

# St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School



Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.

(cf John 8:12)

28th June, 2019

#### Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach our summer holidays, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the hard working members of staff at St. Paulinus, the fabulous children who make every day sparkle and to all the parents for their continued support of our school. It is a pleasure for me to be part of such a wonderful school family and each and every one of you have helped me enjoy this academic year as Acting Headteacher. I look forward to the new academic year and seeing the children continue to grow and develop as the year progresses.

#### **Upcoming events:**

Mon. 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> July	STEAM Week
Mon. 1 <sup>st</sup> – Thurs. 4 <sup>th</sup> July (3:10 – 4:00)	Parents Invite : Book Fair Sale
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	School transition day: Year 6 will visit their high schools.
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	School transition day: EYU – Year 5 The children and parents will find out their next teacher today, and the children will spend some time getting to know their new teacher during the day. Please drop off and collect your child as usual.
Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July (9:30 – 11:00 / 1:15 – 2:45)	Early Years Open Day
Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (6:00 – 7:15)	Choir – Dewsbury Big Sing @ Manor Croft Academy, Earlsheaton
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July (1:30 – 4:00)	Summer Fair
Mon. 8 <sup>th</sup> – Fri. 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Health & Fitness Week (Children to wear PE kit each day)
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 SATs Results for school to check through – results will be released to children & parents once school has completed their checking exercise to ensure the papers have been marked correctly. This is likely to be 12 <sup>th</sup> July as part of the children's reports.
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July (9:30)	Sports Day for EYFSU / Tombola
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July (1:30)	Sports Day for KSI, Yrs 1 - 2
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July (6:00 – 7:15)	Choir – St. John Fishers Pyramid Concert
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July (9:30)	Sports Day for KSII, Yrs 3 – 4
Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July (1:30)	Sports Day for KSII, Yrs 5 – 6
Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July (9:30 & 1:30)	Year 6 Leavers' Performance (Parents can choose to attend either of these performances)
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Children's written reports are coming out today
Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July (12:30 – 3:30)	Church Summer Fair
Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Retreat Day @ Parochial Hall
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> July (6:15)	Year 6 Leaver's Mass : All Year 6 children need to arrive at school for 6:00 pm

Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of school, Academic Year 2018/19 children can be collected from 1:30 pm
	*Please note that there will be no afternoon school bus, due to St. John Fishers finishing at lunchtime.

### We have some Staff Leaving:

Unfortunately, we say goodbye to the following staff members leaving us at the end of July.

- Mrs. d'Arcy will be leaving her role as Headteacher to spend more time with her lovely daughter Anna. All of St. Paulinus wish her and her family every happiness and luck for the future.
- ➤ Mrs. Hirst (HLTA) will be retiring after 22 years of dedicated service at St. Paulinus. We will all miss her presence and I am confident that the impact of her hard work will be seen for years to come.
- Mrs. Berry (Business Manager)
- ➤ Mr. Keddie (Year 6 teacher)
- Mr. White (Year 6 teacher)
- Mrs. Cross (Year 3 teacher)
- Mrs. Whitehead (Year 1 supply teacher)
- Miss Wadee (EYU teacher)
- Mrs. Townend (Lunchtime Supervisor)
- Mrs. Abubacar (Lunchtime Supervisor)



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 and plans. Our thanks and prayers go with them.

#### **Changing Roles:**

- ➤ Mrs. Scott (General Data Protection Officer & Business Support Officer) will leave her role as Business Support Officer, but will continue as General Data Protection Officer.
- Mrs. Jackson joins the Early Years Team as Nursery Teacher.

# We have some new staff joining the team:

A warm welcome awaits our new members of staff. We hope they enjoy joining our St. Paulinus family and I know all staff, children and parents will join me in helping them settle into their new school:

- Miss Smith will be joining as a teacher in our School.
- Mrs. Massey will be taking on the role of School Business Manager.

Your child's teacher will be having handover sessions with their new teacher; during this meeting teachers will pass on any relevant information parents have shared with them so that the new teachers are fully informed about your child, which will hopefully make for a smooth transition for both the children and the teacher.

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' evening in September for parents to learn more about their child's new year group.

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# **Celebration Assembly events**

Thank you so much to all the parents who managed to attend our "new look" celebration events. They were a huge success and we achieved our goal of raising the number of parents who attended. Parents reported that they enjoyed seeing their end of year shows and then having the chance to come with their child down to class to see some of the great work they have been doing over the year. The children were so excited to show their parents what they have been up to and they loved it too! We had 2 pieces of feedback to improve this event further and acted on them as the events went on; the microphones were used more effectively in the assemblies and the teachers changed how they set out their classrooms into more of a showcase/ interactive exhibit that parents and children alike could wander round and engage with, meaning that all were involved. We hope to continue to build upon this next year and establish it as a yearly event. If you have any other feedback, please let your child's teacher know so we can tweak it in preparation for next year.

I wish all the parents and children a lovely summer break. Thank you all for your continued support. Yours sincerely,

Miss S. Hayes Acting Headteacher