

## St Paul's Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can hardly believe how quickly this term has gone and here we are, about to break up for the Christmas holidays!

It has been a very busy and eventful term at St Paul's. Firstly, I would like to thank parents for their support following our Ofsted inspection. Thank you also for the many positive comments, recognising the improvements and changes that have been made so far, and those that continue to take place. We are excited to be taking the school forward on its journey of improvement and are sure there are lots of exciting times and further developments ahead!

It has been wonderful celebrating Christmas with the children and you, our families, once again this year – we hope parents enjoyed the chance to spend time in school too. Our Christmas craft workshops were very well attended and the children performed brilliantly in their Nativities and concerts!

A particular highlight for me personally, was Christmas dinner day last week. Not only did the children enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner cooked by our kitchen staff, but we also welcomed over 20 visitors from the wider school and church community to join in the festive fun. The Year 6 children were fantastic all day, setting up the hall, learning to lay the table, making place names and even folding the napkins! They then entertained our visitors during lunch followed by some songs from their Christmas concert. Our visitors had a wonderful time and spoke highly of the children who represented St Paul's so well – we are very proud of them!

We have had a lot of staff sickness this term – I would like to thank all the staff for their flexibility and adapting when cover was needed.

Thank you to all our parents for your ongoing support and for your kind Christmas cards, gifts and well wishes. I hope all of our families are able to enjoy time with loved ones over

the holidays. The staff and I would like to wish all our children and families a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Best wishes

Mrs J Ferretti (Headteacher.)

## Welcome!

In January, we look forward to welcoming Mrs Clarke to the St Paul's team. She will be taking on the role of Early Years Leader as well as teaching in Year 1 and Year 3 throughout the week.



At half term we said 'goodbye' to Mrs Turay who has started a new role in an Early Years setting. We wish her all the best for the future.

This week we say 'goodbye and good luck' to Miss Sollom who starts her first, permanent teaching role in a local primary school in January. We would like to thank Miss Sollom for the support she has given the Year 3 children this term and wish her every success for the start of her career. Sadly, we also say 'farewell' to Miss Bishton on Friday who has decided to spend more precious time with her family. Miss Bishton has only been with us a short time but has become a valued member of the team. Thank you Miss Bishton for your support – we wish you all the best and hope you will still come in to help out from time to time!

## Uniform

A reminder for the new term that children should wear the correct school uniform as below

Our school uniform consists of:-	(Summer alternative)
Grey Trousers / pinafore dress / skirt	Grey shorts / skirt / red & white
	gingham dress
White shirt with maroon/silver striped tie / white blouse	
or	
White or maroon polo shirt (with school logo optional)	
Maroon crew-necked jumper or cardigan (with school logo)	
Grey / Maroon / White socks or tights	
Sensible black shoes (no heels please or trainers (unless on PE days)	
Optional items – beanie hat, cap, fleece, coat, book bag.	
Our optional Nursery uniform consists of:-	
Grey or black leggings / joggers	
White or maroon polo shirt (with school logo optional)	
Maroon hoodie (with school logo)	

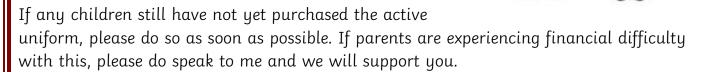
On Games / PE days, children should wear our Active Uniform;

Maroon St Paul's sports top

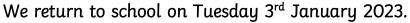
Maroon St Paul's zipped hoodie

Black shorts / joggers / leggings

Trainers.



All items of school uniform are available from <u>Lads and Lasses</u> in store in Bilbrook or <u>online</u>.





## Rainbow Christian Values;

Harmony, Patience, Honesty, Forgiveness, Thankfulness, Justice, Humility

Our Mission Statement;

Building each other up—with God as our firm foundation.

(The Bible: I Thessalonians 5:11)