



ST. PAUL'S
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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The Christian family of St Paul's... moving forward together.

'For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given and the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace.
Isaiah 9:6

Friday 13th December 2019

Headteacher's news

What an amazing week we have had! The school has been busy with lots of Christmas festivities and it has been a pleasure for all staff and children involved. The whole school visited King George's Hall to watch 'Cinderella' which was enjoyed by all. A special thank you to all the parent volunteers who joined us on Wednesday. Your support is greatly appreciated.

It was wonderful to watch the infant children perform 'The Magical Christmas Jigsaw' on Thursday. I know a lot of time and effort has been put in by the children and the staff and this was evident in both performances. We definitely have stars in the making!

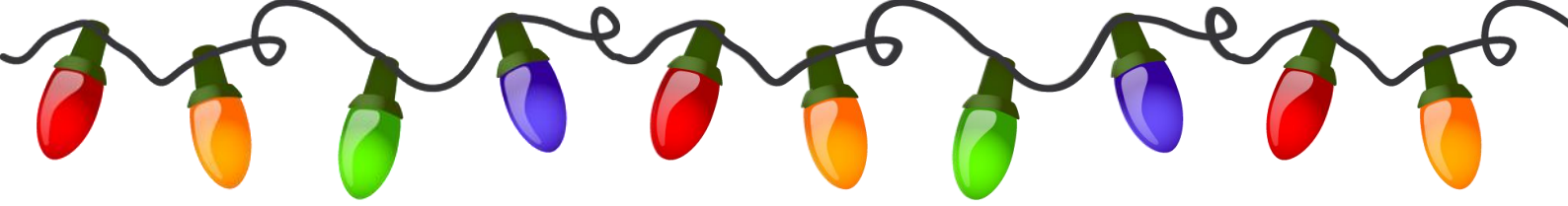
On Tuesday, a group of Year 5 and 6 children visited Hillview Care Home with Mrs Ormerod and Mrs Smith where they read to the residents. This was a lovely opportunity for all involved and the room was filled with smiles and laughter!

Our Junior Christmas Carol Concert will take place on Monday 16th December at 2pm at St Paul's Church. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

School will close on Friday 20th December at 1:35pm. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. I hope you all enjoy the special times with your families and make precious memories. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another successful term in January.

Communication

As a school, we work hard to ensure important messages reach home. Each week we send home a school newsletter. In addition to this, each class teacher also writes a class newsletter which informs you of learning which has taken place that week, any upcoming important dates and any important information which is appropriate to your child's class. Please visit your child's class page to locate this information. This can be found at <https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk/classes/>. If you would prefer a paper copy, please let your child's class teacher know and this can be arranged.



Winter virus information

We currently have a high number of students and staff who have been off sick with suspected flu-like symptoms. Symptoms of influenza (flu) can include fever, an aching body, dry cough, headache, sore throat, diarrhoea or tummy pain, feeling sick and being sick. **I would like to inform you that the school is cleaned daily and also throughout the day by our staff using antibacterial solutions. In addition, we have antibacterial soap and hand gels available for all to use freely.** It is that time of year and many schools and people across the valley are suffering with the virus.

To reduce spread of infection it is important to keep children with any symptoms of flu-like illness away from school until they have fully recovered, are free of symptoms and have not had a fever for at least 24 hours.

Within school we have spoken to the children about good respiratory hygiene i.e. covering their nose/mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, discarding tissues after use and washing hands with soap and water, it is important to reduce the risk to others.

Children who missed their flu vaccinations due to absences, will have the opportunity to have this after Christmas. We are currently waiting for a confirmation date and will let you know as soon as we have heard.

It's that time of year...

As part of our winter preparation, I would like to inform you that we take Health and Safety very seriously in school and in the unfortunate event of extreme weather; we will aim to remain open. If we have to close school due to dangerous weather conditions, we will update our school's **Twitter page @StPaulsCESch at the earliest opportunity.** We will also update our PTA Facebook page, our school website and we will inform BBC Radio Lancashire.

Whilst waiting around our school grounds in your cars we would ask that you turn off your car engines in order to help to keep the air around school cleaner.

Starting Reception in 2020

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary school place in September 2020 the means of application is via Lancashire's new online system at:

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

This is a quick and easy way and offers an email receipt of all submitted applications. Please ensure that you hit the 'submit' button when you are ready to send in your completed online application. You must apply even if you have siblings at your preferred school or academy.

The closing dates for applications for September 2020-21 are at 11.59pm on:

Primary applications - 15th January 2020

St Paul's Awards

	<u>Learner of the Week</u>	<u>BLP Winner</u>
Amazing Acorns	Liam & Alexia	Freddie Mc
Super Sycamores	Whole Class	Louie
Outstanding Alders	Whole Class	Kelsey
Enchanted Elms	Whole Class	Ben
Marvellous Maples	Katie	Ben
Dazzling Elders	Charlotte	Tyler
Wonderful Willows	Lily	Cayden
Mighty Oaks	Liam	Devon
Winning House Team	Hareholme	

Reflective Friday



Dates for your diary for the Autumn term ...

Monday 16th December - Junior Carol Service at Church - 2pm

PM- Alders and Acorns (Miss Cavaney) Christmas Party- please see class newsletters for more information

Tuesday 17th December - 9:15am- Guitar Concert in the hall for parents of children who have guitar lessons in school/ Christmas hamper raffle drawn and winners announced

PM- Sycamores and Acorns (Mrs Jabeen) Christmas Party- please see class newsletters for more information

Wednesday 18th December- 9:00- Woodwind Concert in the hall for parents of children who have woodwind lessons in school

PM- Elms and Maples Christmas Party- please see class newsletters for more information

Thursday 19th December- PM- Elders, Willows and Oaks Christmas Party- please see class newsletters for more information

Friday 20th December - School closes at 1:35pm

Monday 6th January 2020- Return to school for the Spring Term