



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

Part of the Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy Trust

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

cf John 8:12)



ST PAULINUS 'WEEKLY NEWS'

Summer Term 1, Week 1

12th April 2024

Head's welcome

Our Virtue to live by for next week is:
Perseverance / Resilience

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have had a wonderful Easter holiday full of joy and laughter for you and your family. It has been lovely to be back in school with all the children, who have come back full of smiles and laughter. Mr. Rowan came to visit us this week and he got a wonderful welcome from the children and even got to see lots of learning going on across school - he was very impressed with our Maths work! I'd also like to say 'Eid Mubarak' to all our families celebrating this week - I have already heard about some of the exciting parties that the children attended! It sounded like they had lots of fun with their friends and families!

Today, we celebrated Easter in school with an Easter Mass - we heard all about the joy that Jesus' friends and family felt when they discovered him risen from the tomb and they got to see him again. How wonderful it must have been to experience this.

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

Miss Hayes

Attendance

Before Easter our whole school attendance overall was 95.5%, and attendance so far 94.9%

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:	98.0%	R-EYCJ:	95.7%	R-EYR:	95.8%
		1/2B:	96.2%	1/2C:	99.3%	1/2T:	97.0%		
	KS2 -	3J:	88.5%	3W:	96.6%	4H:	100%	4SI:	94.8%
		5T:	97.7%	5W:	93.3%	6H:	96.3%	6S:	91.0%

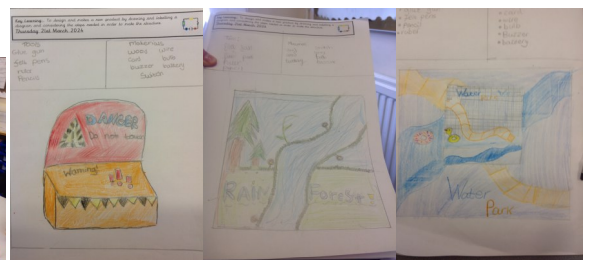
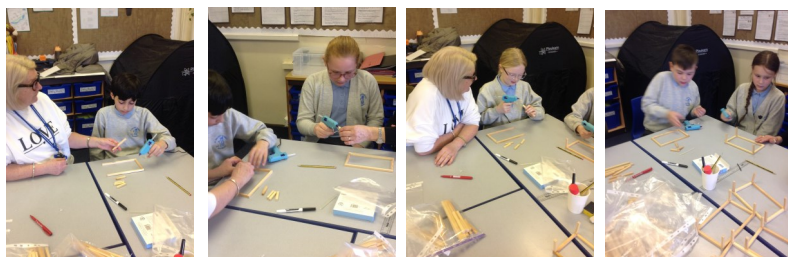


For their attendance last week, the winners 4H will receive a treasure chest of goodies to share in class.

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

Buzz Wire Games & Designs

Before the Easter holidays, Year 5 had started to make their Buzz Wire games and designs.



'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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3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B



SHARING GOD'S GOSPEL

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road to Emmaus and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about this when Jesus himself suddenly appeared among them and said, "Peace be with you!" They were terrified: they thought they were seeing a ghost. "Why are you so frightened?" asked Jesus. "Why do you doubt? Look at my hands and feet; it is really me, in person. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see that I have." Then he showed them his hands and his feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it. They stood there amazed, so he said to them, "Have you anything to eat?" Then they gave him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

"Seek not to understand that you may believe, but believe that you may understand."

St. Augustine

HCPT Group 74

HCPT is an international children's charity who take children to Lourdes every Easter. Miss Regan leads the local group.

HCPT Group 74 had a fun packed week in Lourdes last week! We took 2 children from school and one past pupil. We joined in the Torchlight procession, enjoyed the Trust mass with over 3000 pilgrims, had a great time at the beach and lit candles at the Grotto for all our school family!



#HCPT



<https://www.hcpt.org.uk/>

Spring Parents Evening Questionnaire

Thank you so much to all our parents who took the time to complete our parent questionnaire in the Spring term. We had a really good response and we are thrilled at the results. School works really hard for each and every one of the children and their families and we are deeply grateful for the wonderful feedback you gave us.

Parents have asked about having more after school clubs - I want you all to know that we are doing our best with this and we will continue to try and put more clubs on, but it is tricky to achieve as it is down to staff or coach availability. However, we acknowledge the request and we have tried to put more on for the summer term.

Thank you once again everyone, we really appreciate everyone in our extended family.

Parent Questionnaire results March 2024

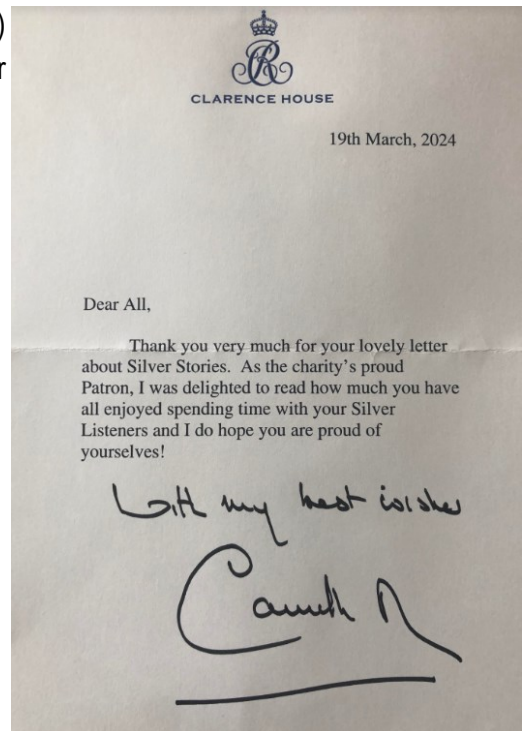
	Agreed/Strongly agree	Disagreed/Strongly disagree	Don't know
My child is doing really well here at St Pauline's and the staff here are very kind, caring and professional	100%	0%	0%
My child has loved her time here.	100%	0%	0%
My child is very happy here, his learning is brilliant. Thanks so much	100%	0%	0%
Thank you very much for the efforts you make for our child. My child loves the school	100%	0%	0%
My child is happy at this school	100%	0%	0%
My child feels safe at this school	100%	0%	0%
Moved my child from another school and she is now doing amazing	93.4%	4.7%	1.9%
You all do an amazing job so far, so good	85%	12%	3%
Very happy with school and my children's learning and development. Thank you	87%	9%	4%
My child loves school and is very happy here.	99.1%	0.9%	0%
Lovely school. Really good school	97.2%	0.9%	1.9%
My child enjoys attending	97.2%	0.9%	1.9%
Teachers are really lovely. Thank you. Very good school	99.1%	0.9%	0%
Happy with the school. My child loves coming to school. Thank you	93.4%	4.7%	1.9%
Could do with some more after school clubs. Overall a good school	93.4%	4.7%	1.9%
Brilliant school! :-)	93.4%	4.7%	1.9%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with quickly and properly / I have not raised concerns	85%	12%	3%
There is a good range of subjects at this school	85%	12%	3%
The school has high expectations for my child	87%	9%	4%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	99.1%	0.9%	0%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	100%	0%	0%
The school provides a good range of other experiences e.g. assemblies, masses, visits, performances, sporting events	94.4%	4.7%	0.9%
The school provides a good range of after school clubs for my child to attend	97.2%	0.9%	1.9%
The school supports my child's wider personal development	98.1%	0.9%	0.9%
I would recommend this school to other parents	99.1%	0.9%	0%

A Royal Seal of Approval !

As you know, St. Paulinus has been part of the 'Silver Stories' programme for the last three years. This is where a group of our Year 6 pupils (known as Silver Readers) take time out during their lunchtime each week to have a chat and read to an elderly member of the community (Silver Listeners) over the phone. The aim is to combat loneliness, diminish their chances of feeling isolated and create inter-generational relationships.



(Back l to r: Theo, Zara, Gabby, Eva, Riley, Fatima, Izzy, - Front l to r: Layla, Eli, Lyla)



We originally began reading to eight local parishioners and this has grown to eleven silver listeners from across the country and the positive impact this has had on everyone involved and the recognition it has received from Ofsted has been a joy to behold. The lovely comments the children receive from their silver listeners such as...

'You have made my day.'

'You are my little ray of sunshine!'

'You give me something to look forward to each week.'

...are priceless and we are proud to say that Silver Stories is now part of the fabric of our school. So much so, we recently wrote to the patron of Silver Stories, HRH Queen Camilla, and we're really excited to say she replied praising the children on the wonderful work they're doing and that they should feel really proud of themselves and the difference they are making to people's lives – long may it continue!

Regular Attendance

St. Paulinus 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.

Appointments: 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Add these dates to your Diary

Sunday 14 April
11:00

Reconciliation
Celebration Mass
@ St. Paulinus Church

Wednesday 1 May

EYU Balance Pedal Bike
Session

Thursday 2 May

School closed:
Polling Day / Inset Day

Monday 6 May

School closed:
May Bank Holiday

Thursday 9 May

Ascension Mass

School Calendar 2023/2024



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

Educational Visits

During the summer term most year groups will be going on an Educational Visit, and we ask that parents please ensure that they return their consent forms straight away and log onto Parent Pay to make payment before the deadline.

School doesn't get any funding for these visits and relies on collecting enough money so the trip can go ahead. If enough funds are not collected then the trips can't take place.

Letters have been sent home for EYU, Years 4, 5 and 6 - please check your letter for the deadline dates and make payment as soon as possible.

Letters to Years 1, 2 and 3 will be going out shortly.



REMINDER

P.E. Days - Summer Term 1

- Nursery & Reception : Wednesdays
- Years 1 & 2 : Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Year 3 : Tuesdays & Fridays
- Year 4 : Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Year 5 : Tuesdays & Fridays
(5T - Swimming, Tuesday am.)
- Year 6 : Wednesdays & Fridays



Please ensure that your child/ren are wearing the correct School P.E. kit, and send them to school in this on the days mentioned above.

P.E. kit - comprises of : White t-shirt (no brands or patterns) / black or dark grey jogging bottoms and grey school hoodie.

They will also need a pair of trainers, a bottle of water and a sunhat (+ suncream as the weather improves).

For safety reasons, NO jewellery is permitted.

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.