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Newsletter

Friday 14th October 2022

***Year 5 Parents and Carers are invited to attend the Year 5 Class Assembly
next Wednesday morning at 9.15am in the school hall.***

Parents Evenings

Thank you to all who have booked their appointment for Parents evenings on either **Monday 17th** or **Tuesday 18th October**. This meeting will give you the opportunity to hear how your child has settled into their new year group and see their books. Appointments are for a maximum of ten minutes, please adhere to your allocated time slot. You should enter school through the main entrance into the school hall and you will have the chance to look at your child's work either before or after the appointment.

Mr Diamond, Head of All Saints Catholic College, will also be available on Tuesday evening to speak to Parents.

Year 1 Class Mass

Thank you to Father Oliver and well done to the Year 1 children who led the readings and prayers at their class Mass on Tuesday morning. The theme of the Mass was families and it was fabulous to have so many family members joining us for this special event. We really appreciate your support.

Sports Report

Well done to all of the runners who did so incredibly well in very wet conditions at the Tameside Catholic Schools (TCSSA) cross country event on Wednesday night. There were almost 30 children representing St. Paul's across Key Stage 2. Congratulations to Thomas (Y6) and Archie (Y3) who came 2nd and 3rd respectively. Lucas (Y5) and Carter (Y4) also finished in 4th place. A big thank you to all the parents and family members who came along to support the children.

Thanks to Mr Allen for co-ordinating the event for the children.

Competition Time

Miss Smith has today launched a competition to raise awareness of Black History Month. She would like the children to research an inspirational black individual. This could be an athlete, a musician or an actor/actress. The children can present their information in any way they would like; it could be: through a piece of creative writing such as a diary, a poster, a PowerPoint presentation, a poem, or you could even use coding to present the information on Purple Mash. Be as creative as you like! Please either give or email your entries to Miss Smith year6@st-pauls-st-pauls-hyde.tameside.sch.uk by **Monday 31st October**. The winner of each class will receive a certificate and there will be a special book prize for the overall winner of EYFS, another for the winner of KS1, and a final one for the winner of KS2.

Wear it Pink

We all know people within our community who are touched by cancer. The Working Together Council have held their first meeting and would like to support the Breast Cancer Now charity this term. We invite children to **Wear it Pink** next **Thursday 20th October** in return for whatever donation you feel you can give. We appreciate that times are difficult, so please do not feel under any pressure to contribute. Pupils can either wear pink clothes – e.g. a pink t-shirt, fancy dress, a pink wig, pink socks or wear something subtle such as a pink wristband, bobble, ribbon, laces, sweatbands or party hats.



Parent Governor Ballot

Thanks to all who took the time to vote in the recent Parent Governor election. We were delighted with the number of votes and are happy to announce that Lauren Hanson, Mum of Rafa and Emmy was elected and will take up her post as Parent Governor later this term. Thank you to Abdul Hannan who also stood for election.

Sacramental Programme

This week, we have emailed out a letter regarding the Sacramental Programme for this year. Please ensure that if you would like your child to enrol that you complete the form and return it to school, before next Thursday. If you have any questions about the programme please speak to Miss Flynn, Mr Allen or Miss Wainwright.

Thank you

Thank you for your kind donations to CAFOD last week. We raised a total of £110.67.

Dogs



We appreciate that Dogs are an important part of family life, however we need to make all Parents/Carers aware that Dogs **must not** be brought in to the school site, even if they are being carried. This includes the entire school site - the car park and the playground and the school field. So, if you wish to exercise your dog on the school run we ask that you stay outside of the school gates when dropping off/collecting your child. Thank you.

Dog Control Orders will be enforced by fixed penalty notices or by prosecution. The maximum fine on a prosecution is £1,000. The amount of the Fixed Penalty Notice has been set at £80, discounted to £50 if people pay within 14 days of issue of a fixed penalty notice.

Kingswood

Just a reminder to Year 6 Parents that you can pay for Kingswood through instalments. The total cost of the residential is £140.00. Please ensure you send any payments to the school office with your payment card.

School Building Fund – voluntary contribution

Thank you to all of the Parents who have donated to the Diocesan School Building Fund. The Fund is of great importance in helping the Governors to meet the 10% liability on building and major repair projects. We have benefited from this fund in recent years with new toilets, playground resurfacing and a replacement ceiling in the Nursery building. The Pdf issued earlier this week explains that parents can make their voluntary contribution online and also 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 print off and complete to boost the value of their voluntary contribution made by cash/cheque. Should you require a printed version of the form please ask at the school office.

Times Table Rock Stars

Well done to all of the children who participated in the TTRS Rock Battle this week. Winners will be announced at our celebration assembly this afternoon. It was great to see children working hard to improve their speed of times tables recall at Mrs McGowan's lunchtime club this week.

Attendance & Punctuality

We promote good attendance and aim for excellent punctuality at St Paul's. Well done to **Year 1** with the highest attendance last week. It is pleasing to see that all classes from Reception to Year 6 had attendance over 95% last week.

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 3 rd October 2022								
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Number of late arrivals	5	3	4	1	5	2	3	6
Attendance	91%	95%	99%	98%	96%	96%	97%	98%

Secondary School Applications

If you have a child in Year 6, please ensure that you have completed your online application for a High School place for your child. The closing date for applications is **31st October**. Any applications received after this time will be classed as a late application and you may not be allocated your first choice of school.

Free School Meals (FSM) Vouchers

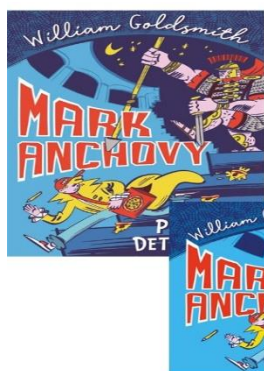
Next week we will once again be issuing a voucher to those families entitled to Free School (Benefits related) Meals. These will be sent out via email for you to redeem at Asda to provide food for your child over the half term break. It is our understanding that further vouchers will be issued throughout the remainder of the year

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	
Monday 17th October	Parents Evenings for Nursery to Year 6: 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Tuesday 18th October	Parents Evenings for Reception to Year 6: 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 19th October	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9.15am – Parents/carers welcome Sports Ambassador Training 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 20th October	Wear it Pink Charity Day 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
Tuesday 1st November	Individual Photographs Safe Squad for Year 6 pupils
Thursday 10th November	Girls Football Festival
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

Tameside Libraries Information

Children and their families can join Tameside Libraries to get a library card at any of our 8 branches: full details are available on our website: www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/childrens



Free ebook and eaudiobook download with your library card!

Colin Kingsley is a pizza delivery boy with a twist. He's actually an aspiring private detective. He's desperate for an interesting case to solve - that is, until the Golden Spatula League come calling, the greatest of all detective agencies, who only recruit children and have been hugely impressed by Colin's amazing memory skills.

To join their ranks, Colin - codenamed 'Mark Anchovy' - must fly to Rome to track the movements of known art forger Mr Big Al Fresco - who is suspected of stealing the valuable painting, Girl With A Squirrel, worth something in the region of 20 million US dollars.

Using only his wits and memory while working undercover at Mr Fresco's favourite pizzeria, Il Casa Bianca, Mark Anchovy must crack the code and solve the greatest mystery the Golden Spatula League has ever encountered. And all while escaping the beady eye of his crusty history teacher, Mr Hogstein . . .



Available for free, unlimited download in October 2022 on Borrowbox! Download to your phone, tablet or PC with your library card.
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Half term activities

with crafts, game and a treasure hunt on the theme of

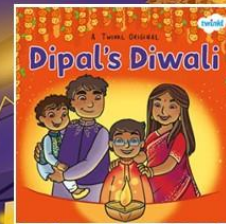
Diwali

Festival of Lights



Monday 24 October
10.30 – 11.30 am
Droylsden Library
Manchester Road, M43 6EP

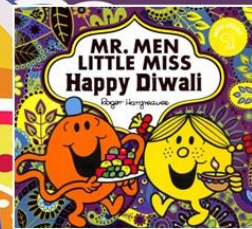
Tuesday 25 October
11.00 am – 12.00 noon
Dukinfield Library
Concord Way, SK16 4DB



Thursday 27 October
2.15 – 3.15 pm
Hattersley Library
The Hub, SK14 6NT

Friday 28 October
3.00 - 4.00 pm
Ashton Library
Tameside One, OL6 6BH

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**Aimed at children aged 4-11 and their grown ups.
No need to book, just come along on the day.**