



The Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy Trust



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

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"Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus."

cf John 8:12)



ST PAULINUS 'WEEKLY NEWS'

Autumn Term 1, Week 3

22nd September 2023

Head's welcome

Our Virtue to live by for next week is:

Respect & Courtesy

Well here we are at the end of week 3 already! The summer holidays seems like a distant memory as we are back into the full swing of school life! This week we had a very important visitor come and check in on our curriculum! He saw some fantastic phonics in Year 1 and excellent reading in Years 1, 2 and 3! He loved seeing Early Years too and had a wonderful time talking to children about reading and Maths in school. As always the children were an absolute credit and they did an excellent job showing what they know! Well done Team Paulinus!!

I am really looking forward to next week when we have the European day of languages on Thursday - I can't wait to see your outfits to represent your favourite country and remember - this can be as simple as wearing the colours of the flag to coming in full traditional dress! Very exciting!! Have a wonderful weekend everyone, Miss Hayes

End of the School Day Arrangements

What to do if something changes?

If someone different is picking up your child to normal, or they need to get on the bus or not get on the bus - please make sure you also inform a staff member (e.g. the office) via phone call or the teacher (face to face) before 2pm. Sometimes children forget to tell teachers or forget themselves so this is an extra layer to help make sure your child gets to the right place.

Walking home: Only Year 6 can walk home and this is only with a signed letter of request from parents, which then must be agreed by School. It is School's recommendation to parents that this does not happen until Summer term and this is in-line with new Kirklees guidance which recommends the Summer term at the earliest as part of their transition to High school. School will withdraw their consent for a child walking home from school if there are safeguarding concerns, behaviour incidents or any safety concerns - under these circumstances parents or nominated responsible adult will need to come and pick up. Ultimately, School is privy to information about local issues - so decisions about whether to give a child consent to walk home are based on whether we think that child will be safe in doing so.

The reason why younger children cannot walk home is due to Kirklees guidance and that it would be a safeguarding risk to send a child under 11 out of school without adult supervision. Ultimately, there are growing stories of children as young as 10 and 11 in our area being vulnerable and being subject to safeguarding risks e.g. grooming. School takes its responsibility in safeguarding the children in its care seriously and will always try its best to safeguard them while they are in our care.

Attendance

Last week our whole school attendance overall was 97.06%, and attendance so far 96.95%

We have a zero-tolerance policy on parents taking their children out of school to go on holiday, penalty notices will be issued. If your child is absent for 5 days of more you will need to provide proof of illness.

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

Last week's class attendance:	KS1 -	N-EYCJ:	100%	N-EYR:	100%	R-EYCJ:	99%	R-EYR:	100%
		1/2B:	98%	1/2C:	97%	1/2T:	95%		
	KS2 -	3J:	99%	3W:	99%	4H:	97%	4SI:	96%
		5T:	93%	5W:	93%	6H:	96%	6S:	95%



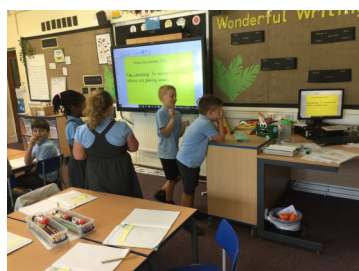
For their attendance last week, the winners **Nursery and Reception** will receive a treasure chest of goodies to share in class.

Year 3

This week in our RPHSE lesson, we have considered on how to help people who are feeling lonely.



The children discussed the feelings and how they can impact on our well-being.



They then role-played pretending to be a lonely child with others coming to help and make them feel good again.

Year 4

In Science, we have been learning about the digestive system and the different functions of our organs! We participated in an experiment using different everyday objects to represent the process of digestion.



In History, we have been learning about the Tudors and their lifestyles! We particularly enjoyed learning about Henry VIII and his wives!



In RE, we have been studying the Bible! This week we looked at the Bible story 'God calls Abraham.' We then created our own TV programme based on the story to present to our peers!



Medicine in School

Only prescribed medicine by a doctor is permitted in school. The parent/carer will need to complete a 'Parental & School Agreement to Store Medication for Administration' when leaving medicine in school. School will complete a 'Record of Medicine Administered to an Individual Child' which will be used to record dosages administered to the child.



All medicine(s) should be taken to the School Office by an adult.
Please **DO NOT** send any medicine in with your child.

Kids Club

Kids Club is run independently from the school and are a non-profitable, fully Ofsted registered childcare providers based in the school grounds of St. Paulinus Primary Academy.

They offer care for all children from the ages of 4 – 16 from any school in the district. Their staff are fully DBS checked.

They are now taking bookings for the October Half Term holidays along with the main summer holidays. If you would like to use their services, please contact Sara (Manager) via e-mail: shiressara05@gmail.com or 07814 010999



Year 6

This week, Year 6 have shown great attitude towards their fitness. On Wednesday we took part in National Fitness Day by completing our 10@10 challenge where we participated in a Jo Wicks workout for ten minutes. Year 6 have also showcased their brilliant communication skills and coordination during our Gymnastics and Tag Rugby lessons.



IMPORTANT DATES

Add these dates to your Diary

Thursday 28 September

St. Paulinus European Day of Languages
(see below for more details)

Tuesday 10 October

World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 11 October

Flu vaccines

Friday 13 October

Sponsored Fancy Dress Fun Run
(details to follow)

Friday 20 October

School Photo Day

Wednesday 25 October

Harvest Festival

St. Paulinus European Day of Languages

On **Thursday 28 September** we will be celebrating 'European Languages and Cultures Day', of which we will be holding a **Non-Uniform Day** and ask that the children come dressed to represent a country - this could be anything from as simple as wearing the colours of the flag to something more, like a Spanish flamenco costume!



There is no charge for this event.

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. Aqib, Mrs. Watt, Mr. Regan
or ring Duty and Advice on 01484 456848,
in confidence. Thank you.

School Calendar 2023/2024



Term 1 - Autumn

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

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

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

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

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 Business Manager.

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!