



ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Our school is a place of learning
A place of love

Friday 23rd October

Dinners

Week beginning 2nd November – Week 3

Week beginning 9th November – Week 1

Recommended Books

Nursery and Reception	'When we were very young' by AA Milne
Years 1 and 2	'Please Mrs Butler' by Allan Ahlberg
Years 3 and 4	'Guess What Happened at School Today' by Jez Alborough
Years 5 and 6	'The Nation's Favourite Children's Poetry'

School Uniform

When the children return from school after the October half term, they must wear their winter uniform.

Reception (Class S)

Winter

- Royal blue sweatshirt with school emblem
- Royal blue jogging trousers
- Gold polo shirt

Years 1 – 6 (Classes T – S6)

Boys

Winter

- Gold Shirt (top button must be done up and shirt tucked in)
- School tie (tied correctly)
- Navy jumper (plain with V –neck)
- Navy trousers
- Black or navy socks (some socks have coloured toes and heels. These are acceptable)

Girls

Winter

- Gold shirt (top button must be done up) or blouse (shirt and blouse must be tucked in)
- School tie (if wearing a shirt and tied correctly)
- Navy jumper or cardigan
- Navy skirt, culottes, pinafore dress or tailored trousers
- Navy tights or long white socks

Year 5 Harvest Celebration Assembly

Thank you so much to Class L who performed a wonderful Harvest assembly this morning. While entertaining us, they also reminded us that we have a responsibility to care for all those who are less fortunate than us. A very moving assembly.

Shakespeare

On Wednesday the Young Shakespeare Company came in and worked with Year 6 on 'Romeo and Juliet'. Various children took on roles and used modern and Shakespearean language to act out the tragedy. Every child was wholly engaged and contributed enthusiastically to make the morning a success. The leader, as she left, said that the children were absolutely charming and acted so well that they had recreated a real atmosphere of tragedy.

Black History Month

On Wednesday Michael Watson, an ex-professional boxer, visited Key Stage 2 to share his life story. Michael received a severe brain injury during a boxing match which initially left him paralysed and the doctors thought he would not walk again or speak. Through his perseverance and hard work he is now able to walk with support and talk. The children asked some thought provoking questions and his answers left us all inspired as to what we can achieve in our lives. A very special thank you to Mr and Mrs Hemmings for organising this amazing visit.

Class S

I would like to thank Miss White, her team and all the children in Class S with managing the few days they had to work in the hall. Everyone adapted and coped with the move with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. I would also like to thank Mr Burns, Mrs Brien and the teaching assistants who worked so hard to ensure that the classroom was ready for the children.

Open Morning for Prospective Reception Parents

We will be holding an open morning for parents whose children are due to start in Reception on Tuesday 3rd November at 11:00am. The government has made changes to the arrangements for children whose fifth birthday falls between the 1st April – 31st August. During the meeting I will be explaining these changes.

Upcoming Events next half term

A reminder about upcoming events next half term;

Tuesday 3 rd November @11am	Open Morning for prospective Reception parents starting September 2016
Tuesday 3 rd November 5:00m – 7:30pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 5 th November	Family Toolkit Meetings
Thursday 5 th November	Individual Photographs
Thursday 5 th November 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Monday 9 th November	Come and Write Morning with Year 6
Tuesday 10 th November	EYFS Cinema Night (details to follow)
Wednesday 11 th November 1:30pm	Flu Spray Nasal Vaccine (Years 1 and 2)
Thursday 12 th November 3:30pm and 6:30pm	E Safety Meeting for parents (details to follow)
Friday 13 th November	Language day with dads in Nursery
Friday 13 th November 3:15pm	PA Pre Loved Toy sale (details to follow)

Thursday 19 th November	Years 1 – 6 Cinema Night (details to follow)
Friday 20 th November 9:00am – 10:30am	Maths Open Morning
Friday 27 th November	Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Paul's Church
Sunday 6 th December 12:00pm to 3:00pm	Christmas Bazaar
Monday 7 th December 1:45pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play
Tuesday 8 th December 6:00pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play
Wednesday 9 th December 9:30am	EYFS Christmas Play
Thursday 10 th December 5:30pm	EYFS Christmas Play
Monday 14 th December pm	KS1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15 th December pm	KS2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17 th December am	Pantomime for Years 1 – 6
Thursday 17 th December am	EYFS Christmas Party
Friday 18 th December 9am	Celebration Assembly
Friday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18 th December	Finish for holidays at 1:30pm

Poppies

After half term, Year 6 children will visit all the classes every afternoon with poppies. The children may make a donation towards a poppy. This year we also have friendship bracelets for a £1, slap rulers for a £1, wristbands, reflectors and pencils for 50p. This is an opportunity for us to reflect on and show our support for those brave men and women who gave their lives or suffered life changing injuries and for those who continue to risk their lives for us.

This half term has been very busy, with a significant number of changes taking place in how we teach, our expectations and a focus and drive to raise standards. After half term I shall outline these changes and the impact in a separate letter. Walking around the school, there seems to be a real buzz. I hope that those of you who visited during the maths open morning noticed the change in atmosphere.

I wish you all a lovely half term break. We return on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs Y Devereux
Headteacher