



ST. PAUL'S
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ENGAGE - INSPIRE - ACHIEVE

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

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him”
Romans 15:13’*

Friday 3rd December 2021

Headteacher updates...

On Tuesday we had a visit from our Diocese RE advisor which included a walk around school with Miss Fielding. We are so proud of the positive feedback we received. Thank you to all our staff and children for making St Paul's such a special place to be.

This week we have also celebrated 'Christingle' across school. Thank you to Claire and the team from church who led a beautiful service, marking the countdown to Christmas and the start of Advent.

COVID Update

As you will be aware, on Saturday night there was update regarding the new variant and key changes which have been put in place this week. In light of this, please can we ask that any parents who come into school, including when coming to the office hatch, wear a mask.

Unfortunately, we have had a rise of cases again across school. We are sending 'close contact' emails to classes who have had positive results recommending that you take your child for a PCR test. Your child does not need to isolate and can return to school once they have had their PCR so long as they are not displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 or are feeling unwell. Thank you to those parents/carers who are taking their children for PCR tests. As a result, we have had a lot of asymptomatic children testing positive and as a result, will hopefully be able to reduce the number of cases across school.

We want to do all we can to ensure your families and all our staff can have the best Christmas possible. Thank you for your support and understanding.

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.





Reception Class only - Vision Screening will take place on **Wednesday 15th December.**

This is an OPT-OUT system. All children will have vision screening in school unless a reply slip is returned. If you want to Opt out please ask the office for an Opt Out consent form.

Starting Reception in 2022 ...

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary place in September 2022 you can now apply online via Lancashire's 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 2022 are at 11.59pm on:
Primary applications - 15th January 2022

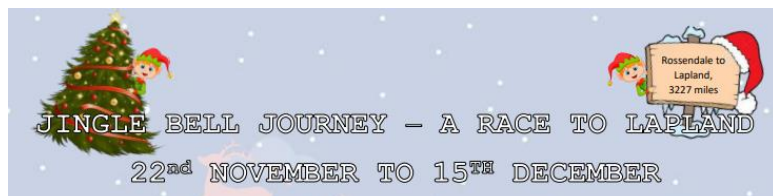
Reflective Friday



St Paul's Awards.

Well done Outstanding Alders you are this week's attendance winners.

	<u>Learner of the Week</u>	<u>Our Topic Superstar</u>	<u>Our school Value Champion</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Amazing Acorns	Harry C	Aurora	Ayan	93.79%
Awesome Ashes	Oscar I	Jacob	Jake	95.86%
Super Sycamores	Max	Orlando	Eryn	90.97%
Outstanding Alders	Erin	Joshua	Freddie	98.67
Enchanted Elms	Mac	Dylan	Max	97.78
Marvellous Maples	Kelsey	Charlotte	Ellesia	87.84
Dazzling Elders	Rowan	Harper	Chloe C	98.18
Wonderful Willows	Joe	Hadia	Hadi	96.33
Mighty Oaks	Isaac H	Ruby	Theo	93.13
Blossoms	Learner of the week	Summer		



Race to Lapland

Did you know that it is 3277 miles to Lapland and our school is going to attempt to travel this distance over the next few weeks? During our Daily Mile, we are hoping

to cover as much of this distance in school but we need your support in being as active as possible outside of the school day. By walking, cycling, scooting or wheeling to school with your children, you will contribute to our school mile tally. Dog walks, runs, weekend bike rides can all be recorded too. So the more miles, the better!

If you do wish to participate, please use the following link to record any distances you complete .
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqKVWwUnOznV29uen0Ft1QEYXJ3bOHIBZPDsKPIFs3kmFnaA/viewform?usp=sf_link



MEDICINE IN SCHOOL - When antibiotic medicine is brought to school for school to administer the medicine **MUST** have your child's name and dosage on either the box or bottle.





Dates for your diary...

Date	Infants	Lower Juniors	Upper Juniors
Tuesday 7 th December	9:30-10:30 Flu Immunisation Team (for children who were absent)		
Tuesday 14 th December		All Junior classes - Carol Service in church - We apologise due to rising cases of Covid this year it is just our children only	
		All Junior classes - Slumber Party	
	Acorns and Ashes Winter wonderland forest party		Oaks Willows and Elders - Christmas dinner
Wednesday 15 th December	Reception Vision Screening Sycamores and Alders Slumber Party	Maples and Elms - Christmas dinner followed by Christmas party in the hall.	
Thursday 16 th December	All infant classes - Christmas dinner Sycamores and Alders Winter wonderland forest party		Oaks Willows and Elders Christmas party in the hall.
Friday 17 th December	School closes for the end of term 1.35pm		

PTA

Thank you so much for all the donations last week for non-uniform day. We've made 17 beautiful large hampers for the raffle.

For a chance to win simply visit parent pay and buy raffle tickets before Monday 13th December. We'll then be allocating numbers and drawing the winners.

Thank you to the parents and teachers that attended our AGM this week. The minutes from the meeting will be available shortly on the PTA page of the school website.

This years Committee was voted in:

Chair - Kath McArragher

Vice-chair - Lauren Ward

Secretary - Kelly Holt

Treasurer - Catherine Wheatley

Ordinary Members - Miss Cowgill

Leanne Bissett has stepped down from the PTA committee this year, I would like to thank her for all her help and hard work during her time over the past few years, holding various roles within the PTA.





Also for anyone entering our Your School lottery before 11th December will also be entered into the draw for the chance to 'win Christmas'. These prizes are on top of the usual cash prizes. Good luck!

Thank you for your support and Good Luck everyone.

Kath McArragher (PTA Chair)



ST. PAUL'S
PTA

YOUR SCHOOL
LOTTERY

WIN CHRISTMAS!

25 **WIN**

**HUGE
FOOD HAMPER**

**LUXURY
CHRISTMAS TREE**

**TABLE & TREE
DECORATIONS**

**FESTIVE
DOOR WREATH**

**BUBBLY &
CHOCOLATE**

**LIGHTS, CANDLES
& STOCKINGS**

- Give a little back by supporting our lottery
- Help boost school fundraising
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Weekly cash prizes, up to £25,000

To play now, go to:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: St Paul's Rossendale

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 11th Dec 2021. Terms and conditions apply (see website).





Action for Happiness Calendar

This month, we're encouraging you to try something new! Learning something new or getting involved in an activity that really absorbs and interests us is for our wellbeing. Keeping our brains active is not only good for us physically but it can help you feel you are flourishing as you see yourself make progress with a new skill, or just make you smile as you make a mess and decide to start again. :) Being playful and trying new things is important, as is remembering that it's OK not to get it right first time - change "I can't do it", into "I can't do it...yet!" This month's calendar is full of ideas to help you decide what to try next.

New Ways November 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel	6 Try out a new way of being physically active	7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire
8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet!"	10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	12 Find out something new about someone you care about	13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax	14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about
15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."	16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	18 Connect with someone from a different generation	19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site	20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before	21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them
22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show	27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it	28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card
29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times					

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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What's on in Rossendale...

Next week we will be sharing more information about the Holiday activity programme that will run over the Christmas period from Rossendale Leisure Trust.

I hope you all our families and staff have a wonderful weekend.
Mrs Charlesworth

