



ST. PAUL'S
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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From the words of St. Paul... 'Encourage one another and build each other up'.

Friday 27th November 2020

Headteacher news

Well as we near the end of a very busy week we are starting to gear up for our Christmas celebrations. We know that this year is not going to be the same as many before, but we would like to make it as special as possible for our children in school. Within our newsletter today you will find some of the information for the upcoming events. Next week we are continuing with our Bikeability sessions Please ensure that your child brings their bike to school on the day, along with their helmet and a waterproof coat. Children may come to school dressed for the sessions - comfortable clothing such as joggers and layers to keep warm as they will be outdoors for most of the day. The dates for all groups are as follows:

Mon 30th Nov - Group 3

Tues 1st December - Group 4

Wednesday 2nd Dec - Group 5 Please see your separate letter for your child's group.

Christmas cards

We are allowing Christmas cards to be brought into school from Monday 30th November. Please ensure they are brought into school on Monday and Tuesday we will then isolate them and send them home on a Friday. Class teachers will not allow children to put them into the post box on days other than Monday and Tuesday.

Rossendale Hospice

Due to the end of the Interschool Penny Pinching Challenge being in the new lockdown - 27th November, they have decided to postpone the collection of the penny boxes from your school until **Thursday 3rd December**.

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December



On Friday 11th December we will be getting into the festive spirit by wearing Christmas jumpers to school. Don't feel pressured into buying one from the high street; you can bling up using tinsel or create your own. **A £1 donation via ParentPay will be gratefully received.**

Race to Lapland

Don't forget to log your miles for the Race to Lapland on the form

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyCbA1gI2xhjQfmKSD1jVrOt7iGso1Bc1wffUGNELX1blr4Q/viewform>

There are some great prizes up for grabs for the children who log the most active miles outside of school (these can be walked, jogged, cycled, scooted or wheeled!) as well as a special prize for the school with the most miles logged (both in school and outside school as a total).



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Christmas Pantomime

It wouldn't be Christmas without a pantomime and although we are unable to visit the theatre this year. PTA are helping the theatre to come to us. During the last week each class will have the opportunity to close all the blinds, put up the fairy lights, take out the popcorn, crisps and drinks and watch an online production of Jack and the Beanstalk. **We are asking for a £2 donation for each child to cover the costs of the production and treats.**

Christmas Party

This year we are moving out of the building and into the forest for our Christmas parties throughout the final week in school. We will spend a full session in the forest where it will be dressed as a winter wonderland. The children will find Santa's grotto, warm around the fire pit, hot chocolate, marshmallows and play party games.

Please ensure that your child is suitably dressed in warm and waterproof clothing for Forest School on the following days.

	Mon 14 th Dec	Tues 15 th Dec	Wed 16 th Dec	Thurs 17 th Dec	Fri 18 th Dec
AM	Elders	Elms	Ashes	Sycamores	Acorns
PM	Oaks	Alders	Maples	Willows	School Closed

PTA News

Thank you all for your kind donations to our Christmas hampers. We hope your children enjoyed their non- uniform day. Raffle tickets are available to buy on ParentPay for £1 each. We will allocate numbers and the draw will take place week commencing 14th December. The draw will be posted on our PTA Facebook page and we will contact winners to arrange the hamper collections.

The Christmas cards and mugs that were ordered should have been sent home now, if you haven't received yours yet please speak to your child's teacher as they have all been handed into school now. There were some fantastic designs this year, so a huge well done to all the children.

Thanks for all your continuing support, it means the PTA can continue raising money to help fund special events and for extra items in school for our children.

Kath McArragher (PTA Chair)

If you or a member of your family have any symptoms or have had a test, then your household must isolate and not come into school.

Please continue to inform us if a member of your household or your child requires a Covid test as we will need to track those that your child may have been near.



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Home learning

If you are isolating you will find the home learning sessions timetabled for the week and the links you need to access them through Oak Academy. When there is a bubble or class closure, you will be sent further information regarding recorded sessions that will be provided by our teachers, unless your class teacher is unwell. In this event, information will be given of how to access the teaching and learning sessions provided by school. **If you do not have access to online facilities at home, please inform us as we can copy packs for your child(ren) to complete.**

Reflective Friday



Flu Immunisation

If your child was absent on the days the Nasal Flu spray was given and you gave consent either via E-Consent or paper consent form then the team will be coming back to school after Christmas.

Should you think this may be too late, please contact your GP for an appointment.

Dates for your diary...

Sunday 29 th November	Advent begins															
Monday 30 th November	Bikeability group 2 Guru Nanak's birthday															
Tuesday 1 st December	Bikeability group 3															
Wednesday 2 nd December	Bikeability group 4															
Week 7 th December	Year 2 Phonic Screening															
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper day School Games Santa Dash															
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas lunch															
Friday 18 th December	School closes for the end of term from 1.30pm															
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