



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'

Spring Term 1, Week 1

12th January 2024



Head's welcome

Welcome back everyone!! It has been a wonderful week in school and I have loved hearing about all the fantastic things everyone got up to at Christmas!

This term we have a parent workshop for every year group. These workshops are to inform you of things you need to know about for your child and to explain National assessments. I really would encourage you to attend the one for your child's year group. Where parents and schools can work together, it can only benefit your child!

Please also check that you have received your provisional dates sheet for this term so you know when we have upcoming events and can prepare in advance. As you know we are really trying to save money in school and so we can no longer fund the group call text message service as much as we have been doing. This means that we are trying to only use this service for last minute things or emergencies. If you don't have a copy, you can request one from the office.

Lastly and perhaps most importantly, as you know, St. Paulinus was inspected again at the end of November, where we had our Section 48 inspection. This inspection is a close, in-depth view on the school mission and values, the life of the school, the provision we have for worship and provision for Religious Education. I am extremely pleased to report that we have been awarded "Good with Outstanding features", which under this new framework really is a fabulous achievement! A huge well done to all the staff and pupils of St. Paulinus - I am so proud of you!! I really encourage all parents to read the report and hear all the wonderful things that were said about your school and your children.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone, and I will see you all on Monday!

Miss Hayes

Attendance

Last week of December our whole school attendance overall was 93.79%

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 or 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:	91.1%	N-EYR:	80.0%	R-EYCJ:	90.0%	R-EYR:	93.0%
		1/2B:	93.1%	1/2C:	92.1%	1/2T:	90.6%		
	KS2 -	3J:	97.8%	3W:	95.5%	4H:	97.9%	4SI:	90.3%
		5T:	96.0%	5W:	90.0%	6H:	98.6%	6S:	95.7%



For their attendance last week, the winners 6H will receive a treasure chest of goodies to share in class.

Guidance for Parents: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

'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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2nd Sunday of Ordinary time, Year B

SHARING GOD'S GOSPEL



As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, "Look, there is a lamb of God." Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, "What do you want?" They answered, "Rabbi," - which means Teacher - "where do you live?" "Come and see," he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two (who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said) was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, "We have found the Messiah," - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas," - meaning Rock.

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." St. Teresa of Calcutta

Epiphany Mass

Today Fr. Jonathan came to school to celebrate mass for the Feast of the Epiphany. The Epiphany is when the three Wise Men followed the bright new star to Bethlehem to worship baby Jesus. They took him presents of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The children were very reverent during mass and answered Fr. Jonathan's questions well. They also sang beautifully as always!



Congratulations to all our Early Years and Key Stage 1 super stars!

Excellence Endeavour Service to School

Celebration Certificates

EYCJ Olly B
EYR Freddie McN

1/2B Adam C
1/2C Antonia K
1/2T Maymunah P

Star Readers

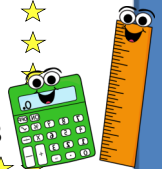
EYCJ Kalen J
EYR Theo C
1/2B Joshua W
1/2C Ann A
1/2T Mihrab K

Wonderful Writers

EYCJ Salahuddin A
EYR Michael O
1/2B Liya MS
1/2C Niko W
1/2T Christopher A

Maths Marvels

EYCJ Muhammad H
EYR Anaya F
1/2B Dominik M
1/2C Hamza H
1/2T Clayton-Jax B



Plea for help for our Early Years Unit

Early Years is having a big revamp to make it more homely and cosy! We are wanting to go with a natural vibe, however, as you know already, schools across the country including ours are really struggling financially and so we were wondering if anyone might have any of the following items that they no longer need and so they could be donated to school to help us in our vision!

We are looking for :

- Wooden crates (smooth and safe for children)
- Old suitcases, to use to create a display
- Child's sofa / chairs / bean bags / big cushions
- Lamps or any soft white twinkly lights
- Small blackboards / book stands
- Good sized wicker baskets for storage
- Fake grass
- Fake green plants / vines
- Log slices - big or small
- Rugs for our reading area



REMINDER: Admissions Deadline

Reception Applications

If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 and would like to apply for a reception place in September 2024 please apply on line at :

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/admissions/apply-primary-school-place.aspx>

The application into St. Paulinus is a 2-part application, to ensure your child receives the correct over subscription criteria you **MUST** complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) from our school and return this before the 15th January 2024.

The Admissions deadline for this September is: **15 January 2024**

If you have any questions about the above please contact the School Office

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.

Gates open 08:30	Start	Finish
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

Watch this space for exciting news about attendance rewards.

IMPORTANT DATES

Add these dates to your Diary

Thursday 18 January
09:00 - 10:00

EYU Parents Invite:
Fun with Phonics

Thursday 18 January
09:00 - 10:00
10:00 - 10:30

Year 1 Parents Invite:
Fun with Phonics
Phonics Screening Info

Thursday 18 January
15:15 - 15:45

Year 1 Parents Invite:
Phonics Screening Info

Thursday 18 January
15:20 - 15:45

Year 6 Parents Invite:
SATs Information

Friday 19 - Friday 26
January

Years 5 & 6 Bikeability

NB. Allocated dates for individual groups

Thursday 25 January
15:15 - 15:45

Year 3 Parents Invite:
Parent Workshop
(More info to follow)

Friday 26 January

Eurovision
'Non-Uniform Day'

Monday 29 January

EYU Balance
Bike Training

School Calendar 2023/2024



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 Thurs. 2 May 2024

May Day Mon. 6 May 2024

INSET Day Mon. 22 July 2024

Safeguarding

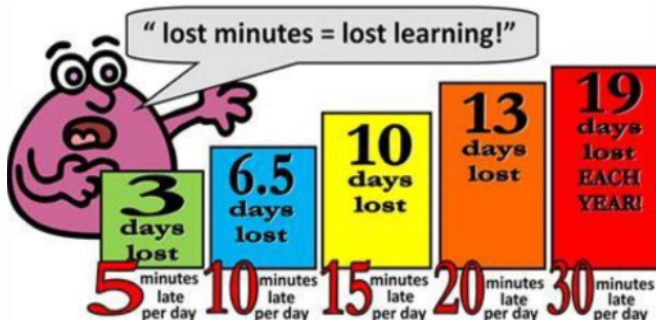
If you ever feel any child is at risk, please contact our Child Protection Officers:

Miss Hayes, Mrs. Davies,
Mrs. McHale, Mr. Hutton, Mrs. Beirne, Miss Regan,
Mrs. Oakley, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Aqib, Mr. Regan
or ring Duty and Advice on 01484 456848,
in confidence. Thank you.

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!

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 on your child's emergency list. If we are unable to get hold of anyone we may arrange a home visit.

