



# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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## A Message From Your Headteacher, Mrs Silke

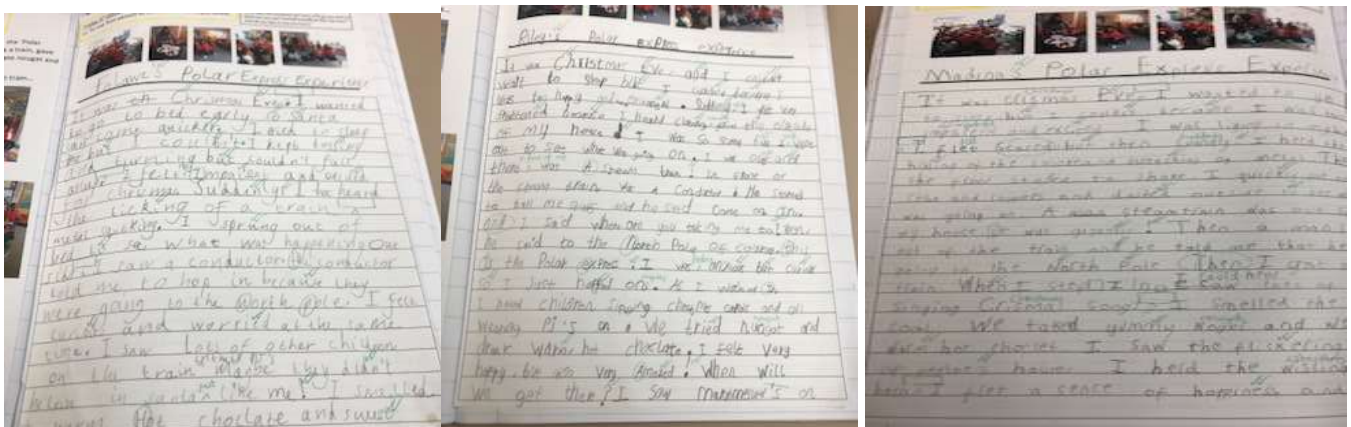
Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the Autumn term I just wanted to say it was so lovely to see so many of you face to face at the parent conferences this week. We are very proud of the progress the children have made this term and this is due to the hard work of the St Paul's team, your children and all of you as parents, who do so much to support your children at home. Thank you for being amazing. It has been great seeing the children so excited about mathematics and timestable rockstars this term as this will really help their arithmetic and reasoning skills. This will be the last newsletter of the term, so I and the St Paul's team would like to wish you and your families a peaceful and blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Please take care and stay safe, we will be thinking of you all.

Ash class read the book 'Polar Express' and re-enacted this in class. They set up the chairs as if on a train, gave their tickets to the inspector as they boarded, drank hot chocolate, ate nougat and sang Christmas carols – just like they did in the book. This is active learning at it's best!



These sorts of active learning experiences provide a really important stimulus for great writing opportunities with a clear purpose, such as the children's recounts of their Polar Express Experience below. Great work, Ash class. 😊



## Welcomes and goodbyes

We say good bye to Miss Linda Mc, who has worked at St Paul's for an incredible 19 years but has decided to take early retirement. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for all her hard work with St Paul's children over the years and wishing her a happy and healthy retirement.

Miss Lea-Wilson is also leaving us for personal reasons to have a career break and we also wish her every happiness and success in the future. Thank you Miss Lea-Wilson for all your hard work.

We have appointed, Ms Cheryl Andrews, a very experienced Higher Level Teaching Assistant who will provide in-class support, deliver 'catch-up' interventions as well as covering classes when the teachers need release time for their leadership roles. We look forward to welcoming her to the St Paul's community on the 4<sup>th</sup> January for our INSET day.

#### Christmas Disco and Grotto

We are so sorry that we have had to change the way our Christmas Disco and Grotto runs this year due to advice from Public Health England. All classes will have a Christmas Disco in class on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 1.30-3pm. There is no cost for this and children can wear party clothes to school on this date. Children who have paid for a grotto ticket will be taken to the grotto to see Father Christmas and do 2 craft activities throughout the day. As always we appreciate your support in these changing and sometimes tricky times and apologise this decision was made so late to the disco date.

#### Christmas Concerts KS1 and EYFS

**KS1** (Maple and Ash) will perform a short carol concert to parents on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9am** in the hall. Please come to the gates by the office for 8.55am please.

Children in **early years** (Acorn and Sycamore) will be performing to parents and carers on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm**. Children who attend nursery in the afternoon are invited to come back at 2:10pm so that they can be part of the performance. Parents please come to the gates by the office for 2.25pm please.

We will ensure that the hall is well ventilated so please wrap up warm as the doors and windows will be open.

#### Remaining dates for the Autumn Term

Event	Date	Time
Christmas Disco and Grotto	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30-3pm
KS1 carol concert	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9-9.30am
EYFS Christmas performance to parents	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30 -3pm
Christmas Carol Service	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15 – 10am
Last day of term – children finish at 2pm	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm
Children return for Term 2	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	8.45am

#### **Term and Holiday dates for the rest of the year**

##### **Spring term**

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 INSET DAY
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- Half – term Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 (children finish at 2pm on 1<sup>st</sup> April).

##### **Summer term**

- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (May Day Bank Holiday will be taken on 2<sup>nd</sup> May)
- Half Term – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 INSET DAY
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 (children finish at 2pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> July)

#### **A prayer for Christmas**

Dear God, we give thanks for this time when we can all be together.

We give thanks for this food which is bountiful and delicious.

We give thanks for this joyful holiday when we can celebrate our Savior and his love for us.

With joy we pray, Amen

**Love and prayers  
From the St Paul's team**



# Celebration Collective Worship

## Celebration nomination

6<sup>th</sup> December 2021



Class	Name of Child	Reason for nomination
Acorn	Whole Class	For their great drawing pictures for Santa.
Acorn	Whole Class	For singing well when practising for nativity.
Sycamore	Liliana	For her focus and determination in all areas of learning.
Sycamore	Ezekiel	For taking on new challenges and always aiming for gold.
Maple	Zayyan	For beginning to say his Teacher's names when prompted – well done!
Maple	Demari	For adopting a positive attitude to learning, resulting in fantastic work being produced – well done!
Ash	Jack	For correctly identifying that Turkey and Hungary are countries in Europe.
Ash	Vida	For persevering when counting and making totals with money.
Redwood	Zakariyah	Writing an amazing description on the Black Dog. I was impressed with the vocabulary.
Redwood	Rowan	Showing more focus in his work. Please keep trying your best.
Larch	Rachel	For starting to contribute more during lessons.
Larch	Bradley	For fabulous progress in all areas this term.
Chestnut	Naomi	For always having a positive attitude towards all areas of work.
Chestnut	Malik	Excellent progress in writing.
Oak	Israel	For a good explanation on 'Why we experience Day and Night!
Oak	Anthony	For completing his homework on time and writing a good explanation of how we know the earth is spherical.
Willow	Matilda & James	For always having a positive attitude and enthusiasm towards all aspects of their learning.

### Lining Up Awards

Bubble	Winners (class)
KS1 (Maple and Ash)	Maple
LKS2 (Redwood and Larch)	Larch
UKS2 (Chestnut, Oak and Willow)	Willow

### Top Table and Team Points

Top Table			Team Points	This Week	Running Tally
Ange-Maelys -Ash	Rhea - Larch	Halima - Chestnut	<b>St George</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
Yaelle - Ash	Mya - Larch	David - Willow	<b>St Patrick</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Morenike - Maple	Ruqayat - Redwood	Matilda - Willow	<b>St Andrew</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>
Abraham.S - Maple	Mia Rose - Redwood	Princess - Willow	<b>St David</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>



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29<sup>th</sup> November 2021



Class	Name of Child	Reason for nomination
Acorn	Elias	For building good relationships with adults and peers.
Acorn	Ousman	For always being helpful in the classroom.
Sycamore	Dominic	For showing kindness to all friends and always being the first to help a friend in need.
Sycamore	Bryan	For modelling excellent enthusiasm and effort in all lessons this week.
Maple	Areli	For beginning to say her sentences out loud before writing them resulting in amazing work being produced across all subjects – well done!
Maple	Michal	For correctly sorting shapes into 2D and 3D groups during maths – well done!
Ash	Amelia	For much improved writing using her Fred – talk.
Ash	Mohamed	For his excellent work at recognising coins and notes and their values.
Redwood	Eliana	For making amazing progress in her reading. She scored highly in her reading test.
Redwood	Fuad	For being really kind and helpful towards his peers and the adults. Miss Mahmoud is really proud.
Larch	Abigail	For fabulous description in her newspaper article.
Larch	Tamara	For great enthusiasm when writing and always finding different ways to improve her work.
Chestnut	Jessica	For a fantastically well written memoir about the life of Katherine Johnson.
Chestnut	Ronnie	For fantastic knowledge and questions about space and the solar system.
Oak	Fatima	For settling in to Oak class and initiating communication with other members of the class.
Mrs Ward-Anderson's maths group	Aminata	For being persistent in her dealings with calculations and always working quietly.
Willow	Ted	For his fantastic and enthusiastic participations in our discussion about if there is alien life.
Willow	Patricia	For her excellent explanation about how we know the earth is spherical.

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Jack - Ash	Divine - Larch	Ishaq - willow	<b>St George</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Riley - Ash	Rhea - Larch	Jordan - Willow	<b>St Patrick</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Zayyan - Maple	Rowan - Redwood	Kiera - Oak	<b>St Andrew</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Areli - Maple	Beyonce - Redwood	Dora - Willow	<b>St David</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>