

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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Third Sunday of Advent

As we begin the Third Week of Advent, we anticipate Christmas, and so we ask Christ to grant us His grace that we might be prepared for welcoming His Birth. Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, marks a traditional turning point in this period of preparation, and we see it visually in the Advent wreath. Not only do we light more candles than we leave unlit for the first time in Advent - thus providing more light, symbolizing the light of Christ - but it's the pink candle we light. The purple candles of the first two weeks (and of the fourth week) are symbols of penance, but the pink candle is a symbol of our coming joy.

Please do all you can to complete the journey by being at one of the Christmas Masses :

Christmas Eve, Monday 24 th December	18:30	at Our Lady & St. Paulinus Church
Christmas Eve, Monday 24 th December	22:30	at St. Joseph's Church
Christmas Day, Tuesday 25 th December	09:30	at St. Joseph's Church
Christmas Day, Tuesday 25 th December	11:15	at Our Lady & St. Paulinus Church



Attendance Matters : Our whole school attendance last week (3rd - 7th December) was 95%

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: 97% / EY2: 94%	
Class 1A: 96%	Class 1R: 97%	Class 2G: 95%	Class 2N: 93%
Class 3C: 97%	Class 3H: 99%	Class 4B: 98%	Class 4C: 99%
Class 5J: 97%	Class 5S: 96%	Class 6M: 86%	Class 6W: 96%



Well done to classes EY1, 1R, 3H & 4C! 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. Classes EY1 and 1R will also receive 'Attendance Ted' for having the highest attendance in KS1.



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' ****



School Admissions

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

Please note that due to Christmas Presentations, 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!

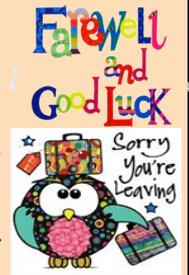


Weather warning - We are approaching the time of year when the weather can change. Should we receive any severe weather, we will make an assessment about whether it is safe to open the School. This decision will be made as early as possible, and you will be informed by text message. You can also check 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.

Au Revoir / Fond Farewell ... Staff Leaving December 2018

Unfortunately, we say goodbye to three teachers leaving us at the end of December :

- Miss Marray (Year 6 teacher) has decided to pursue her dream of travelling and seeing the world. We look forward to hearing all about her adventures and experiences when we see her next.
- Mrs. Stead (Early Years Nursery teacher) has decided to complete her qualification in "Play Therapy" so she can support children who need her help in dealing with difficult situations.
- Mr Haigh (Year 3 teacher) has decided to move on to new pastures and pursue new opportunities. We look forward to hearing all about his new ventures and experiences the next time we see him.



We will miss them all, but thank them all for their hard work, and their input into the lives of the children. Most of all we wish them every success with their future careers. Our thanks and prayers go with them.

Welcome to New Staff ... January 2019

A warm welcome awaits our new members of staff, who join us in the New Year :

- Mr. Keddie will be joining the Year 6 staff. He comes with a wealth of teaching experience and is very excited about getting to know his class and having the opportunity to plan some exciting lessons. His favourite subject is Topic and he has already planned out a whole term's worth of activities to engage Year 6!
- Miss Wadee will be joining the EYFS team. She is looking forward to working with some of our youngest members of our school family. She can't wait to join such a welcoming team and has loved meeting the children during her visits to school. She likes to be creative and so has already come up with some fun things for EYFS to do while making progress towards their early learning goals.
- I also take great joy in welcoming Mrs. Irving back officially. She will remain the teacher for class 3H for the rest of the academic year. Mrs. Irving is due to take a short break at the end of December, to do a bit of travelling herself but she is very excited about re-joining her class in January and continuing to help the children make excellent progress for the rest of the academic year.



Mrs. d'Arcy update : Mr. and Mrs. d'Arcy are thoroughly enjoying being new parents to their beautiful baby girl, Anna. They would like to thank the whole school for their well-wishes and prayers. Mrs. d'Arcy is hoping to bring Anna in for a visit to school over the next couple of weeks and perhaps stay for a nativity performance or two! She wishes all staff, children and parents a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and says she is looking forward to her return after her maternity leave.

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

Sunday, 16th December	FofSP * Coffee Morning @ Parochial Hall	from 12:00 noon		Upcoming Events
Monday, 17th December	Year 5 - Christmas Production Performance	14:15		
Tuesday, 18th December	EYFSU - Christmas Nativity Performance followed by coffee morning and tombola	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)			
Thursday, 20 th December	Chocolate Raffle : EYU & KS1 Chocolate Raffle	09:00 - 10:00		
	KS2 Chocolate Raffle	10:15 - 11:15		
Friday, 21st December	Last day of school before Christmas holidays			

Christmas Holidays is from : **Monday 24th December - Friday 4th January**
 School will re-open on **Monday 7th January, 2019**
 School for all children, from EYFSU through to Year 6, starts at 08:45 am.



School is not closing early on Friday, 21st December 2018, however you may collect your child from 13:30 onwards.

NOTE : School buses will be at 15:00 hrs, and will arrive home earlier than usual.



KIDS CLUB - Please **note** that Kids Club will close on **Friday 21st December (18:00)** and will re-open on **Monday 7th January 2019 (07:00)**