



St Paulinus Newsletter



February 2020

A message from Miss Hayes

Welcome to our Spring A newsletter! Another fantastic term has passed by where I continue to be impressed with all of our pupils and their talents. Eurovision was an absolute hit with children and staff alike – and although we were all disappointed not to see a staff entry this year, the children more than made up for it with their excellent performances.

In this newsletter you will find information about upcoming dates for the diary, a review of Spring A's achievements and our all important Paulinus Pings which tell you what the children think about school life. You will also be able to see how far we are towards achieving our goal to finish our boiler works which will make the school safe and warm for the children for years to come – please remember to contribute your recreational fund money when you can. There is also a little section on academy updates so you know where we are in the process.

Finally, I would just like to say a thank you to all parents for your continued support of the school. We are trying a multitude of ways to save money in school in order to be able to spend more money on the children to update resources and to help our budget balance etc. One of the things we have tried is to reduce our use of paper in school (some methods have worked and some have not worked so well!). We will continue to use electronic methods for sharing information, but I would like to remind all parents that you can request a paper copy of any and all letters from the office at any point if our electronic methods are not working as well for you.

I hope you all had a wonderful half term holiday, the children have returned in good spirits and are ready for Spring B.

Thank you everyone, Miss Hayes

St. Paulinus Church welcomes you to attend Saturday Vigil at 6:30pm and Sunday Mass at 11:15 am.

Dates for the Diary

February 2020

Wednesday 26th - Ash Wednesday Service at St. Paulinus Church
Friday 28th - KS2 Celebration Assembly at 2:40pm

March 2020

Friday 6th - St. Paulinus' World Book Day - *dress up as your favourite book character*
Friday 13th - EYU and KS1 Celebration Assembly at 2:40pm
Sunday 15th - Family Mass
Wednesday 18th - FoSP Mother Day Gifts Sale (gifts cost £1)
Friday 20th - KS2 Celebration Assembly at 2:40pm
Sunday 22nd - Mothering Sunday
Friday 27th - EYU and KS1 Celebration Assembly at 2:40pm
Monday 30th to Friday 3rd - Holy Week ... see next page for details

April

Friday 3rd - School closes for Easter
Monday 20th - School reopens



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If you have any concerns regarding your safety or anyone else's safety, please talk to :

Safeguarding Leads



Sophie Hayes
Headteacher



Sharon Davies
Learning Mentor

Deputy Safeguarding Leads



Grace Duarte
Deputy Headteacher



Carla Bentley
Acting Deputy Headteacher



Helen Regan
Acting Assistant Head KS1



David Hutton
Assistant Head KS2

Safeguarding Governor



Joanne Cooper
EYU Team Leader & SENDCo



Tom Regan



Christine Watt
Senior Business Support Officer

Easter Holidays are from: Friday 3rd April to Friday 17th April. School re-opens Monday 20th April.

Holy Week Assemblies

Although we are not in school for Holy Week, we still remember the sacrifices Jesus' made for us and each class will lead prayers and reflections in the hall the week school closes for the Easter holidays. Your child/ren would love for you to join us and reflect on this special time with them. All we ask is for you to come and spend some quiet time with us and use it as reflection time for you, as part of your own preparation, in your heart for the feast of Easter.

	2pm	2:30pm
Tuesday 31st March	EYU Palm Sunday	Year 3 Palm Sunday
Wednesday 1st April	Year 1 Zacchaeus	Year 4 The Last Supper
Thursday 2nd April	Year 2 The Last Supper	Year 6 Agony in the Garden

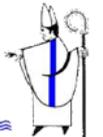


Stations of the Cross	
Performed by Year 5	
9:30am	10:30am (Repeated)



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"LENTEN" BUN SALE 2020 & COMPETITIONS

Thursday, 5th March	Year 6
Thursday, 12th March	Year 5
Thursday, 19th March	Year 4
Thursday, 26th March	Year 3

Annual Lenten Fundraiser Coffee Morning

EYU & KSI : Years 1 - 2

Friday, 27th March, 09:15 - 10:30 am



For those of you that don't know, the children bake buns / cakes at home, and then bring them into school to sell during the morning playtime. They also do colouring competitions and name the teddy, etc.

Please provide your child with some spend:

- Minimum amount of 20 p
- Maximum amount of £ 2.00

All proceeds will go to The Good Shepherd Appeal

Have fun baking!



Eurovision

Eurovision is one of the best events of the school year - children and staff look forward to it so much! This year did not disappoint. The children put their all into producing fantastic performances and the competition was bigger and better than ever.

The afternoon performance for the children and staff was amazing. All the performances were so good that we had a joint first place from Early Years with 'Shotgun' by George Ezra and Year 1 with 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight' by Disney.

A very big well done to them!

Our evening performances raised a super £925 which will put back in to the school to improve resources and learning experiences for the children. A big well done to our EYU and KS1 winners 2W who won with 'Shine' by Take That and our KS2 winners 3N who won with 'Hey Baby' by DJ Otzi.

EUROVISION
SONG CONTEST



Valentines Disco

The Friends of St. Paulinus held their annual Valentines Disco on Friday 14th February.

Children from Key Stage 2 attended the event held after school. The event raised £150 and so a big thank you to everyone who attended!

School App

Search 'PIOTA' in the app store to download and keep up to date with school life and news! Click the padlock in the top right corner to register your device with your child to receive personalised news and information.

School Clubs

There are lots of exciting clubs taking place next half term. Make sure you sign your child up using the school app.

Book Week

From **Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March** we will be hosting a very special book week. The children will have the opportunity during this week to explore books in class and through a variety of workshops.

We would like children to dress up on **Friday 6th March** as their favourite book character. We encourage children to be as creative as possible with their costumes by making costumes or adapting clothes to fit in with their chosen character.



Paulinus Pings

Eli@StPaulinus I enjoyed the afternoon with no electricity and technology. We made our own ball and cup game and it was really fun!

Mason@StPaulins We used clay to create Mayan tiles which featured typical designs from Mayan temples.

Harley@StPaulinus I am really enjoying Maths. We are learning about percentages.

Lent

The first day of Lent is known as 'Ash Wednesday'. Ashes are created by burning the palms used last year during Palm Sunday. Catholics use them as a symbol of being sorry for things they have done wrong and want to get rid of forever.

Year 1 through to Year 6 all attended mass at St. Paulinus Church on Wednesday 26th February.



Mother's Day

Sunday 22nd March will be a special occasion for families to show their love and appreciation for their mothers. The date changes every year because it is linked to the Christian calendar but usually falls in late March or early April. It is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent, which is three weeks before Easter Sunday.

The Friends of St. Paulinus will be selling gifts for Mother's Day on Wednesday 18th March. Gifts cost £1.

Paulinus Pings

Adam@StPaulinus We have designed a Mayan top with traditional Mayan patterns. This would be worn in a Mayan festival.

Daniel@StPaulinus We have been learning all about Space. We have been learning about how you get to the moon.

Lola@StPaulinuss I am really enjoying reading books in class. I can't wait for World Book Week!

St. Paulinus Achievements



EY2: Our focus text has been 'Jack and the Beanstalk', Annabel designed a fantastic new mean character for the story. Annabel talked about her character "It has menace in his eyes and red eyebrows because it means she's angry and sad". "She has a broom she can zoom on". Annabel used a range of resources and tools to create her model, she was so proud of her finished character.



3I: Looked at the work of the artist Howard Hodgkin. We created our own designs based on this. Then we made bowls using papier mache and painted our designs onto our bowls.



5J: A group in 5J working as a team to solve a Maths problem. Great exchange of ideas to get to the answer in the most logical way.'

6H: Produced some fantastic poems during Anti-Bullying day.



Academy Updates

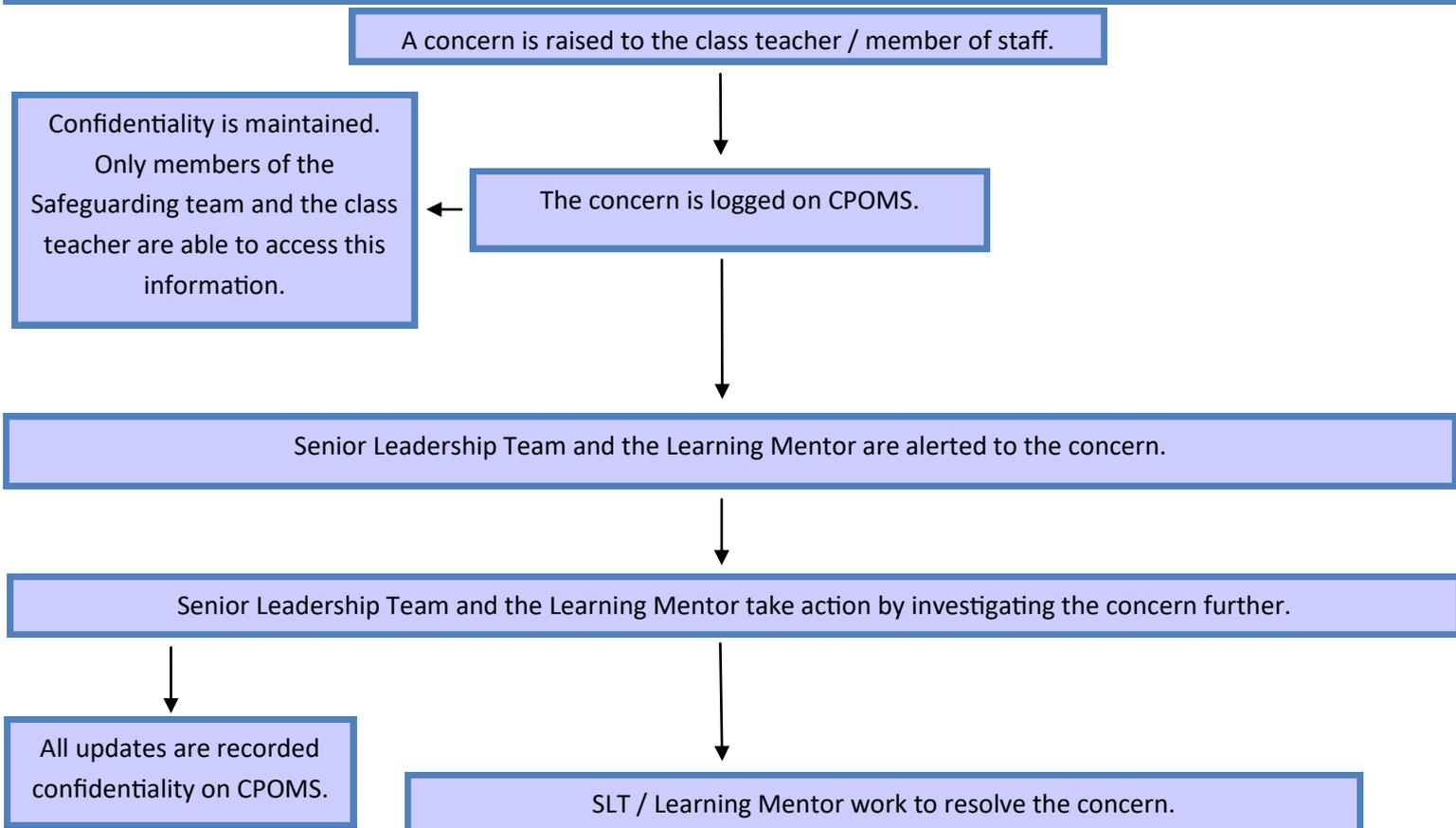
I want to just take a moment to let parents know where we are up to with the Academy process. So far, school have completed the initial paperwork needed to apply for permission to be allowed to start the process of Academy conversion. The paperwork will go to a board in March where our case will be reviewed and considered. After this meeting, we will receive notification of whether we can convert at some point in the future. In the meantime, I have been attending all working party meetings for the Blessed Peter Snow Trust in order to ensure that St. Paulinus' voice is heard. The focus at the moment is on developing the Trust and what we (the collective groups of Heads) would want it to look like. The meetings coming up next term are linked to finance and I will endeavour to get your questions relating to finance matters and the recreational fund answered then. At the moment, it is not clear what it will be like because the Trust are eager to build a newish version of itself once all the schools join and so all Headteachers are part of creating that. What is clear is the fact that the Trust wish us to retain our individuality and that the day to day schooling will not change all that much for pupils and parents. I look forward to seeing what happens over the next few stages.

The Trust are currently recruiting for 2 more directors (Governors for the whole Trust). A director is a volunteer position, and you must be a practising Catholic to apply. If you are interested in applying and volunteering your time, please speak to school for more information about who to approach. They are looking for people who are specialist or have a keen interest in any of the following areas to complement the existing team: recruitment, safeguarding, skills in education or strong educational knowledge. Other skills are also welcome.

I will keep you posted as more information comes in!

Who can I speak to?

At St. Paulinus we want to help you in any way we can. If you have a concern then please speak with a member of staff. Please find below a flow chart which explains the process of what happens when a concern has been raised.





If your child is absent from school you must telephone the school office on **01924 488282** on the first day of absence **before 9:30am**. Wherever possible please arrange appointments after school or in the school holidays. Children with the highest attendance have the chance to win special treats and every half term pupils with 100% attendance could win a supermarket voucher for their parents!

Your child's attendance target is 97%+

Are you a blue or green attender?

Blue	B1	100%
Green	G1	98% - 99%
	G2	97%
Amber	A1	96%
	A2	95%
	A3	94%
	A4	93%
Red	R1	91% - 92%
	R2	85% - 90%
	R3	Under 85%

Did you know?

When a school is reviewed by OfSTED they look at attendance and if a school has low attendance this can effect their grading!

To be at least good we have to be over 96%. Last year we were 96.3%.

Regular attendance at school is vital to help your child achieve and get the best possible start in life. Even missing one day could mean that they are missing out on an important learning point that might benefit them in the future. School is aware however, that from time to time we can fall ill and that is taken into account in our above system!

What does this look like in days?

There are 30 days in a 6 week term – if your child has 1½ days off, their attendance will be 95%. The Government have set high targets for schools to achieve. How will you help your school and your child?



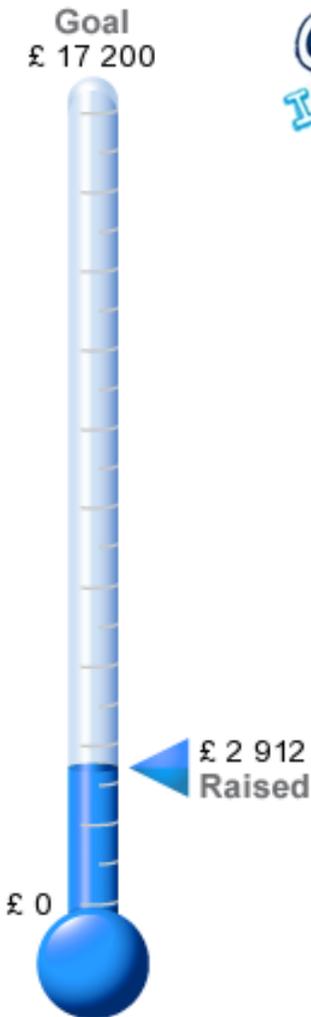
Attendance during 1 school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means the number of lessons missed	Absence over 5 years.
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons	¼ of a year
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons	½ a year
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons	1 year
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	288 lessons	1 ¼ years
60%	80 days	16 weeks	400 lessons	2 years
50%	100 days	20 weeks	500 lessons	2 ½ years

Holidays

As you can see above, if you take a term time holiday it can have a huge impact on your child's education. Children only attend school 190 days a year out of the 365 days! There are some great deals to be had during school holidays which can be just as good as the ones you can get during school time. School follows Kirklees policy when it comes to requests for leave of absence, and there are very few cases where it can be authorised. Term time leave of absences can result in penalty notices being issued. Please be aware that school does not get this money, Kirklees does. However, term time holidays do negatively impact our school attendance which could impact our "Good School" status!

Drop and Go Zone

Members of our staff monitor the 'Drop & Go Zone' and general parking on Temple Road. They are responsible for ensuring that children are led into the school safely. Parents can therefore leave their children with them in the secure knowledge that they will be safely escorted onto school premises. We ask parents / carers who use this area **not to park here** on a morning. If you need to take your child into school, we ask that you find safe alternate parking.



**GET
INVOLVED!**

Budget Cuts

You may have heard in the news that many schools are facing budget cuts this year, unfortunately, we are one of those schools. This has made it very difficult for the school to run effectively and access the resources it needs. The Governors and staff of St. Paulinus are working very hard to make cuts where we can without impacting the children's education but the shortfall of over £100,000 is making this very difficult.

We are currently undergoing some essential works to the boiler house. In order for us to keep our children and staff safe and warm, we need to replace our boilers and remove some asbestos from the boiler house. These works are costing nearly £176,000. We have managed to get funding for the majority of the works but as a voluntary aided school we are required to pay 10% of the costs.

To pay for these essential works we need to raise a further £17,200. The school's recreational fund is usually used to pay for the 10% but we only have £2912 in it at the moment. If you could find it in your hearts to contribute to this fund we ask for £19.50 per child or £39 per family (where there is more than one child who attends the school) per year. If the majority of our parents contributed we could raise £11,700 which would mean that we do not have to use money that is earmarked to pay for things the children need for their learning or to make their learning fun.

If you are willing to support school and your child's education please log on to ParentPay to make your contribution to the recreational fund. If you need any help, the office will be available for support. Following these works there will be a further £115,132 worth of works to complete the project (this includes the last part of our roof to be done and the completion of the heating project). School's contribution to this will be £11,513.20. As you can see, these are large amounts so anything you can contribute to the building fund will be gratefully received.



Educational Visits

St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School is committed to the continuous raising of achievement of all our pupils. We strive to arrange a variety of trips that will enrich the curriculum and enhance your child's learning experiences.

We rely on parental support to cover the costs and, without sufficient contributions, these trips could potentially have to be cancelled. To ensure trips go ahead as planned we ask for a contribution on ParentPay a minimum of two weeks before the visit takes place.

Each year group has the opportunity to go on **one trip** this year so please make your contribution on time.

Any costs for a trip cover entrance fees, transportation costs and any workshop charges if applicable. St. Paulinus covers the staffing costs and the ParentPay transaction fee of 1.75%.

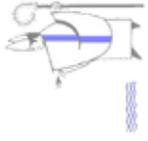
If you are struggling to make a contribution, please contact Miss Hayes to discuss this further.



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TERM DATES – ACADEMIC YEAR 2020 – 2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020 70 DAYS			SPRING TERM 2021 55 DAYS			SUMMER TERM 2021 70 DAYS		
FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY	FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY	FIRST DAY	HALF TERM	LAST DAY
TUESDAY 8 th SEPT	FRIDAY 23 rd OCT	FRIDAY 18 th DEC	TUESDAY 5 th JAN	MONDAY 15 th FEB	FRIDAY 26 th MARCH	MONDAY 12 th APRIL	MONDAY 31 st MAY	FRIDAY 23 rd JULY
	RETURN			RETURN			RETURN	
	MONDAY 2 nd NOV			MONDAY 22 nd FEB			TUESDAY 8 th JUNE	

DATES TO REMEMBER :

GOOD FRIDAY : FRIDAY, 2nd APRIL 2021

MAY DAY : MONDAY 3rd MAY 2021

* STAFF TRAINING (INSET) DATES – Pupils do not attend on these days (these may be subject to alteration)

- MONDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER 2020
- FRIDAY, 23rd OCTOBER 2020
- MONDAY, 4th JANUARY 2021
- MONDAY, 7th JUNE 2021 – DISAGGREGATED DAY
- MONDAY, 26th JULY 2021 – DISAGGREGATED DAY