

St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus. (cf John 8:12)



Friday Post

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Remembrance Day - November is the traditional month to remember those who have died. On Sunday 11th November it will be Remembrance Sunday and at the beginning of November, we remember all those who have died on All Souls' Day. It is appropriate that these events happen during autumn. The changing appearance of the trees at this time of year seems particularly poignant. It is an appropriate analogy to compare the falling leaves on a tree with those who have died. The trees look so barren, bare and lifeless. When a loved one dies then our lives are often filled with desolation and emptiness, just like trees can feel during wintertime.



The inspiration behind the poppy as a symbol of Remembrance.

■ A symbol of Remembrance and hope ■ Worn by millions of people ■ Red because of the natural colour of field poppies.

It is thought that the red of the petals represents the blood of those who gave their lives, the black button in the middle is for the mourning of those who never welcomed their loved ones home and the green leaf shows the hope that the grass and crops growing after the war brings.

Wear should a poppy be worn - some people say a poppy should be worn on the left lapel, to keep it close to your heart - it also the side that medals are worn by the Armed forces. Others argue that the symbol should be displayed on the left by men and the right by women, the traditional positions of a badge or brooch. The positioning of the flower's leaf has also prompted debate, with one theory dictating that it should be at 11 o'clock, representing the Armistice being signed at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. However, the British Legion insists there is no right or wrong way, saying: "The best way to wear one is with pride."

Attendance Matters

We do make this plea each year: Please **REMEMBER** to try and make medical/dental appointments outside school hours or during the holidays, if at all possible. Education is not an option, it is compulsory and any time out of class can affect your child's learning.



NO permission is given for holiday leave during term time. Kirklees will issue **Penalty Notices** for leave of absence in term time.

Our whole school attendance last week (22nd - 26th October) was 94%

Class attendance:	Nursery: 95%	Early Years: 95%	
Class 1A: 88%	Class 1R: 87%	Class 2G: 95%	Class 2N: 96%
Class 3C: 98%	Class 3H: 92%	Class 4B: 96%	Class 4C: 93%
Class 5J: 95%	Class 5S: 97%	Class 6M: 93%	Class 6W: 95%



Well done to classes 2N and 3C! They will have an extra playtime OR a special visit from Flopsy and Nibbles (rabbits from our school farm 'Noah's Ark') as a treat for having the highest attendance in their Key Stage this week. Class 2N will also receive 'Attendance Ted' for having the highest attendance in KS1.

Last half term there were 241 children who had 100% attendance! This is absolutely fantastic!
The winners for Autumn Term 1 (Sept - Oct) were : Hughie in class 1A / Charlie in class 5J / Grace in class 5S
The winning parents will receive a £10 voucher.

Achievements - Our school is full of amazing children, but this week certificates were awarded to the following children for excellence in a particular area:

Famous for a Fortnight!	Reception EY1: Daniel	Reception EY2: Adam
	Class 1A: Harry	Class 1R: Felicity
	Class 2G: Thomas	Class 2N: Mason

Star Reader Awards - The following KS1 children have shown a very positive attitude towards reading :

Class 1A: Penny	Class 1R: Farah
Class 2G: Kacper	Class 2N: Hasan

Wonderful Writer Awards - Well done to the following KS1 children for achieving a star writer award!

Class 1A: Layla	Class 1R: Nevaeh
Class 2G: Kaya	Class 2N: George

I look forward to reading and seeing your wonderful writing on display!

Well done to all of our **St. Paulinus Superstars** - keep up the great work!

Please note that the next **Celebration Assembly** will be for KS2 on **Thursday 15th November** at 14:40

All parents are warmly invited to attend!





I know what to do if I see someone being hurt

How do you know they are hurt ?

How would you make them feel better ?

Has anyone hurt you ?

Celebration Assemblies & Class Assemblies - We encourage parents / carers and grandparents to come along and watch these fantastic performances that children and staff have worked really hard to deliver. So if you have time to spare, we would love to see you attend these.

Please note that Celebration Assemblies take place on Thursdays at 14:40, and Class Assemblies on Fridays at 14:30. To try and keep disruptions to a minimum, the pedestrian gate will be opened 10 minutes prior to these events taking place.

For Class & Seasonal Assemblies

Once the gate is open, please follow the path and make your way down the steps to the main office. At this point, please wait behind the barrier until a member of staff meets you. If you have a pushchair please use the footpath until you get to the main gate and wait behind the barrier. Visitor badges will be issued as normal before you enter school.

To avoid disturbances and interruptions, we ask the following : (a) that if you are attending these events that you arrive at least 10 minutes before the starting time; (b) be considerate when attending and turn off mobile phones; (c) if you have a young child with you to please stand / sit near to the back so you can leave the hall should they begin crying / making noises or want to run about. I am sure you appreciate how hard it is for the children who are performing to project their voices over other noises.

We would like to thank you for your support with this.



Parents Consultations - EYFSU, Years 1 - 6

Parent Consultations will take place after school on **Tuesday, 13th and Wednesday, 14th November, 13:30 - 17:50.**

Please note that there no late night consultations available, however, you can make individual arrangements with your child's class teacher if any of the times below are not suitable.

It will be an opportunity for parents to discuss with their child's class teacher the progress that is being made and any other relevant issues.



Halloween - Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

If you have ticket 253 or 900, please come to the School office to claim your raffle prize.



Mass times at Our Lady & St. Paulinus Church

Every week a year group will walk to Our Lady and St Paulinus Church to attend Mass.

Parents / carers / grandparents are all very welcome to attend. Below are the following dates and times of the year group masses.

- Friday 16th November 10:00 Class 3C
- Friday 30th November 10:00 Year 2
- **Sunday 2nd December 11:15 School Family Mass**



A Poem for Remembrance Day

"The inquisitive mind of a child"

Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?
Selling poppies in town today.
The poppies, child, are flowers of love.
For the men who marched away.
But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?
Why not a beautiful rose?
Because my child, men fought and died
In the fields where the poppies grow.
But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?
Why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood, my child.
The blood that our soldiers shed.
The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy.
Why does it have to be black?
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief.
For the men who never came back.
But why, Mummy are you crying so?
Your tears are giving you pain.
My tears are my fears for you my child.
For the world is forgetting again.

(Author unknown)



Dates for your Diary ... What's coming up in November:

Tues, 13 th - Wed. 14 th Nov.	Parents Consultations	15:30 - 17:30
Thursday, 15 th Nov.	Parents Invite: KS2 Celebration Assembly	14:40 - 15:00
Friday, 16 th Nov.	Class 3C Mass @ Our Lady & St. Paulinus Church	10:00
Friday, 16 th Nov.	Year 2 Assembly	14:30 - 15:00
Wednesday, 21st Nov.	FofSP * Fun & Buns session - KSI & EYU Reception	13:30
Thursday, 22 nd Nov.	Parents Invite: EYU & KSI Celebration Assembly	14:40 - 15:00
Wednesday, 28th Nov.	FofSP * Fun & Buns session - KSII	13:30
Thursday, 29 th Nov.	Parents Invite: KSII Celebration Assembly	14:40 - 15:00
Friday, 30 th Nov.	Prepare for Advent (Non-Uniform) - bring chocolate donation	
Friday, 30 th Nov.	Year 2 Mass @ Our Lady & St. Paulinus Church	10:00



HELP REQUIRED - 6 Hour Spin for Candlelighters

If you have any free time between 10:00 - 16:00 hrs on Saturday 24th November, Kids Club are wanting bag packers anytime for ½ hr upwards to help pack bags at Asda, Dewsbury for children with cancer.

Kids Club look forward to seeing you there and thank you for your support.

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