



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 3rd February 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so proud of all of your children in the way that they work so hard and do their best in every lesson. We taught them about the importance of good manners in collective worship this week and it has been a delight seeing them all show their good manners in class, at playtime (by their Sportsmanship) and also in the dining hall. Why don't you ask them what they have learnt and ask them to show you at home.



This term the EYFS children have been learning about 'Transport' and 'people who help us.' Last week, we had a special visit from the Old Kent road fire station to help the children's learning. The EYFS children went out to the playground where they met the firefighters and saw a real-life fire engine. The children had the opportunity to pull back the lever on the hose to release lots of water, as well as go inside and look around the fire engine. Some of us even got to wear the fire fighters' helmet. To finish, the firefighters came back to our classroom, where they showed us their uniform and equipment. They explained the purpose of all of these. During this time, we were able to ask questions, try on the fire fighters' gloves and take pictures with the firefighters. We had a wonderful afternoon, Alice told us: "I learnt the firefighters wear a mask so that they don't breathe in too much smoke. They have a helmet with a light on to see in the dark." Isaac said: "I learnt about the fire hose, it was so much fun. I learnt you have to call the firefighter when there is a fire. You call 999." The children will be making a thank you card for the firefighters to thank them for coming in to visit with their fire engine.

Attendance Matters

The government and the DfE have extremely high expectations of school attendance because there is a huge amount of evidence that shows children who have poor attendance **do not** make expected academic progress. As a result, attendance is one of the key performance indicators for OFSTED. There is also evidence that, in many cases, poor attendance adversely affects children's well-being as their social relationships are also affected. Although, our overall attendance is good, we still have far too many children whose attendance is below 90%. These children are identified by the DfE as 'persistent absentees' and I want to make you aware that persistent absentees are always referred to our Education Welfare Officer – Estelle Davis who will work with you to help improve your child's attendance.

When we held the pupil progress meetings recently, it was noted that some children had not made expected progress which is always a concern and the Clasteacher and the Senior Leadership Team discussed what can be done to help the child catch up. However, in all cases discussed, it was noted that the child's attendance was low or erratic. Children who attend 100% of the time always do better in school. Clearly, when children have a vomiting bug they have to stay at home but if it's just a cough or a cold then they should come to school (just we go into work as adults) and we will keep an eye on them. We do have tissues in all classrooms and children are taught to cough into their sleeve to prevent the spread of germs.

So that you are kept well informed about your child's attendance, we will be sending out copies of attendance grids starting from next term. Children whose attendance is 95% or over will get their attendance grid on green paper, children whose attendance is between 93% and 95% will receive their grid on orange paper whilst children whose attendance is below 93% and are classed as being at risk of becoming a persistent absentee will get their grid on red paper.

Our attendance policy agreed by Governors is on the school website on the following link.

<https://st-paulsprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Attendance-Policy-2022-23.pdf>

First Communion

St Paul's church warmly welcomes any family with children at St Paul's school. Any young person aged 8 or older can be admitted to communion. Please contact Fr John for details: vicarofstpauls@gmail.com.

After School Activity Clubs Finishing Times

After the half term, we will be changing the time of our after school activity clubs. We understand that at the current time it maybe confusing to parents/carers as some clubs finish at 4.15pm and others at 4.30pm. From 20th February all activity clubs held after school will run until 4.30pm. This means you need to be here to collect your child promptly at 4.30pm. If you are late in collecting your child from these sessions, they may be removed and no longer allowed to attend. Unlike other schools, we do not charge for these clubs, all we ask is that you arrive promptly to take your child home.

Class Collective Worships

Year 5 did a wonderful job leading their collective worship last week, by sharing what it was like to be a child during the Second World War. Great work year 5 😊. Through the year, every class has an opportunity to lead a class collective worship which parents are welcome to attend. Please see dates in red for the Spring term class collective worships. Maple, Acorn and Sycamore class will be leading theirs in the Summer term.

TT Rockstars (Times table rockstars)

As you know, all the children from Year 1-6 have a TT Rockstar login <https://trockstars.com/> This is to help all the children with quick recall of all of their timestables. Knowing your timestables off by heart helps the children in all areas of maths throughout their time in primary and then secondary school. Each week in celebration collective worship we share how we doing in the area (as we play against other schools) and who the top ten rockstars are in school. It is all based on how quickly children answer individual questions. Please see how well we are doing below, we are the top primary school in the area!

Rank	Name	Mean Studio Speed (seconds / question)
1	Nas Vanguard School	1.37
2	St Paul's CE Primary School, Walworth	1.76
3	Cobourg Primary School	2.09
4	Oasis Academy Johanna, London	2.31
5	Ark Globe Academy	2.79

Top 10 TT rockstars in the school

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| 1 st Lemuel in Chestnut | 6 th Lillie Rose in Chestnut |
| 2 nd James in Willow | 7 th Owura in Willow |
| 3 rd Ronnie in Willow | 8 th Malik in Willow |
| 4 th David in Willow | 9 th Jeremiah in Willow |
| 5 th Israel in Willow | 10 th Tyler in Willow |

In future newsletters, we will publish the fastest Timestables rockstars in Year 3 and 4 and in KS1. Please encourage your children (particularly those in KS2) to login and practise regularly. This will help all children to do well in the Yr 4 Timestables screening check as well as in maths tests up to and including the Yr 6 SATs before they go to secondary school.

Dates for the Spring Term – Class Collective Worships in RED

Event	Date	Time
Willow Class Collective Worship	Thursday 9 th February	9:15
Larch Class Collective Worship	Wednesday 1 st March	9.15
Lent Service at St. Paul's Church	Tuesday 28 th February	9.15
St David's Day – children may wear yellow clothes to school	Wednesday 1 st March	
World Book Day	Thursday 2 nd March	
Redwood Class Collective Worship	Wednesday 6 th March	9.15
Year 6 Assessment week	Tuesday 7 th – Friday 10 th March	
Year 1-5 Assessment week	Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th March	
St. Patricks Day – children may wear green clothes to school	Friday 17 th March	
Parent Conferences	Tuesday 21 st and Wednesday 22 nd March	3.30-6pm

A Prayer for positivity

For the days ahead of me, God, bless me with positivity.
Remind me that your love endures all and your words matter the most.
Allow me to face tomorrow with the certainty that you will be with me every step of the way,
regardless of the circumstances that I encounter.

Amen

Love and prayers from all of the St Paul's team



Celebration Collective Worship Celebration nomination



30th January 2023

Class	Name	Reason for nomination
Acorn	The Whole Class	For excellent listening and learning when the firefighters came to the school.
Sycamore	The Whole Class	For their exemplary behaviour during the firefighter's workshop – well done!
Maple	Lyra-May	For excellent improvement using phonics when writing and for always participating brilliantly in class discussions – A great role model!!
Maple	Asher	For his fantastic science knowledge when discussing parts of the body and senses.
Ash	Ayshath	For showing great knowledge of her spaced retrieval sheet about how someone becomes a monarch.
Ash	Michal	For challenging herself in PE by jogging whilst dribbling in and out of cones.
Redwood	Shayne	For great use of conditional sentences to give advice.
Redwood	Lorena	For following a sequence and performing it in front of the class in PE.
Larch	Ruqayat	Learning a new written division method in maths last week.
Larch	Bianca	For her excellent work in creating a booklet explaining the relevance of the 'miracles of Jesus for Christians'.
Chestnut	Charles	Improved behaviour and focus in class.
Chestnut	Rachel	Working hard to improve presentation of her work.
Willow	Ted	For continued participation in lessons and volunteering himself to help with activities within the classroom.
Willow	Esther	For striving to do her best in developing her writing.

Lining Up Awards

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

Top Table and Team Points

Top Table			Team Points	This Week	Running Tally
Luna - Acorn	Shafique - Ash	Tommy - Chestnut	St George	2nd	2nd 140pts
Alice - Acorn	Ava - Ash	Rhea - Chestnut	St Patrick	4th	4th 115pts
Kassidy - Sycamore	Aiza - Redwood	Kayode - Willow	St Andrew	1st	1st 146pts
Ousman - Sycamore	Riley - Redwood	Fatima - Willow	St David	3rd	3rd 131pts
Asher - Maple	Bintu - Larch				
Lyra-May - Maple	Rancel - Larch				



Celebration Collective Worship Celebration nomination



23rd January 2023

Class	Name	Reason for nomination
Acorn	Mubarak	Building a fantastic fire engine.
Acorn	Fola	For always being a good friend.
Sycamore	Yusuf	For his exemplary behaviour during the Christingle Church service – well done!
Sycamore	Michael	For independently giving the example of 'Blackbird' as an animal from the UK during a Literacy discussion about animals from Africa and animals from the UK – well done!
Maple	Joshua	For great maths work especially using stem sentences.
Maple	Princess	For sharing some good ideas about what families do in the Jewish festival of Shabbat.
Ash	Emmanuel	For thoroughly enjoying our computing session and creating his own digital paper.
Ash	Pelumi	For her accurate drawings of 2D shapes using isometric paper.
Redwood	Mohammed	For a great improvement in your story writing including great fronted adverbials and noun phrases.
Redwood	Riley & Zacharias	Great acting skills when performing the story of Romulus and Remus!
Larch	Akosua	Excellent reading comprehension skills on Wednesday.
Larch	Rancel & Rowan	For great collaborative work when locating countries in an atlas.
Chestnut	Victoria	Improved attitude, behaviour and working hard in lessons.
Chestnut	Tommy	For working hard to improve handwriting and concentration.
Willow	Jaydon	For excellent observation and explanation of his investigation in Science.
Willow	Malik	For repeating accurately sequences of gymnastic actions in P.E.

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Armani - Acorn	Sophie - Ash	Alfie - Chestnut	St Patrick	3 rd	4 th 108 pts
Amira - Sycamore	Amelia - redwood	David - Willow	St Andrew	2 nd	1 st 136 pts
Aisha K - Sycamore	Joseph - Redwood	Leah - Willow	St David	1 st	3 rd 123 pts
Johnson - Maple	Callum - Larch				
Princess - Maple	Bianca - Larch				