

St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

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Friday Post

Acting Headteacher, Miss Sophie Hayes

7th December 2018

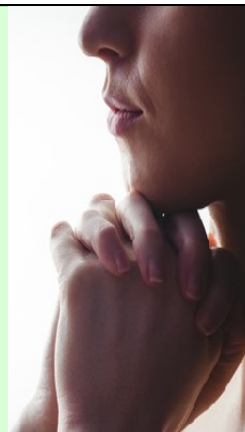
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Spiritual Reflection

So much is asked of all us these days - at home, in our jobs and by our families. We quickly become burdened by these demands. It is often, at this time of year, that we feel the pressure most. We want to create the best Christmas for ourselves and our families, we want our homes to look beautiful, we want our children to enjoy the festivities both inside and outside of school, we want to please each other and the list just seems to grow.

In Luke's Gospel (3:1-6) this weekend, we read about the word of God coming to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the saying of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Let us reflect and meditate on this throughout the second week of Advent.



Attendance Matters : Our whole school attendance last week (26th - 30th November) was 96%. Please note that children who are late into school, must be brought to the school office by their parents, (for their attendance mark) and **NOT** allowed to enter the school grounds on their own. If your child is ill, please notify our reception before 9:30 am.



Class attendance:	Nursery: 91%	Early Years: EY1: 95% / EY2: 92%	
Class 1A: 96%	Class 1R: 95%	Class 2G: 98%	Class 2N: 93%
Class 3C: 100%	Class 3H: 98%	Class 4B: 96%	Class 4C: 98%
Class 5J: 98%	Class 5S: 98%	Class 6M: 99%	Class 6W: 92%



Well done to classes 2G & 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 2G will also receive 'Attendance Ted' for having the highest attendance in KS1.

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:	Zachary	Reception EY2:	Umaiza
Class 1A:	Riley-Jay	Class 1R:	Ubaid
Class 2G:	Esme	Class 2N:	Harley



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

Class 1A:	Theo	Class 1R:	Amelia
Class 2G:	Zuha	Class 2N:	Jorgie



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

Class 1A:	Cora	Class 1R:	Jake
Class 2G:	Esme	Class 2N:	Isabella



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 due to Christmas Performances, the next Celebration Assembly will be for Early Years & KS1 on **Thursday 17th January 2019 at 14:40**. All parents are warmly invited to attend!



Weather warning - We are approaching the time of year when the weather can change. Should we receive any severe weather, we will make an assessment about whether it is safe to open the School. This decision will be made as early as possible, and you will be informed by text message. You can also check the Kirklees website : www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolclosures and local radio station. Please ensure that your contact details are up-to-date. We will only close in exceptional circumstances where the safety of children is the primary concern.

Friday 21st December - Pupils can be collected **from 13:30 onwards**. If your child usually catches the school bus home and will be doing so at 15:00 on this day, can you please contact Mrs. Watt so she can advise Lyles of the numbers.



Fun 'n' Buns - The Friends of St. Paulinus would like to say a very big 'thank you' to all who supported their "Fun 'n' Buns" event. Whether you sent buns in, came and attended the event or gave your child money to spend, THANK YOU so much!! With your help, they managed to raise an amazing £ 1,076.00 This really is a fantastic amount, and will benefit the children.



Nursery Applications

If you have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 and would like to apply for a part time nursery place here at St Paulinus, please call into school for an application form as well as a copy of the Nursery Admissions Policy. The application window is 1st September 2018 to 15th January 2019.



Reception Applications

If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 and would like to apply for a reception place in September 2019 please apply on line at : <http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/admissions/apply-primary-school-place.aspx>

The application into St. Paulinus is a 2 part application, to ensure your child receives the correct over subscription criteria you **MUST** complete a SIF (Supplementary Information Form) form from school and return this before the 15th January 2019. The application window is 1st September 2018 to 15th January 2019.

If you have any questions about the above please contact Mrs. Berry



Invitation to Grandparents & Parishioners

We would like to warmly invite all grandparents and parishioners to come into school on **Wednesday 19th December, 13:15** to listen to our children sing Christmas songs from their nativity plays.

Each year group will provide 2 songs for entertainment and tea / coffee and mince pies will be provided.

We hope to see you here.

**** Please use the bottom gate to gain access into school. ****



Chocolate Raffle - The Chocolate raffle will be **Thursday 20th December.**

Raffle tickets are available for the children to buy from their classrooms at 20p per ticket. These will be available to buy up until Wednesday, 19th December.

**** Don't forget this is also 'Christmas Jumper Day' ****



'SPRING' MILK : January - March

If you want your child to have milk next term, could you please pay on ParentPay before Wednesday 12th December.

£ 11.50 per term



Christmas Post Boxes are now in place in KS1 and KS2 for children to deliver their Christmas cards. Please make sure that your child puts the name and the class on the front of the envelope of the child they wish the card to go to.

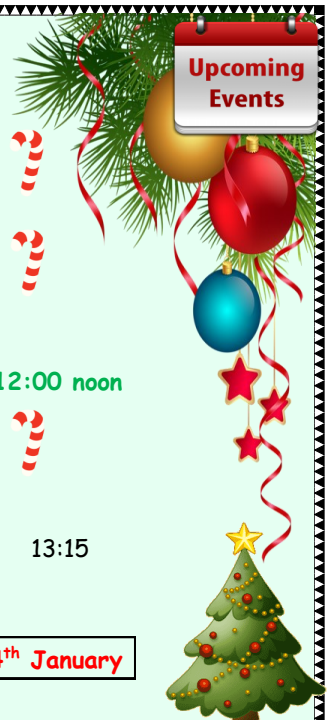
Dates for your Diary ... What's coming up ...

Tuesday, 11 th December	2G - Advent Liturgies (Prayer Garden)	14:50
Wednesday, 12 th December	2N - Advent Liturgies (Prayer Garden)	14:50
Thursday, 13th December	Year 1 - Christmas Production Performance	09:30
Thursday, 13th December	Year 3 - Christmas Production Performance	14:15
Thursday, 13 th December	Class 6M - Advent Liturgies (Prayer Garden)	14:50
Friday, 14th December	Year 2 - Christmas Production Performance	09:30
Friday, 14th December	Year 4 - Christmas Production Performance	14:15
Friday, 14 th December	Years 3 & 5 - Carols (Playground)	14:50
Friday, 14 th December	Class 6W - Advent Liturgies (Prayer Garden)	14:50
Sunday, 16th December	FofSP * Coffee Morning @ Parochial Hall	from 12:00 noon
Monday, 17th December	Year 5 - Christmas Production Performance	14:15
Tuesday, 18th December	EYFSU - Christmas Nativity Performance	09:30
Tuesday, 18th December	Year 6 - Christmas Production Performance	14:00
Tuesday, 18 th December	KS1 - Carols (Playground)	14:50
Wednesday, 19 th December	Grandparents & Parishioners invite : carols, tea & mince-pies	13:15
Thursday, 20th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Non-Uniform)	
Friday, 21st December	Last day of school before Christmas holidays	

Upcoming Events

Please remember that the Christmas holidays is from : Monday 24th December - Friday 4th January

Monday, 7th January, 2019 School re-opens, first day of new half term



St. Paulinus Kids Club are asking for your help for the following event :



Christmas should be a magical time for young children but for some, it can be a time filled with hospital wards, painful treatments and sleepless nights.

Rachel from 'Kids Club' has asked if our members of staff and children would be so kind as to buy a small present for donating to children on Cancer wards.

If you are able to do so, please wrap present and state whether this is for a boy or girl on the gift tag and pass to Rachel by **Friday 14th December.**

