



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.'

'Love your neighbour as you love yourself.'

Luke 10

Friday 16th February 2023

Headteacher's news

I hope you have all had a lovely half term break and are all ready and refreshed for the second half of our Spring term.

Thank you to each and every one of our parents who have played a huge part in our events this half term. We are very grateful for your kind words, the feedback you gave to Ofsted, your help when going to and from events, attending parent workshops, the support organising and running the school disco, giving up your time to attend our school trips. You help, support and kindness is greatly appreciated by us all. We hope you all have a wonderful half term break. Take some time to rest, relax and plan out your summer adventures in the hope that the lighter nights and sunny days are just around the corner.

St Paul's Church News

Last Tuesday St Paul's new Reverend, Reverend Samuel Hameem came to visit school to meet the children. He was so impressed with our school and saw the vision in action, with children and staff caring and encouraging each other. He is excited to be working closely with us in the future.

Dates for your diary for the Spring term ...

Monday 20 th February	School re opens
Friday 24 th February	Year 6 residential weekend
Tuesday 28 th February	Possible strike day - More information to follow as soon as possible
Monday 6 th March	Reception Class Vision Screening
	Choir - Let's Go Sing Concert
Tuesday 28 th March	Easter Service - more details to follow soon
Friday 31 st March	School closes at 1.35pm for the end of term break

Keep up to date as more dates are to be added over the next few newsletters.



St. Paul's Awards.

	Learner of the week	Topic award learner of the week.	Value winner
Amazing Acorns	Finn	Macey	Ivory
Awesome Ashes	Joseph	Holly-Rose	Charlotte
Super Sycamores	John-Paul	Oscar	Olivia
Outstanding Alders	Lando	Oliver	Max
Enchanted Elms	Erin	Fred	Thomas
Marvellous Maples	James	Freddie Mc	Zain
Dazzling Elders	Riley	Daniel B	Charlotte
Wonderful Willows	Isabelle	Toby	Ben T
Mighty Oaks	Joe	Sophie	Scarlett
Budding Blossoms	George		

Reflective Friday



St Paul's Pupil Voice Leaders

Thank you so much for all the kindness and support you all showed our Student Voice Leaders by purchasing cakes for them to sell in school. They have managed to raise a wonderful £171. Thank you. I know they have great plans on what they would like the money to go towards.





PTA News

A massive THANK YOU to all those who helped in any way to make last night's disco happen, from wrapping lucky dips, to helping on the night and all the behind the scenes stuff. We will let you know as soon as possible how much we have raised.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term break.

Many thanks

Kath McArragher (PTA Chair)

Sports News

A huge 'Thank you' to Mr Rush for all the time he gives so freely volunteering each day after school to include and provide opportunities for all the children who chose to take part. What a fabulous half term we have had for sport!

St Pauls in-school dodgeball competition is in full swing.

88 children are taking part, from years 2,3,4,5 & 6, (a condition for each team).

We have three semi-finalists so far, the Thunder Crackers, The Bulldogs and the Jammy Dodgers!

Rossendale Schools Dodgeball festivals and competitions, we have had 62 St Paul's children taking part, over seven events, during January. We are immensely proud of our Year 6 team, who battled to win the Rossendale Schools Dodgeball title for the first time!

We have also been taking part in the Rossendale Schools Basketball competition, one of the most difficult events of the school year. A staggering 45 children have been training at lunchtimes, playtimes and after-school as part of our basketball squad.

We could easily have entered six teams for the event, but each school had a limit of just two teams. After winning our very tough heat, with one of our teams, we unfortunately, couldn't take part in the Grand Finals.

Well done to all our squads for the endless energy they have put into their training.

During next term, we have 5/6 badminton competitions, netball training and our football clubs.

What we have been learning this week in Sycamores and Willows

We've been fabulous geographers this week! We've been looking at maps, planning routes, using compasses to follow a route and walking around our school grounds to find human and physical features.



P.E

This week we thoroughly enjoyed our PE lesson looking at Outdoor and Adventurous Activities (OAA). We designed our own orienteering route, using the school grounds, we created our own clues to find using the orienteering flags and then we challenged each other to see if they could navigate around the clues.





Action for Happiness

Friendly February

Be friendly to others and give your relationships a boost 😊

Friendly February 2023

MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY

1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them

THURSDAY

2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

FRIDAY

3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone

SATURDAY

4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)

SUNDAY

5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today

23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Online Safety Newsletter

Safer Internet Day

Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world. This year, on Tuesday 7th February 2023, it will be celebrated with the theme:

'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'

Safer Internet Day provides us with a great opportunity to have a conversation with our children about their online lives as well as provide us with an opportunity to brush up on our own knowledge of all things online with lots of resources and online activities available.

How can I get involved?

The UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC) Resources

As usual, the UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, quizzes, how to talk about difficult topics and what to do if something goes wrong. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>

Ask the Experts from Internet Matters

On Safer Internet Day, Internet Matters will be hosting a Q&A session on Instagram and Facebook. You can send them your questions and then an expert will answer them throughout the day. You can find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/safer-internet-day/>

Let's Chat

The NSPCC provide fantastic advice on how to start conversations about Online Safety with your child, including how to tackle difficult conversations. You can find out more here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Join an online safety webinar

For Safer Internet Day 2023, Webwise will be hosting two online safety webinars in February – supporting young children online and supporting teens online.

<https://www.webwise.ie/trending/alklistenlearn-parent-events/>

UKSIC join LFC

Learn about what happened when UKSIC joined up with Liverpool FC. You can also watch a video stream at 10am on SID.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/uksic-join-liverpool-fc-in-preparation-for-safer-internet-day>

Create a Family Agreement

LGFL have created a Digital Family agreement to help you set ground rules such as how much time your child can spend on devices. Find out more here:

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/digital-family-agreement>

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*Wishing you all a lovely weekend filled with fun and laughter.
Mrs Charlesworth*

