you to the children who took part in the Smarties Challenge. We have raised over £900.00 from the Spring Term events which is amazing and proceeds raised will go towards funding a new screen for one of the classrooms and will also be used to enhance learning in the outdoors in the Early Years. Thank you to the Friends of St Paul's for organising each of the events.

<b>Dates for your 2024 Diary</b>	
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Football Match v St Mary's at Dukinfield Astley
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	End of Academy Consultation
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Y3 Family Workshop – Sacramental Programme at 6pm
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Local Elections – School in use as a Polling Station, but school will remain open
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY – School Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 4 Visit to Chester
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	EYFS Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	First Holy Communion – 9.30am at St Paul's Church
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Start of Year 6 SATs Week
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Year 1 Farm Visit
	ASCC Staff to Visit Y6 Pupils & Parents
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Break up for half term
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Return to School
	Start of Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks
	Start of Year 4 Multiplication Checks