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YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO ST PAUL'S NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS

Faith, Hope and Love

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Blue Elephant Theatre

Several of our classes have been very lucky to visit The Blue Elephant Theatre over the last couple of weeks. The children watched a panto called 'The Elf Who Saved Christmas'.

Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the play. We would like to thank all of the parents who came along and supported our staff on these trips, we truly appreciate your continued support.



Maple class children and the adults (particularly Mrs Okyere) thoroughly enjoyed themselves, Mrs Okyere said it was funny, interactive and engaging and they would all love to go again!

Here is a link to the website to see further details about Redwood's trip to the Blue Elephant Theatre: <https://bitly.ws/36pap>

Christmas Disco and Santa's Grotto

We would like to thank all of the children and their parents who came to the Christmas Disco and Santa's Grotto. A fabulous time was had by all, it was amazing to see so many happy, smiling faces.

We would like to thank Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit St. Paul's and smile for so many pictures!!

We would also like to thank our incredible staff team who gave up their own time to support the event. Without them, we would not be able to have events, such as this.



Parent Pay

If you wish to purchase uniform or pay for a school trip please do it via your parent pay account, the link to login is:

www.parentpay.com



A Message from our Headteacher

We have had a very busy but successful term. Miss Batchelor and I have now met with all class teachers to discuss the progress made by all of your children since September. We were very pleased to see that most children have made expected progress with a large proportion making better than expected progress. In the small number of cases, where a child has not made expected progress, it was clear that the child's low attendance levels had played a key role. Our OFSTED report in July 23 said that:

'Leaders have high expectations for pupils. This can be seen, for example, in pupils' good behaviour and high attendance.'

The reason we have these high expectations is because all children need to be in school every day, if they are to make expected or rapid progress. I hope that you and your families have a wonderful and peaceful Christmas as well as good health and happiness in the New Year.

We look forward to welcoming you and your children back on Tuesday 9th January for another exciting term ahead.

With Very Best Wishes to you all,

Mrs Ali Silke

Our Prayer for Christmas

Dear God,

Thank you for making everyone a child of yours. At this Christmas time, let Christmas day be the best day as we celebrate the birth of your beloved son – Jesus Christ.

Please help those in need of your spirit. Let all be loved and have plenty of food for this Christmas time and in the New Year.

We pray for all the children and families living in the wars in Ukraine, Gaza and other countries around the world – please help to keep them safe and warm.

We ask this in the name of your beloved son,
Jesus Christ

Amen

St Paul's Food Hygiene

We are delighted to inform you that the school kitchen, breakfast and after school club settings have achieved a food hygiene rating of 5!



After School club

Our children who attend after school club have been busy making mosaics using colourful stickers.

The children tried hard to attach the stickers in the circles accurately and enjoyed choosing their favourite colours.



Raising funds for Save the Children with Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to all of those who donated money
On Christmas Jumper Day, we raised £22.20 for Save the Children.



Spotlight on Art

Larch class have been learning about the Stone Age period this term and during their art lessons they learnt about prehistoric jewellery and what materials were used to create it. The children designed Stone Age beads in their sketchbooks and used air dried clay to make ball, barrel, cube, and tooth shapes.

The children thought about the colours, patterns, shapes, and the order they will arrange them in, ready for painting in the next art session.



Further pictures are available on our website: <https://bitly.ws/36paK>

Year 3 News – Reviewing The Elf Who Saved Christmas

On Tuesday 5th December, Redwood Class set off on a trip to the Blue Elephant Theatre to enjoy a fabulous Christmas performance entitled “The Elf Who Saved Christmas”. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and had a chance to take part throughout. They were chuckling with laughter from beginning to end, it was a very successful trip!

Samuel’s account of the show: I enjoyed it, when the elf was riding around the girl’s house and the girl had no idea he was there, it made me laugh. One of my favourite bits was when they stopped the show to say “it’s too dramatic”. To review the show, we had to answer a series of questions. I liked the question: What would you like us to perform next year? My suggestion was ‘The Fan Who Replaced the Player’.



Nursery Places

Full-time and part-time places are currently available at St Paul's Nursery. For more information, please call the school office on 020 7703 4896.





SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

Spotlight on Ash Class

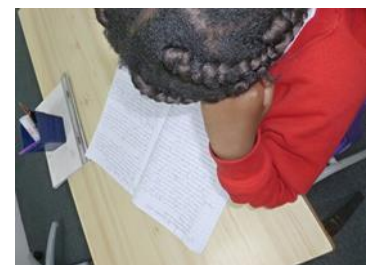
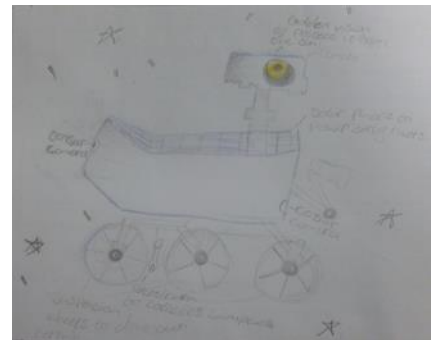
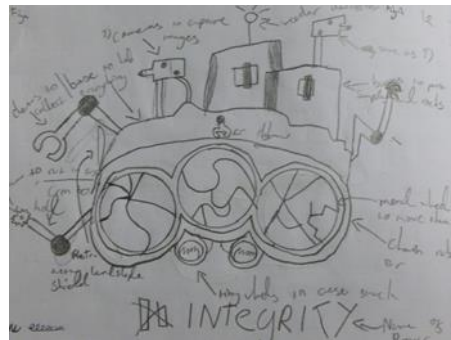
In Ash class the RE topic this half term was, 'Where is the Light of Christmas?'

In the lessons the class read the Nativity story, discussed how light is an important part of the story and why we call Jesus the Light of the World. KS1 also starred in their Nativity show 'The Dinky Donkeys' in which the children sang the song 'Follow the Star'. The children have learnt that the star showed where Jesus was born and it is such an important part of the Christmas story. The favourite lesson during this topic was creating Christingles. The children learnt about what each part of the Christingle represents – maybe you can ask your child and see what they can remember.



Spotlight on Chestnut Class

In English, Chestnut Class have been learning all about 'Curiosity' and its journey to Mars. We have looked at the processes that went into creating the rover, the different components that were included and why each of them was so important. We watched the moment that Curiosity landed on Mars from the perspective of the scientists at NASA and then we wrote our own news reports that detailed the events. Finally, we designed our own rovers and wrote a formal proposal to NASA that explained why our rovers deserved to be built.



Choir Club

We would like to thank all of the children for their dedication in attending the Choir Club Rehearsals over the last term. We would also like to thank their families for collecting the children promptly at the end of the sessions.



Celebrations

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Class	Name	Reason for nomination
Acorn	Sofia	For her fantastic story box 'Little Red Riding Hood' that Sofia made as part of her home learning.
Acorn	Tae-Ron	For communicating with the adults in the classroom. Well done Tae-Ron!
Sycamore	Alice	For writing an amazing letter to Santa independently.
Sycamore	Fola	For trying her best to spell CVC words in phonics.
Maple	The Whole Class	For their fantastic singing and acting during the KS1 Christmas production – well done!
Ash	Joseph	For improved concentration, listening and an excellent piece of writing using similar to describe his journey on the Polar Express.
Ash	Lola	For working really hard to improve her handwriting.
Redwood	Rayyan	For great focus during all lessons and producing beautiful handwriting.
Redwood	Abraham Y	For improvement in focus during the input and independent task.
Larch	Quincy	For all the effort he has been putting into learning his timetables.
Larch	Elijah	For being so kind and polite to all his peers and teachers.
Chestnut	The Whole Class	For their fantastic behaviour on our trip and being told they were the best class in the museum.
Willow	Lemuel	For showing great teamwork and endurance in all his PE lessons.
Willow	Taijah	For consistently following the CALM code and completing homework weekly.

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

Top Table			Team Points	This Week	Running Tally
Zinnie - Acorn	Bryan - Ash	Beyonce - Chestnut	St George	71	2 nd 548pts
Inzata - Acorn	Lola - Ash	Zakariyah - Chestnut	St Patrick	110	1 st 603pts
Mubarak - Sycamore	Maya - Redwood	Jovianni - Willow	St Andrew	64	4 th 416pts
Alice - Sycamore	Emmanuel - Redwood	Lillie-Rose - Willow	St David	71	3 rd 425pts
Yusuf - Maple	Folawe - Larch		Well done St Patrick! 		
Aisha K - Maple	Shayne - Larch				



KEY DATES & EVENTS

Upcoming Events!

You are invited to . . .

Community Christmas Carols

When: 7pm Sunday 24th December
Where: St Paul's Lorrimore Square, SE17 3QU
Who: The whole family
Cost: Free

Festive treats will be served!

A decorative border on the right side of the invitation card featuring green holly leaves and red berries.

Applying for Reception Class Places for 2024

The deadline is 15th January 2024. To apply please go to: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Term Dates

Spring 2023/24

Monday 8th January 2024 INSET
DAY

Spring Term 1 - Tuesday 9th January
to Friday 9th February 2024 (3.15pm
finish)

**Half term – Monday 12th to Friday
16th February 2024**

Spring Term 2 – Monday 19th
February to Thursday 28th March
2024 (1.30pm finish)

Summer 23/24

Summer Term 1 – Monday 15th
April to Friday 24th May 2024
(3.15pm finish)

**May Day Bank Holiday 6th May
Half term – Monday 27th May to
Friday 31st May 2024**

Summer Term 2 – Monday 3rd June
to Thursday 25th July 2024 (1.30pm
finish)

Monday 8th July – INSET Day