



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 7

18th 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 here we are - the end of term has arrived and Christmas holidays are about to begin. It has been a huge term in school and I for one would like to say how proud I am of all the staff and pupils in how they have navigated this very unusual term. The children have already started catching up on their missed learning and are making good progress towards their end goals and they have settled in well, rebuilt friendships and dealt well with the changes to the routines in school. As always they have been a credit to themselves, the School and their families.

I want to wish every family a peaceful, happy and healthy Christmas holiday. We are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th January when we return to school for the Spring term.

Have a Merry Christmas everyone and a happy new year!

Miss Hayes



Spring Term dates:

Monday 4th January INSET (no children in school)

Tuesday 5th January children return to School

Please note the following change to the term dates - hopefully you will have enough notice to organise your childcare:

Friday 12th February INSET (no children in school) followed by half term. This day will be swapped with Monday 7th June which will now be a normal day for the children to come into school.

Admissions Deadline

The Admissions deadline for next September is : **15th January 2021**. Apply via the Kirklees website and fill out a SIF form, which can be found on our website. Any questions please contact Mrs. Massey.

We will be hosting an Open Day at school on Saturday 9th January 2021 for all prospective parents. If you would like to attend or know of someone that might please contact Mrs. Massey for an appointment.

Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance overall is 96.41%

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

This week's class attendance: Nursery: 90% Early Years - EYC: 94% / EYR: 94%

Class 1B: 99%	Class 1W: 98%	Class 2G: 92%	Class 2I: 98%
Class 3B: 94%	Class 3C: 98%	Class 4JS: 93%	Class 4NS: 93%
Class 5J: 93%	Class 5T: 96%	Class 6C: 95%	Class 6H: 92%

The winners of EYs / KS1 and KS2 are 1B and 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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Forth Sunday of Advent

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL



The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man called Joseph. The virgin's name was Mary. "Rejoice, favoured one!" said Gabriel. "The Lord is with you." Mary was disturbed and asked herself what he could mean. "Do not be afraid, Mary," the angel continued. "You have found favour with God. Listen! You will conceive and bear a son and you will call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High and his kingdom will never end." "How can this be," questioned Mary, "since I am a virgin?" "The Holy Spirit will come down upon you," the angel said, "and you will have a child who will be called the Son of God." "I am the servant of the Lord," Mary replied. "Let it happen just as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Writing at St Paulinus

As your child starts his/her education, let them draw! This is a really helpful technique that allows children to visualise their ideas. Make them labelling their illustration so they come up with descriptive words!

Read aloud to your children as it helps them to understand a gripping story: listening to a story for enjoyment teaches children vocabulary, style and genre!

Pick a subject their love – as they will be more incline to want to write about it – and brainstorm any ideas they have on the subject! Then encourage them to write their ideas down. Do not focus on the presentation as this will take away the imagination and creativity and may discourage your child... Do not use rubbers: if they use an eraser to rub their sentence, this idea has gone forever! Just cross it in case they want to go back to it later!

Once they have written the first draft, make them read it aloud after their writing – this will help them to realise their own spelling and punctuation and will make their story come alive!



**KEEP
CALM
AND
WRITE
for FUN!**

Encourage spontaneous writing, make it fun!

The point of writing is to experiment with new ideas and use their imagination and creativity!!



Mass times over the festive period

Bookings are now being taken for Christmas Masses, and will close on the night of 22nd December.

<https://olaspandstjosephs.org.uk/booking-system/>

	Christmas Eve <u>24th Dec.</u>	Christmas Day <u>25th Dec.</u>
St. Joseph's	6:30 pm	09:30 am
Our Lady & St. Paulinus	8:30 pm	11:00 am

TikTok Update

Parental Controls with Family Pairing Feature (SWGfL)

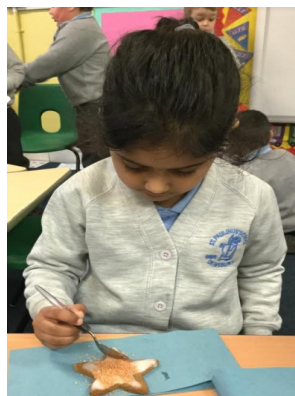
TikTok is used by many teenagers and sometimes children younger than that 13 despite its terms and conditions. Using the new Family Pairing feature can allow parents to guide their child's TikTok experience in a safer way. Features include:

- Search: Decide what can be searched for. This includes content, users, hashtags, or sounds
- Screen Time Management: Sets how long your teen can spend on TikTok each day
- Discoverability: Decide on the account being private (you decide who can see their content) or public (anyone can search and view content)

To find out more information about TikTok's Family Pairing feature and to download a helpful poster to share with pupils and parents, go to: <https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/tiktok-update-parental-controls-with-family-pairing-feature/>

It's the most wonderful time of the Year!

Early Years (Nursery and Reception) have had a busy week, decorating Christmas buns / stars. They also made and painted salt dough tree decorations.



Year 1 (Class 1B) checking out the chocolate raffle and making Christmas crackers :



Dates For Your Diary

End of Autumn Term - Early finish **Friday 18th December**

Inset day - School closed **Monday 4th January 2021**

School reopens **Tuesday 5th January 2021**

Bikeability - Year 5 **Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd January 2021**

Inset Day - School closed **Friday 12th February**

Holidays **Friday 12th February - Fri 19 February**

School reopens **Monday 22nd February**

Paulinus Pings

Julia@Paulinus - I like DT because it's really fun

Brooklyn@Paulinus - It's fun to learn so I get smart

Grace@Paulinus - I enjoy art and DT and PE with Dan

Ayaan@Paulinus - Maths is really fun for me

Kaya@Paulinus - I have learnt how sound travels, and art is fun

Isobelle@Paulinus - I enjoy art, cutting out pictures then drawing them, and I like History too, learning about people in the past.

Kaya@Paulinus - I enjoy English and Maths. The Stone Age boy is my favourite especially when he found his family.

Nevaeh@Paulinus - I enjoy praying with my friends.

What to do if my child tests positive for COVID in the Christmas holidays?

Please see the separate letter from School regarding what to do if you are concerned about your child or they test positive. The key information for you to know is that we have set up an email address for any parent to notify us if their child tests positive. This email address will be checked every morning up until Christmas Eve. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date with school so that you can receive messages by GroupCall and via the App over the holidays just in case you need to be reached.

The email address is covid@stpaulinus.org

Thank you for your continued support in what is a very strange year.

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 12 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 - Fri 4 Jun. 2021
Restart	* Mon 7 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.