

ST. PAUL'S
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

'Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart'

Colossians 3:15

Thursday 20th December 2018

School News

What a way to end 2018, alongside the Nativity, Carol service, Christingle, Pantomime and parties we have also had some very special visitors in school.

The children enjoyed a visit from Charles Bloom from Yeshrun Synagogue in Manchester on Monday. He came to speak to all the children about the Jewish festival of Chanukah, which was celebrated on December 2nd. The children learnt songs in Hebrew, learnt about the story of Chanukah, lit a Menorah candle and played a Dreidel game. Charles remarked how delightful the children were and wished us all a Happy Christmas.

Miss Cavaney's children enjoyed a wonderful visit from the Fire Service who helped end their topic 'The Great Fire of London', by burning our very own London street. The Fire Service talked about their role and all of the different things they have to do. They also explained to the children how to keep safe and dressed Mrs Horrocks up as a fire fighter.

BYT changes

We would like to say a huge Thank you to Mrs Ward who will no longer be our BYT leader on our return to school in January. We would like to thank her for all the hard work, time and dedication she has given to the club since it was set up. A new club leader will be appointed in January.

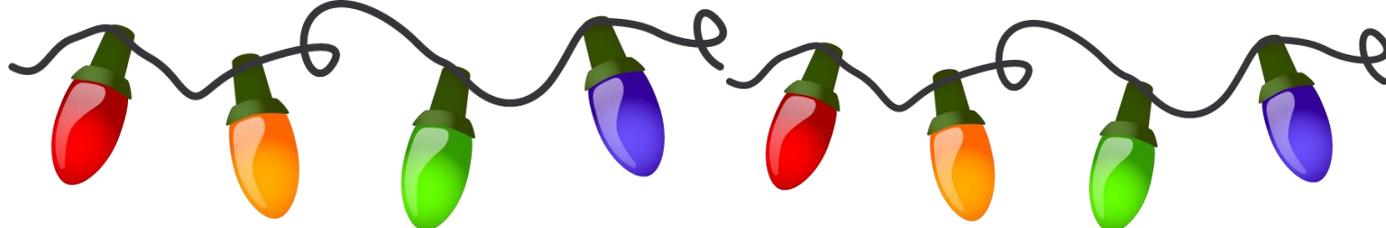
In order to continue to make improvements we are requesting that all queries regarding places or any messages are now sent to our school office rather than asking the BYT staff at the door. Emails should be sent to byt@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk.

As informed in our previous newsletters, we have increased the cost of BYT. This has been kept to a minimum to enable us to meet the increases in cost that we face as a school to run the club and hopefully continue to provide a well-resourced wraparound provision. If you do need to make changes to your child's hours then please inform the school office to give the half terms notice as set out in our terms and conditions.

Stamps

We need your help! One of our children is collecting stamps to raise essential funds for the RNIB. If any of you receive letters please could you cut the stamps from the envelope leaving a 1cm border around them and pop them in the collection box in our school entrance. Thank you to all those who have donated so far!





Winter Weather

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 at the earliest opportunity. We will also update our PTA Facebook page, our school website and we will inform BBC Radio Lancashire.

Starting Reception in 2019

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary place in September 2018 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.

The closing dates for applications for September 2019 are at 11.59pm on 15th January 2019.

PTA News

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed by donating items and buying raffle tickets for our Christmas hampers. We raised an amazing £557!! A list of winners is on the PTA Facebook page. We are truly grateful for your continued support over the past year and on behalf of the PTA committee, I would like to wish all parents, carers and staff a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Kath McArragher (PTA Chair)

Lunchboxes

We have noticed that some children's packed lunches contain foods which are high in fat and sugar. Please be mindful when making your child's lunch that sugary treats, chocolate bars, fizzy drinks etc. should not be brought into school. There are lots of healthy lunch ideas at <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>. Thank you for your support and understanding in this.

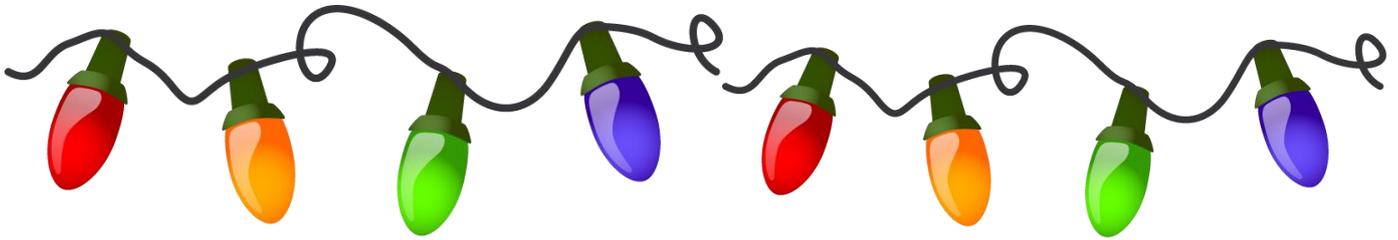
Book People- School Fundraiser Discount Code

We have an exclusive code from The Book People which allows you £5 off every order over £25. School will also earn 10% commission for every order placed which will enable us to add to our collection of library and classroom books. Please visit www.thebookpeople.co.uk/school-fundraising and enter the school's unique code which is 3J7G1XV. This code will expire on 31st January 2019. Happy shopping!

St Paul's Awards

	<u>Achievement Award</u>	<u>Behaviour Award</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Amazing Acorns -	Max & Arthur	Zara & Alice	97.3%
Super Sycamores -	Jessica L	Rosie	100%
Outstanding Alders -	Scarlett HB	Luke	99.2%
Enchanted Elms -	Hollie	Jamie	94.6%
Marvellous Maples -	Chloe	Kian	98.5%
Dazzling Elders -	Ellie	Logan-Leigh	96.2%
Wonderful Willows -	Lewis	Brandon	98.8%
Mighty Oaks -	Emma	Charlotte	97.2%





Dates for your diary...

Monday 7th January - Return to school for the Spring Term

On behalf of all the staff and Governors, we hope you all have a wonderful break filled with many memories to cherish. Best wishes for Christmas and New Year we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 7th January 2018.

