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Newsletter

Friday 30th September 2022

Year 2 Parents are invited to attend the Year 2 Class Assembly next Wednesday morning at 9.15am in the school hall.

Special Friends Assembly

Thank you to the Year 6 children who led the Special Friends Assembly on Tuesday morning. The children led the readings, prayers and singing beautifully. It was lovely to have so many Parents/Carers joining us for the assembly too. I know that the Year 6 children will enjoy taking care of their Special Friends both when learning and at play. We hope that all of the families have had the opportunity to share their gift book with their child at home too.



Learning at St Paul's this week

Year 5 have been learning about forces this half term, and have been investigating the force of Friction. We were asked to investigate which material would be best at slowing a car down, to see which material would create the most friction to be used as brake pads. We used ramps with different materials, and measured the time it took for each car to reach the bottom of the ramp. The ramp material which made the car move the slowest, created the most Friction.



Sports Report

Well done to the girls' football team who played really well against St. John Fisher on Tuesday. The girls played with great spirit and determination, but unfortunately came up against a very strong St. John Fisher team. There were plenty of positives to take out of the game and we are looking forward to the season ahead. Thank you to all family members who came along to watch and to Mr Allen for organising the event.

Please note that due to Mr Allen being on a training course there will be no football training next Thursday – either before or after school.

Parent Governor Ballot

On Monday, you will receive the ballot papers for the election of a new Parent Governor. We have two nominations for the position, Abdul Hannan and Lauren Hanson. Please ensure that ballot papers are returned by Tuesday 11th October 2022.

From next week, we will be asking all Parents to leave their children at the school gates each morning, rather than taking them to the classroom doors. We would really appreciate your support with this transition.

Before and After School Clubs

It has been great to broaden our after-school club offer to include music. **Year 4** children certainly enjoyed their first lesson with Mr Partington this week. We look forward to the children developing their skills over the coming weeks.



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 th September 2022 | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| Number of late arrivals | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Attendance | 88% | 95% | 99% | 98% | 100% | 93% | 96% | 94% |

Well done to Year 3 with 100% attendance last week and to Reception, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6 with no late arrivals. Year 3 and Year 4 we hope to see a rapid improvement in your punctuality.

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 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 | |
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| Wednesday 5th October | Year 2 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents welcome |
| Thursday 6th October | Year 4 Visit to Manchester Art Gallery |
| Friday 7th October | Bishop Mark to visit St Paul's School |
| Tuesday 11th October | Year 1 Class Mass at 9am – Parents & Parishioners welcome |
| Wednesday 12th October | KS2 Tameside Catholic Schools Cross Country Championships – King George V Playing Fields – more info. to follow |
| Monday 17th October | Parents Evenings for Nursery to Year 6: 3.30pm – 6pm |
| Tuesday 18th October | Parents Evenings for Reception to Year 6: 3.30pm – 5.30pm |
| Wednesday 19th October | Year 5 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents/carers welcome |
| Thursday 20th October | Break up for Half-term |
| Friday 21st October | Staff INSET Day |
| Monday 31st October | Closing date for Secondary School applications |
| Monday 31st October | Back to school |
| Early November | Online applications open for Reception 2023 places |
| Friday 11th November | Nasal Flu Vaccinations |
| Wednesday 21st December | Break up for Christmas holidays |
| Wednesday 4th January 2023 | Back to school – start of the Spring Term |
| Sunday 15th January 2023 | Closing date for Reception applications |