

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)



ATTENDANCE

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.

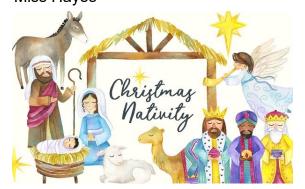
Well Christmas has officially arrived at St Paulinus! Rehearsals for nativities have begun, classrooms and hallways are decorated, advent wreaths have been made and the carpets are sparkling with glitter explosions! It is such a magical time in school as we prepare for the Christmas holidays and I have 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 11**th **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.

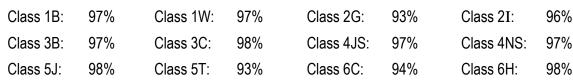
These can be purchased for £1. Look out for the letter coming home on Monday, with more information!

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%



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

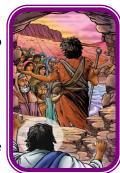
Tel: (01924) 488282 E-mail: office@stpaulinus.org Website: www.stpaulinuscps.org.uk

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

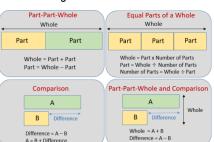
Maths at St Paulinus

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.

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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 https://ttrockstars.com/ (Times Tables – requires children's log in) all ages)

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)

Let it snow!

You may have noticed that the weather has definitely taken a turn to the cold side over the last couple of days – we have been feeling it inside school too because we are required to keep windows and doors open to remain a COVID secure school. As the weather turned



colder, we had some concerns about keeping these things open as we were worried that the children and staff would be too cold so we approached the DfE, Kirklees and the Health and Safety Executive about them a couple of weeks ago. All bodies came back with the same response being that ventilation is the single most important measure to keep in place. The main route of transmission for the virus is through aerosols. Everyone breathes out aerosols continuously throughout the day and they fill the rooms we are in (a little like smoke would) and can stay in the air for hours and infect many if they are not continuously cleared out. The only way to get rid of aerosols is by having windows and doors open to ensure that the air is continuously being changed and that the aerosols do not have chance to fill the room. They all advised that we continue to keep windows and doors open in order to keep the children and staff safe from the very serious repercussions of catching the virus. The medical professionals have told us that there is greater risk from catching Coronavirus than other diseases at the moment and that all illnesses spread more easily in warm enclosed spaces and so in their opinion ventilation needs to stay in place for us to be judged as a COVID secure school and that it will likely help with reducing the spread of other illnesses too.

As a school, we want to keep the children safe and so have followed this advice but in order to mitigate the situation we have put in place that children are allowed to wear coats in class and we recommend wearing good thermal vests/ trousers (long johns) underneath their uniforms for children who may feel the cold more easily. We have also turned the heating on to run continuously throughout the day now that the days have become much colder this week. Hopefully these measures will make a difference to the children and staff. We do monitor the classrooms

throughout the day for the temperature and if it did drop below the legal limit we would put further measures in place. In winter, we are quite lucky as a school because generally our classrooms are naturally on the warmer side once all the children are inside and our windows only open a little as they are fitted with safety bars so most of the children and staff will be fine but we are all different and some of us feel the cold more than others so we advise lots of layers during this winter period.

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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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.