

# St Paul's Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022**

***Reception and Year 6 Parents are invited to attend the Special Friends Assembly next Tuesday morning at 9.15am in the school hall.***

### **Learning at St Paul's this week**

**Nursery** are having great fun playing and learning outdoors. Ms Shenton and Mrs Oakes are delighted with how well the children have settled in at the start of their school life. It is so lovely to see them taking care of the plants.

**Year 1** have been busy following instructions to draw self-portraits. The children looked carefully at their features. You can find the full portrait gallery on the class page of the school website

[http://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/work/self-](http://www.st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/work/self-portraits/76046)



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### **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. 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> Closing Date: Noon 26/9/2022

### **Baby News**

Congratulations to Mrs Phoenix, our School Business Manager on the safe arrival of her baby, Benjamin, who was born at the start of September. We hope that she enjoys her maternity leave with her family.



### **Special Friends Assembly**

Reception and Year 6 Parents are invited to join us in the school hall at 9.15am on Tuesday morning for the Special Friends assembly. For those families who are new to our school each of the children in Reception will be partnered with a Special Friend from Y6. During the assembly the Y6 children will explain how they will be a Special Friend. Please make your way to the main entrance of the school and we will open the doors once all of the children are in. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate buggies/prams and these will need to be left outside of the school building if you are bringing younger siblings. We also ask that any photographs you take you keep for your own personal use and **are not** shared on social media.

## Nursery Places

We still have some places available for Nursery this year. Please speak to staff at the school office if you have a child who is 3 and would like a place each morning in our teacher led nursery.

## Y5 and Y6 Parents - All Saints Catholic College

All Saints Catholic College are holding their Open Evening on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September** from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. I would encourage all Parents to go and visit and take the opportunity to meet the Headteacher, Mr Diamond, and the current staff and pupils.

## Morning Drop Off

From the start of October, we will be asking all Parents to leave their children at the school gates each morning, rather than taking them to the classroom doors. Hopefully over the next week it will give you the opportunity to prepare your child for this slight change.

## Parking around school

We ask that all Parents/Carers are considerate when parking their cars around school. We ask that you do not double park or prevent local residents from gaining access to their property and drive way. Wherever possible we ask that Parents walk their children to school. If you have to drive and wish to use the school car park you must adhere to the following rules:-

- Cars must park in marked bays only
- Ensure that you only park in the marked disabled bays if you are a blue badge holder
- Drive at an appropriate speed.

**Emergency access for Fire Engines, Police and Ambulance is required at both school gates therefore it is vital that entrances are kept clear at all times.**

## Uniform

Please will all Parents/Carers kindly ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. We have a number of items of uniform that we are unable to return to owners as they are brand new and nameless. If any families are short of items of uniform, particularly jumpers, we do have some pre-loved uniform that we can offer. Please ask at the school office should you need any uniform.

## Healthy School

St Paul's is a **Healthy School** and we encourage all children to eat a healthy balanced diet. Please support us by ensuring your child's morning snack and, where applicable, packed lunch is a healthy one. School staff are concerned about the amount of food some children are bringing for lunch, for example 2 packets of crisps and a number of chocolate bars. Fruit is provided for children in Reception and Key Stage 1 as a daily morning snack at no charge. For Key Stage 2 children healthy snacks include fresh fruit/vegetables or bread sticks. Water bottles for classroom use must contain water only.

## Safeguarding

We are all committed to effectively safeguarding the children in our care. All of the school staff received safeguarding training as part of our INSET training days and will receive further updates during this term. Our designated Safeguarding Leads are Miss Flynn and Mr Allen. Our current safeguarding policy and additional information can be found on the school website. We also receive information from the Police through the Operation Encompass project regarding any incident that your child may have witnessed.

## Attendance & Punctuality

We promote good attendance and excellent punctuality at St Paul's. Each term pupils with 100% attendance and no lates will be awarded with a certificate. 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 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022								
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Number of late arrivals	1	1	0	2	1	2	3	4
Attendance	100%	95%	98%	98%	96%	96%	97%	98%

Well done to Nursery with 100% attendance last week and to Year 1 with no late arrivals.

The poster for All Saints Catholic College's Open Evening features the school's crest and logo at the top left. It includes the text 'A voluntary academy Birch Lane, Dukinfield SK16 5AP' and 'Be Inspired. Be Excellent. Succeed.' The main event is 'OPEN EVENING' on '28th September 6.30pm - 8.30pm', with a note that 'Additional tours will be available in September'. The poster is decorated with images of students and staff. A central badge states 'OFSTED rated GOOD with OUTSTANDING pastoral care 2018'. Below this, it says 'At All Saints we are proud to say we are: OFSTED rated as GOOD in 2018'. Further text describes the school's ethos: 'Have a caring and compassionate ethos based on our Catholic values of family and community', 'Have highly committed teachers who strive for our ideals of success and excellence for all pupils', and 'Endeavouring to achieve the highest standards and the best outcomes for all of our children'. At the bottom, it provides the telephone number '0161 338 212' and the website 'www.allsaintscatholiccollege.com'. A small note at the bottom left says 'If you cannot join us on open evening, please telephone the College to arrange a visit'.

### Before and After School Clubs

Day	Provision	Year Group	Times
Tuesday	Maths Club - TTRS	More info to follow	After school
Tuesday	Music	Y4 Glockenspiel	3.15pm – 4pm
Wednesday	Maths Club - TTRS	Key Stage 2	Lunchtime
Thursday	Dance	Key Stage 1 Pupils	8.00am to 8.50am
Thursday	Football	Boys Year 5 & 6	8.00am to 8.50am
Thursday	Football	Girls Year 5 & 6	3.15pm to 4.15pm
Friday	Dance	Key Stage 2 Pupils	8.00am to 8.50am

### Free School Meals (FSM)

If your circumstances have changed and you think you may now be eligible for Free School Meals, please email us at [admin@st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk) or pop in to the school office and we can provide you with additional information. School can then do a quick check to find out if you are entitled to Free School Meals.

### **Dates for your 2022/2023 Diary**

<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Closing date for Midday applications Deposits for Kingswood due
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Special Friends Assembly at 9.15am – Rec & Y6 Parents welcome Return date for Parent Governor nomination forms Y5/6 Girls – Football Match v St John Fisher (A)
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	All Saints Catholic College open evening: 6.30pm – 8.30pm
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 2 Class Assembly at 9.15am
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 4 Visit to Manchester Art Gallery
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	KS2 Tameside Catholic Schools Cross Country Championships – King George V Playing Fields – more info. to follow
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents Evenings for Nursery to Year 6: 3.30pm – 6pm
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents Evenings for Reception to Year 6: 3.30pm – 5.30pm
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Break up for Half-term
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Staff INSET Day
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Closing date for Secondary School applications
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Back to school
<b>Early November</b>	Online applications open for Reception 2023 places
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Break up for Christmas holidays
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	Back to school – start of the Spring Term
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	Closing date for Reception applications

### Branching Out - Tameside

Branching Out is Tameside's drug and alcohol service for under 25s, children, and those who are concerned about someone else's substance use. They are offering some online training courses around the themes of Drug and Alcohol and Child Sexual Exploitation on 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October. Please see the links below for booking information.

- Tameside Parents/Carers - Drug and Alcohol Awareness Briefing - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/421413347667>
- Tameside Parents/Carers - Exploitation CSE/CCE Awareness Briefing - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/421413247367>