



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 6th December 2019

Headteacher's news

We have had another busy week in school. The infant children and staff have been working very hard on their nativity performance and I am very excited to see the final performances next week.

The afternoon performance will commence at 1.30pm on Thursday 12th December. You are able to take your child/children home after this performance. **Please note that if you have any children in the juniors they will not return to school, from the pantomime, until 4:15pm.**

Please return your child for 5.00pm ready for the evening performance which will commence at 5.30pm. We anticipate that each performance will last for around 45 minutes so please ensure your child is collected by 6:15pm from the classroom doors if you are not attending the evening performance.

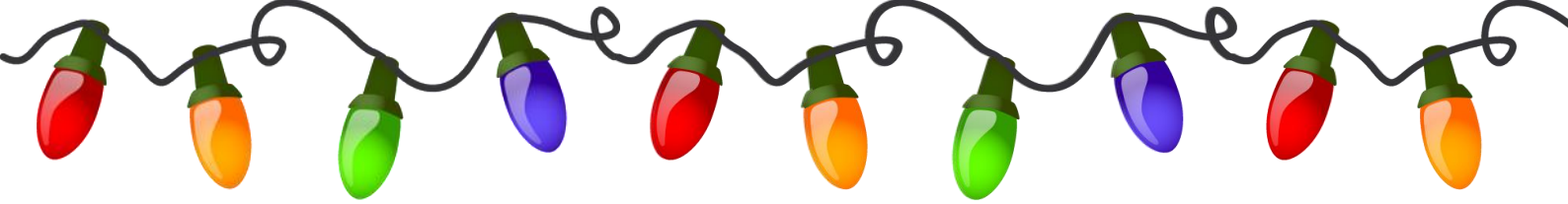
If you have not yet received your tickets, please speak to a member of staff. Please ensure your child's nativity costume is in school by Monday at the latest. Many thanks for all your support.

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.

Christmas Carol Service

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



PTA news

Thank you to all who donated to our Christmas Hampers. Letters and raffle tickets have been sent home this week. There are spares at the school office if you want to purchase more or if your child didn't bring a letter home.

Many Thanks

Kath McArragher (PTA Chair)

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



Christmas clear out?

Are you planning a clear out over Christmas to make room for new toys and games? If so we would be very grateful for any unwanted items for use in our nurture groups/BYT and class wet play boxes. Many thanks.

St Paul's Awards

	<u>Learner of the Week</u>	<u>BLP Winner</u>
Amazing Acorns	Jack & Jake	Andrew & Archie T
Super Sycamores	Sam	Cali-Grace
Outstanding Alders	Eliana	Brooke
Enchanted Elms	Oliver I	Ben B
Marvellous Maples	Amelie	Tommy
Dazzling Elders	Harry	Annie
Wonderful Willows	Dillon	Sally
Mighty Oaks	Ishaan	James
Winning House Team	Hareholme	

Reflective Friday



Dates for your diary for the Autumn term ...

Wednesday 11th December - Infant panto - Junior Christmas lunch

Thursday 12th December - Junior Panto - Infant Christmas lunch

Thursday 12th December - Infant Nativity 1:30pm & 5:30pm

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

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

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

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

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