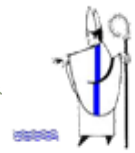




St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School



"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 6

11th December 2020

Head's welcome

Remember, Hands, Face, 2m



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.

What a week in school! This week we have started filming our nativities and taking our Christmas photos ready for next week, we have planned our fun Christmas activities for our final week in term and we have worked hard to finish off all our topics ready for the Christmas break! The children are very excited to show you what they have been doing in their rehearsals and I am sure that you already know the songs off by heart at home as well!

All the children and staff are looking forward to the holidays and so I am asking each and every one of you to be extra cautious over the coming days. This week we have had to close 2 bubbles and a further group has been asked to self-isolate in order to stop the virus spreading, hopefully no-one in those groups will exhibit any symptoms as we followed DfE and PHE advice and acted swiftly. It is more important than ever that we all follow the rules in place for Tier 3 so that no-one has to isolate over Christmas. If you, or a member of your household, has any symptoms we strongly advise that you go and get a test, keep your children off school and that you let school know the result of that test. Here at St. Paulinus we are really hoping and praying that no further bubbles need to close as we all want the chance to see our families at Christmas and, more importantly, it is much more difficult for us to teach children at home in comparison to them being in school. All Schools are required to follow DfE and PHE advice, so if they tell us we need to close a bubble then we have to do it and that is what we had to do earlier in the week. My thanks go out to all those parents who supported us and thanked us for putting their children first when we had to take that step. It is your support that keeps us going in these difficult times. Sadly, we know this will probably not be the last time a bubble has to close and so we thank you in advance for your support if and when we have to ask the next group of children to isolate.



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy listening to all the songs the children are learning as they sing them around the house!

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. (50p for Nursery & reception children.)

Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance overall is 96.45%

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

This week's class attendance: Nursery: 97% Early Years - EYC: 99% / EYR: 80%

Class 1B: 95%	Class 1W: 95%	Class 2G: 89%	Class 2I: 100%
Class 3B: 95%	Class 3C: 100%	Class 4JS: 96%	Class 4NS: 96%
Class 5J: 98%	Class 5T: 100%	Class 6C: 98%	Class 6H: 98%



The winners of EYs / KS1 and KS2 are Classes 2I, 3C & 5T, 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

Third Sunday of Advent

A man came who was sent by God. His name was John, John the Baptist. He came as a witness – as a witness to Jesus Christ. Priests were sent from Jerusalem to ask John, “Who are you?” John replied, “I am not the Christ.” “Are you the prophet Elijah then – or the Prophet?” they asked. He answered, “No.” “So, who are you?” they asked. “What have you to say about yourself?” John replied, “I am the voice of the one who cries in the wilderness: ‘Make the Lord’s way straight.’” Finally they asked him, “Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John said, “I baptise with water. But someone is coming soon who is more powerful than I am.” This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the River Jordan, where John was baptising.



SHARING SUNDAY’S GOSPEL



“Joy is very infectious; therefore, always be full of joy.”

St Teresa of Calcutta

Religious Education at St Paulinus

At St. Paulinus we follow The Way, The Truth and The Life RE Scheme as recommended by the Diocese of Leeds. The scheme allows the staff to promote the teachings of the Church and how to apply them in our daily lives as well as supporting the children in unfolding the mystery of God in their own way. In a Catholic school 10% of our teaching time is on RE so we have plenty of time to delve into what the Catholic faith is and to allow the children to question and research so they fully understand our faith.

We have daily Collective worship sessions which the children prepare. We promote the Virtues to live by and try to follow these in our daily lives. The children also have the opportunity to use different forms of prayer such as prayer journaling and meditation as different ways of thinking about and talking to God.

You can help and support our children at home by teaching them prayers such as the Our Father and the Hail Mary and by making sure they do the sign of the cross correctly using their right hand.

Leeds Diocese have recently changed when the Sacraments take place so now:

- in Year 3, Children will have the opportunity to make their First Reconciliation,
- in Year 4 they make their First Holy Communion and
- in Year 6 their Confirmation.

To make these Sacraments the children must be regular attenders at Church. More information about the Sacramental preparations to follow in the New Year.

Kids Eat Free

Throughout December, Asda are letting children eat for free in their cafes, more information can be found here:

<https://corporate.asda.com/newsroom/2020/11/30/kids-can-eat-free-in-asda-cafes-throughout-december>



Year 2 Super stars

A huge well done to our Year 2 children who have worked so hard to regain their knowledge, confidence and understanding of Phonics after such a rocky 2020. A fantastic 78% of our Year 2 children have passed their Screening test.



Dewsbury Dentaïd

Emergency dental care clinics

Dentaïd Clinics will be resuming from 10th December and will be taking place at the **Dewsbury Dental Centre** (Dews centre) for people not registered with a dentist who are in pain and have no other access to treatment.

Clinics will take place on **Thursday evenings 2x month between 6pm-9pm.**

Clinics will be : **10th & 17th December / 7th & 14th January** - people can book by contacting **01924 465880** and people who are in the most need will be prioritised.



School Shoebox Collection

Thank you for your generous donation, we have 90 shoeboxes full of lovely Christmas presents on there journey to needy children in Eastern Europe.



Christmas Nativities

Christmas performances will have a designated time on the school website / school YouTube private page. When these videos have been uploaded, you will receive a message with a link to access these. However they will only be live for a short period of time. You can however choose to buy a DVD as a keep sake :

1 DVD @ £ 3.00 OR 2 DVDs for £ 5.00

Congratulations to all our Key Stage 1 super stars!

Celebration Certificates

Excellence

EYC Danyaal L
EYR Isabella L

Endeavour

1B Amelia C
1W Qaswa A

2G Renae W
2I Ella P

Service to School

Star Readers

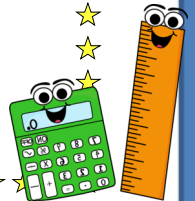
EYC Gracie-Mae B
EYR Adam S
1B Terry-Jack S
1W Zaynab R
2G Maleeha F
2I Olivia D

Wonderful Writers

EYC Rudi N
EYR Aaron-Patrick F
1B Fatima P
1W Ayat H
2G Umaiza S
2I Noah H

Maths Marvels

EYC Ayesha R
EYR Edward M
1B Maira B
1W Taylor P
2G Daniel S
2I Saif A



Piota App



If you are NOT currently an App user, you will need to download this FREE from your App store by searching for **Piota Schools** and type **Paulinus** into the search box., which will take you to the device registration page.

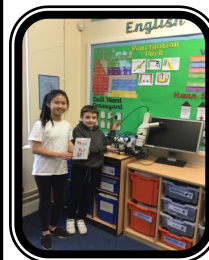
Please complete this with the details that school currently holds for your child. You will need to register your devices (you will be able to choose mobile or e-mail) through the App by tapping the lock icon which looks like a padlock in the top right hand corner on the home page.

Benefits from registering will mean:

- You will receive alerts relating to only your child.
- You will receive individual messages like the texts you receive now via GroupCall.
- Private posts are secure from the public eye and messages relating to your child will only be seen by the registered user.
- Reminders of events for your child's class will display as an alert daily.
- The App will sync with our school system to ensure you are a known contact for the child and inform the school if any extra checks need to be made.

As we continue to improve our paperless systems, we advise all parents to download the App and keep us up-to-date with your email address so we can then keep in touch with you.

Special Thank you!

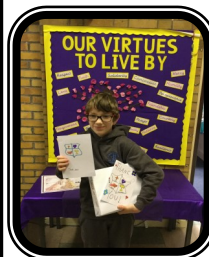


Christmas has really come early to St Paulinus...

Thank you to AGFA for supplying a range useful resources to school including: a microscope, stage, office chairs and whole range of stationary.



Also, a huge thank you to Airedale Chemical for donating over £500 of A4 white paper and providing each class with a pack of glue sticks.



As a school we are overwhelmed with the generosity of these two businesses. We are so grateful that they have thought about the St Paulinus family and given so generously to us, to support the learning of our children.



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	Fri 12th 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

Dates For Your Diary

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

School re-opens **Tuesday 5th**
January 2021

Paulinus Pings

Clara@Paulinus I love to come to school, my teachers make me happy and safe.

Rena@Paulinus I always feel safe at school because our teachers look after us and watch us.

Logan@Paulinus I've really enjoyed Science and doing tests this term.

TeryJack@Paulinus I've learnt how to use sticks to paint, it made my picture look amazing!

Jenson@Paulinus I feel really safe at School because there are Cameras to see strangers.

Jacob@Paulinus We have learnt about different countries in Geography, like France and Kenya. We even got to learn about Asia... it's a big continent!

Willow@Paulinus I've learnt all about how to use adverbials for time in my writing.

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:

11:45 am - Nursery

1:20 pm - Reception and Years 1 & 2

1:35 pm - Years 3 & 4

1:50 pm - Years 5 & 6



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.

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.