

St. Paul's Church of England (A) Primary School

Building each other up



with God as our firm foundation

# St Paul's Newsletter

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Autumn Term

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Dear Parents,

I can hardly believe we are nearly at the end of the Autumn term – my first term here at St Paul's! I can truly say that I feel very much at home here and it has been an absolute delight getting to know all of the wonderful children (and many parents!). We hope you have noticed some of the changes in recent months as the staff and I work on continued school improvement.

As we look ahead to the upcoming celebrations and festivities, we would like to wish all of our children and families a very Merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year.

Best wishes,

Mrs J Ferretti,

Headteacher.



## Welcome to St Paul's!

We are delighted to welcome some new members of staff to the St Paul's team this month. Ms Hayden and Mr Carrier are joining us as Pastoral and Behaviour Support Assistants. We are very pleased to have created these roles which will create extra capacity to support many children across school as we recover from the impact of the school closures and lockdowns. We also welcome Mrs Savage as Year 6 Teaching Assistant and Mrs Sandhu and Miss Edwards who will be working in club. I am sure the whole school community will make them feel very welcome.

## And a fond farewell..

Sadly, as we say hello to some, we also say 'Goodbye' to another... Mrs Poulson will be leaving St Paul's at the end of this term. Mrs Poulson has worked here for many years and is a much respected member of the team. She has decided it is time for a new adventure and we wish her all the very best for the future. We certainly hope she will be keeping in touch and may pop in to help some of the children from time to time!

Thank you for your hard work and commitment Mrs Poulson, you will be very missed.

## PE Kits

Unfortunately, we still have a number of children who are not wearing the correct PE uniform on PE days and are wearing other colours and/or logoed or patterned items. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in line with the below policy -

PE kit forms part of our school's policy on uniform as follows;

Trainers

Maroon shorts

St Paul's white PE t-shirt



**St Paul's tracksuit or plain maroon/black/navy/dark grey tracksuit (no logos please).**

A pair of black pumps to be kept in school for indoor PE.

Other sports clothes / items / colours should not be worn.

PE kit forms part of the school's uniform—please ensure your child is wearing the correct kit.

A reminder that children should wear PE kit to school on their class PE / Games day.

**We ask that earrings are removed on PE days.**

## Music Lessons.

Parents of children in Y4-6 who have had music lessons this term will be receiving a letter regarding payment for music lessons for the remainder of the school year.



To secure your child's lessons for the remainder of the year, payment **MUST** be received by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December so that registers can be finalised with the Music Service.



## **Extended School Provision—update**

### **Alpha and Omega Club @ St Paul's**

We are thrilled to be starting our before and after school childcare provision from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December. We hope this provision will be of support to our families.

For parents wishing to claim Tax-free Childcare, we are awaiting our 11-digit provider code which you will require when you register. As soon as this comes through we will make you all aware.

As per recent texts, booking forms will be sent weekly to book your child(ren) in for the following week. Payment must be made in advance. Our registration form must be completed prior to your child attending club. This can be downloaded here or a paper copy can be requested from the office. Our Parent Handbook / Extended Schools Policy can be found here.

### **Car Park Gates**

Now that we have children staying in school for after school club, the car park and pedestrian gates will have to be locked a little bit sooner at the end of the day. Whilst it is lovely that the children want to stay on the school grounds and play at the end of the day, we ask that parents move promptly off the playground so that the school site can be secured. I'm sure you will understand that the safeguarding and protection of the children remaining in school must be paramount.

**The gates will be closing at 3.25pm from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

### **Bikes and Scooters –**

A huge thank you for the support of parents in reminding the children to push rather than ride scooters and bikes whilst on the school site. Well done to the children that are helping to keep the playground safe at the start and end of the day.

## Christmas 2021

As you will be aware, sadly we are unable to hold our Christmas performances as planned this year due to continued high cases and more recently, growing concern around the

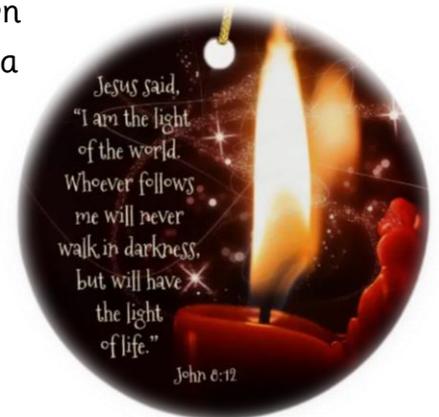


Omnicron variant. The children are still busy practising and learning songs and lines though and whilst not quite the same, we are sure you will be delighted to watch them in the recorded performances! Children from whom parental consent has not been given will not be filmed.

Links to the recorded performances will be sent out during the last week of term.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Dinner with the children on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Christmas Jumper Day will also be celebrated on this day. Children are encouraged to wear a festive jumper / t-shirt / accessories for a £1 donation to Save the Children. (Please send in on the day.)



### Flu Immunisations

A reminder that the School Age Immunisation Team will be in school on **Thursday 2nd December** to deliver the nasal flu spray to children in Reception to Year 6.

## Health Checks for Children

Many parents are not aware that it is recommended that children have their eyes tested yearly and visit the dentist every 6 months to a year. For more information please follow these links:

[Children's teeth](#)

[Eye tests for children](#) (vision screening is no longer carried out in schools in Wolverhampton)

If you have any concerns regarding your child's hearing, please visit your GP in the first instance to check there are no blockages causing a problem. If issues continue, the School Nursing Team can make a referral to the Audiology team at the Gem Centre.

Our School Nurse Team, based at Pendeford Health Centre are available to provide support. If you have any concerns or would like advice regarding any aspects of your child's health, please let us know and we can contact the team.

## Behaviour

We have been embedding our new Behaviour Policy this half term and the children have responded brilliantly to the positive praise and range of rewards. Each week we have been focusing on a different letter of our St Paul's Promise.



**P** – We are **p**repared, we are **p**olite, we are **p**roud.

**R** – We are **r**espectful, we are **r**esponsible, we are **r**esilient

**O** – We make the most of every **o**pportunity

**M** – We **m**ake a difference.

**I** – We are **i**n control

**S** – We are **s**afe

**E** – We **e**njoy and **e**xcel.



## Adverse Weather

We have already had our first snow of the season! In the case of further snowfall, we will endeavour to operate normally wherever possible. Any closures will be in exceptional circumstances and be in the interests of health and safety. A school closure could be directed by the Local Authority which would mean that all maintained schools in the city must close. Alternatively, a local school closure may be necessary due to conditions specifically around our school.

Should a decision to close be made across all schools, information will be shared on the “Wolverhampton Today” Facebook page, the City of Wolverhampton Council’s Twitter feed and on the City of Wolverhampton Council’s Website.

If there is no definite announcement about Wolverhampton schools by 7:30am, it can be assumed that there has not been a general closure.

As a school we will send a text message to all parents as soon as a decision to close is taken (either by the LA or as a school.) and where possible, we will give as much notice as possible. I am sure however, you can appreciate that forecasts can be uncertain and there are times when the weather can take us somewhat by surprise!

## Diary Dates



### December Diary Dates -

2nd - Flu Immunisation Team in school YR-6

10th—Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

15th—Christmas party day / Pantomime.

17th—End of term Carol Concert.



School closes for holidays at 1.30pm



### January Diary Dates - Happy New Year!

4th January 2022— Children return to school.

24th - Young Voices—Years 5 & 6

**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)**

# ST PAUL'S CHURCH



**ADVENT**

**and**

**CHRISTMAS**



**SUN 5 DEC 10.30 - Advent 2**

**SUN 5 DEC 5pm - HOPS**

**SUN 12 DEC 10.30 - Christingle**

**SUN 19 DEC 10.30 - Advent 4**

**SUN 19 DEC 6.30pm - Carol Service**

**THURS 23 DEC 7.30 pm - Blue Christmas**

**FRI 24 DEC 3pm - Crib Service**

**FRI 24 DEC MIDNIGHT COMMUNION 11.30pm**

**SAT 25 DEC 10.30 – Christmas Day**

**SUN 26 DEC 10.30 Communion**