



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

"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 1, Week 1

8th September 2023

Head's welcome

Our Virtue to live by for next week is:
Respect & Courtesy

Welcome back everyone!!!

I hope you have all had a really wonderful Summer holiday, where you created lots of happy memories for years to come. It has been a wonderful week in school, despite the heatwave we seem to be having in September!! I have loved seeing all the children's smiling faces and hearing about their summer adventures!

On Wednesday Mr. Rowan from the Blessed Peter Snow Trust visited us to welcome us back to a new school term! It was such a pleasure to go on a school tour with him and visit all the classes across school - we saw some fantastic learning going on and I am so proud of how well every single child has come back to school! They are a credit to us all!

We have plotted in our provisional dates for this term to help everyone prepare for the term ahead. Although these dates may change, I have decided that it would be useful to send them out to you all in advance. This letter will come as a paper copy next week. We will update you with any changes to dates on the weekly newsletter or via a group call. Please be aware that school budgets will not allow us to send as many text messages out as we have been doing - this means that the newsletter, the app and emails will be really good sources of information in the coming year.

The last piece of news I wanted to share with you is that we will be moving to a new website soon! It is currently being built and populated with all of our information and I will share the new address as soon as it is ready to be launched.

Finally, just to say a huge thank you to everyone for a great first week back. Have a wonderful weekend and I will see you all on Monday,

Miss Hayes

Parking Reminder



A huge thank you to all parents for supporting the school by parking sensibly and safely on a morning and afternoon. As you all know, the drop and go zone is for you to drop the children off and go straight away, you cannot park up in this zone to take your children in - I thank you all for using this correctly this week. Please remember that no-one should be stopping or parking on the zig zag lines or in the bus stop. We are working closely with Boothroyd to try and make it safer and calmer around our schools and I appreciate each and every parent who is helping us in this task.



Early Years Open Day

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2024 ?

Why not come along to our Open Day. Take a look at our Early Years classrooms and meet our hardworking, dedicated Early Years staff on

Tuesday 19 September, 15:30 - 16:30

'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

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Attendance Matters

St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy is committed to the continuous raising of achievement of all our pupils. Regular attendance is critical if our pupils are to be successful and benefit from the opportunities presented to them. Attendance and punctuality are important to allow children to achieve their full potential during their time at school.

As a school we consider attendance to be extremely important and would like the continued support of our parents in ensuring their child attends school regularly and on time. We have a zero tolerance policy on parents taking their children out of school to go on holiday. Kirklees Council will issue penalty notices or it may lead to fast track prosecution at the magistrate's court, if you are convicted, you could be fined up to £1000 and you will get a criminal record, this is regardless of your child's attendance percentage. Where ever possible please arrange for your child to have their appointments after school or in the school holiday, if you are unable to make an appointment during this time can you please arrange the appointment after 14:30 rather than morning.

Watch this space for exciting news about attendance rewards.

| Gates open 08:30 | Start | Finish |
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| Nursery | 08:45 | 11.45 |
| EYU & KS1 | 08:45 | 15:05 |
| KS2 (Years 3 - 6) | 08:45 | 15:10 |

Please ensure your child/ren arrive before 08:45

Attendance - Absent from School

If your child is absent from school you must telephone the office on (01924 488282) on the first day of absence before 09:30 am and provide a reason.

If we receive no confirmation of the reason you will receive a phone call home. If we are unable to get hold of you within 45 mins of school registers being taken we will contact the next person your child's emergency list. If we are unable if we are unable to get hold of anyone we may arrange a home visit.



Nut Free School

Due to allergies in school, please be aware that we operate a nut free policy to keep our children safe. Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction - being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

Please can we ask that you consider the items you put inside your child's lunchbox.

For example:

- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Chocolate spreads
- Cereal bars / Some granola bars
- Cakes that contain nuts
- Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts
- Peanut butter cakes
- Sauces that contain nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and appreciate your understanding in this matter.

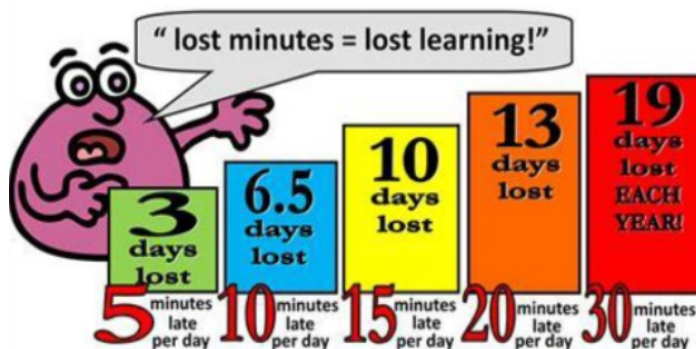
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.



Lateness

We are seeing an increase in pupils arriving late! Our school gates are open from 08:30am each morning and our lessons begin at 08:45am.

Children who are regularly late miss out on vital instructions and part of their lesson, and are often embarrassed about arriving late. Pupils arriving late receive a late mark and if no improvement they may be contacted by Kirklees Attendance and pupil support to discuss ways to improve their punctuality.



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

23rd Sunday of Ordinary time, Year A

SHARING GOD'S GOSPEL



Jesus said to his disciples, "If your brother does something against you, point out his fault to him when the two of you are alone together. If he listens to you, then you have won your brother back. But if he does not listen to you, then you should take one or two others along with you, so that every word you say may be confirmed by them. If he still refuses to listen, tell the whole church community; and if he even refuses to listen to the Church, treat him as an outcast. I tell you truly, if two of you on earth agree what to ask for, then my Father in heaven will grant it. If two or three come together in my name, there I am with them."

"Let us all become people of reconciliation and peace!" - Pope Francis

Be smart - Wear your uniform with pride!



I am sure all parents will be making sure that the children have the correct uniform for returning to school. Please ensure all items of clothing and footwear are named.

If you are in need of replacement uniform, please complete the 'form' on the School App:

[2023-2024 School Uniform - Order Form](#)

School Uniform

- School jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Pale blue polo shirt (with or without logo)
- Grey trousers / knee length shorts for summer
- Skirts or pinafore dresses can be worn if they prefer / blue & white checked dress (summer)
- Grey or white socks / grey tights
- Sensible **all black** shoes - no boots, sandals or heels*



* Children run about a lot at playtimes, so sensible footwear allows for this.

P.E. Uniform

- Plain white t-shirt - no brands or patterns (these can be purchased with school logo which helps us look smart when we go to competitions)
- Plain black or dark grey jogging bottoms / leggings or shorts (no brands or patterns)
- Trainers
- P.E. Hoodie with school logo

We ask that P.E. kit is worn to school on the day your child/ren have their P.E. lessons.



PE Days

- Nursery & Reception : Wednesdays & Thursdays
- Years 1 & 2 : Tuesdays & Wednesdays
- Year 3 : Mondays & Tuesdays
- Year 4 : Wednesdays & Thursdays
- Year 5 : Thursdays & Fridays (5W - Fri. Swimming)
- Year 6 : Thursdays & Fridays



Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit, which comprises of : White t-shirt / black or dark grey jogging bottoms and grey school hoodie. They will also need a pair of trainers, a bottle of water.

School meals increase Sept. 2023: Pupils £ 2.55 per day / £ 12.75 per week

Payment of meals to be made online via ParentPay, and all accounts should be kept in credit. If your account remains in debit, you may need to provide your child with a packed lunch until this is cleared.



NOTE: If your child has moved into Year 3 you will now be expected to pay for school meals.

FSM - If your circumstances have changed, you may be entitled to Free School Meals and milk. Please apply via the following link: https://my.kirklees.gov.uk/service/Schools_and_education__Apply_for_free_school_meals

IMPORTANT DATES



Add these dates to your Diary

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| Tuesday 19 September 15:30 - 16:30 | Early Years Open Day for September 2024 Starters |
| Tuesday 19 September 15:30 - 16:30 | Meet the Teacher, Years 1 - 6 |
| Thursday 28 September | St. Paulinus European Day of Languages |
| Tuesday 10 October | World Mental Health Day |
| Wednesday 11 October | Flu vaccines |
| Friday 13 October | Sponsored Fancy Dress Fun Run |
| Friday 20 October | School Photo Day |
| Wednesday 25 October | Harvest Festival |

Admissions Deadline

The Admissions deadline for next September is :

15 January 2024

Apply via the Kirklees website and complete our SIF form, which can be found on our website.

Any questions please contact the School's Office Manager.



School Bus price - Sept. 2023

If your child uses the school bus service, please note that the price has decreased to £1.20 each way / £ 2.40 per day.

School Milk



Unfortunately 'Fresh Pastures' have gone into administration which has resulted in the children having no milk this week. We are currently working with 'Cool Milk' who are looking for a local dairy.

From next week the newsletter will be found on the School App (Piota) and the website. Should you require a paper copy please complete [2023-2024 Request for Paper Letters](#) which can be found under 'Forms' on the School App. Alternatively email: office@stpaulinus.org or contact the school office.

School Calendar 2022/2023



Term 1 - Autumn

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| Start | Tues. 5 Sept. 2023 |
| Half Term | Mon. 30 Oct. - Mon. 6 Nov. 2023 |
| Restart | Tues. 7 Nov. 2023 |
| End of Term | Fri. 22 Dec. 2023 |

Term 2 - Spring

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| Start | Tues. 9 Jan. 2024 |
| Half Term | Mon. 12 Feb. - Fri. 16 Feb. 2024 |
| Restart | Mon. 19 Feb. 2024 |
| End of Term | Fri. 22 Mar. 2024 |

Term 3 - Summer

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| Start | Mon. 8 Apr. 2024 |
| Half Term | Mon. 27 May - Fri. 31 May 2024 |
| Restart | Mon. 3 June 2024 |
| End of Term | Fri. 19 July 2024 |

Occasional Days - School closed

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| INSET Day | Mon. 4 Sept. 2023 |
| INSET Day | Mon. 6 Nov. 2023 |
| INSET Day | Mon. 8 Jan. 2024 |
| INSET Day | Thurs. 2 May 2024 |
| May Day | Mon. 6 May 2024 |
| INSET Day | Mon. 22 July 2024 |



School App - Remember to change your Child's Year Group Notification

Please ensure that you have updated the **year group** your child is in on the School App so that you receive the correct notifications.

Please go to '**More**' on the home page and then select '**Settings**' on the menu. Click on '**Notifications**' and you can now select the correct year group and 'urgent' to ensure you receive the correct information (multiple selections can be selected if you have more than one child).

Safeguarding

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