



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

"Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus." (I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." cf John 8:12)



ST PAULINUS 'WEEKLY NEWS'

Autumn Term 2, Week 5

4th December 2020

Head's welcome



Our Virtue to live by for next week is: Patience

I can wait. I have self-control and act calmly even when things are difficult.

Well Christmas has officially arrived at St Paulinus! Rehearsals for nativities have begun, classrooms and hallways are decorated, advent wreaths have been made and the carpets are sparkling with glitter explosions! It is such a magical time in school as we prepare for the Christmas holidays and I have loved seeing the children's excited faces as they have tried to spot the naughty elves in the hall or their classrooms.

I hope you have all seen the extra Christmas newsletter we produced last week to answer all the questions we have been asked (you can find a copy on the website or the APP). Further to that, some parents have asked if they can send in presents for other children and for teachers and the answer is yes. We will follow the same rules for presents as we are going to for the cards. In short - as long as they are in school for quarantine by **Friday 11th December** and clearly labelled with a name then yes they can come in and they will be given out on Thursday 17th December or Friday 18th December.

Thank you everyone for another fabulous week, enjoy your weekend and see you all on Monday,

Miss Hayes



Friends of St Paulinus

The Friends of St Paulinus have kindly prepared a special, wrapped Christmas gift for the children. These can be purchased for £1. Look out for the letter coming home on Monday, with more information!



Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance overall is : 96.47%

Attending school on time and every day is such an important part of your child's learning process.

This week's class attendance: Nursery: 95% Early Years - EYC: 93% / EYR: 90%

Class 1B: 97%	Class 1W: 97%	Class 2G: 93%	Class 2I: 96%
Class 3B: 97%	Class 3C: 98%	Class 4JS: 97%	Class 4NS: 97%
Class 5J: 98%	Class 5T: 93%	Class 6C: 94%	Class 6H: 98%



The winners of EYs / KS1 and KS2 are 1B, 1W & 3C they will receive extra playtime for their attendance.

'An outstanding school, which is deeply committed to the Catholic mission... this school inspires all within this faith community to live life to the full.' Ofsted 2017

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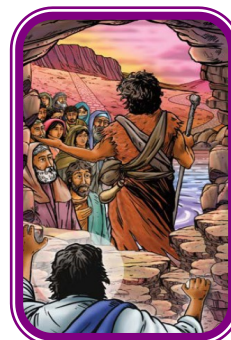
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Second Sunday of Advent

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Advent is the season of preparation and hope, culminating in the celebration of the birth of Jesus, which brings us the good news that we are loved unconditionally by God. This Sunday's Gospel is also filled with hope. John the Baptist points away from himself towards Jesus. John makes it clear that it is Jesus that the people should follow: the hope of the world. Pope Francis reminds us, "Hope is a strength, a grace and a gift from God".

This season of hope is a great opportunity to be spiritually refreshed, to get rid of everything negative in life and make it altogether positive: to look forward knowing that God is with us. Let's use this Season of Advent to make a fresh start and to be filled with hope.



Enhance the joy of Advent through exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **HOPE**.



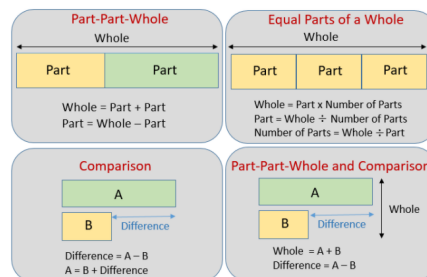
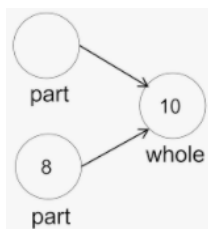
"Always know in your heart that God is by your side. Let us never lose hope!" Pope Francis

Maths at St Paulinus

In School

At St. Paulinus we teach a Mathematics Mastery curriculum. Children are regularly exposed to a range of problem solving and reasoning activities in which they have to apply their mathematical understanding. We encourage them to do this through the use of concrete manipulatives (cubes, counters, bead strings), diagrams (part-part-whole, bar models) and written calculations. This promotes children to spot links between different mathematical concepts and so develops their overall mathematical understanding.

Within lessons, we promote lots of mathematical talk and use a range of mathematical language – please see the **Maths Dictionary** which has useful definitions. We also promote children to speak in clear, full sentences to enhance their reasoning capabilities.



At Home

We ask parents/carers to promote a love of mathematics through highlighting its importance in everyday life e.g. measuring ingredients, telling the time, using money, the shapes of different objects, points in games etc. Maths really is everywhere! Please encourage children to use their mathematical understanding in real life concepts as much as possible.

Children will receive one piece of maths homework each week. This links to work completed in class or reinforces a key concept. Please support children by encouraging them to complete tasks as independently as possible (when appropriate) and ask them to explain how they know, why they worked it out in that way, how else can you show this?

Additional Support

Below are list of useful websites/apps that are free to access and will help children to secure a solid foundation in basic mathematical concepts that underpin the maths curriculum.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 – number bonds to 10 and 20, spotting patterns, telling the time (o'clock, half past)

Key Stage 2 - quick addition/subtraction, times tables up to 12 x 12, units of measure (g, KG, mm, cm, m etc)

<https://primarygamesarena.com/Subjects/Maths> (range of games for all ages) <https://ttrockstars.com/> (Times Tables – requires children's log in)

<https://mathszone.co.uk/> (games and activities for all ages)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39> (KS2 - range of activities)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8> (KS1 - range of activities)

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/worksheets/index.php> (lots of practice games and free worksheets)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> (number bonds and times tables)

<https://nrich.maths.org/primary> (games and challenges)

It is such a rotten situation that we are in with this virus but the news of a potential vaccine is much appreciated and indicates we will hopefully be able to get back to normal at some point this academic year which is great news for us all, so fingers crossed everyone that all these extra measures are for the short term!

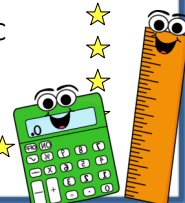
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Service to School

5J	Mikhail B
5T	Cadey P
6C	Morgan
6H	Sandra

Maths Marvels

★	3B	Lucas L
★	3C	Safaa
★	4JS	Maison B
★	4NS	Lacey R
★	5J	Amelia W
★	5T	George C
★	6C	Claudia
★	6H	Skye



Dates For Your Diary

Advent 1 Liturgy in class

**Monday 30th
November**

Coppers for Cafod

30th November – 11th
December

Advent 2 Liturgy in class

**Monday
7th December**

Last day to bring Christmas
cards into School

Friday 11th December

Advent 3 Liturgy in class

**Monday
14th December**

Christmas dinner &
Jumper Day

Thursday 17th
December

Chocolate raffle draw

**Thursday 17th
December**

Christmas party day

Thursday 17th / Friday
18th December

End of Autumn Term— Early finish

**Friday 18th
December**

Inset day - School closed

Monday 4th
January 2021

PE Kits

Years 1 and 4 will need to
wear PE kits on Monday 7th
December. We will be
taking part in an indoor
virtual Athletics Competition.



Friday 18th December

As per tradition, we will be closing school slightly earlier
for the end of Autumn Term on Friday 18th December as
follows:

Nursery - 11:45am

Reception and Years 1 & 2 - 1:30pm

Years 3 & 4 - 1:35pm

Years 5 & 6 - 1:50pm

Siblings to be collected from the eldest sibling's gate as
normal.

The timings for the School bus collection times are 1pm.
If you wish your child to catch the bus home on Friday
18th December, please contact Mrs. Watt to inform her of
this no later than Friday 11th December.



School Calendar 2020/2021



Term 1

Start Tues 8 Sept. 2020

Half Term Fri 23 Oct. - Fri 30 Oct. 2020

Restart Mon 2 Nov. 2020

End of Term Fri 18 Dec. 2020

Term 2

Start Tues 5 Jan. 2021

Half Term Mon 15 Feb. - Fri 19 Feb. 2021

Restart Mon 22 Feb. 2021

End of Term Fri 26 Mar. 2021

Term 3

Start Mon 12 Apr. 2021

Half Term Mon 31 May - Mon 7 Jun. 2021

Restart Tues 8 Jun. 2021

End of Term Fri 23 Jul. 2021

Occasional Days

INSET Day Mon 7 Sept. 2020

INSET Day Fri 23 Oct. 2020

INSET Day Mon 4 Jan. 2021

Bank Holiday Mon 3 May 2021

INSET Day Mon 7 Jun. 2021

INSET Day Mon 26 Jul. 2021

Safeguarding

If you ever feel any child is at risk, please
contact our Child Protection Officers:
Miss Hayes, Mrs Davies, Miss Duarte,
Mr Hutton, Mrs Bentley, Miss Regan,
Mrs Cooper, Mrs Watt, Mr Regan
or ring
Duty and Advice on 01484 456848,
in confidence. Thank you.