



Friday 10th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you all! A very warm welcome back after what we hope has been a happy Christmas for you and your family. It has been a joy to have our school family back together again this week. Thank you for sending your child back to school smartly dressed and ready to learn.



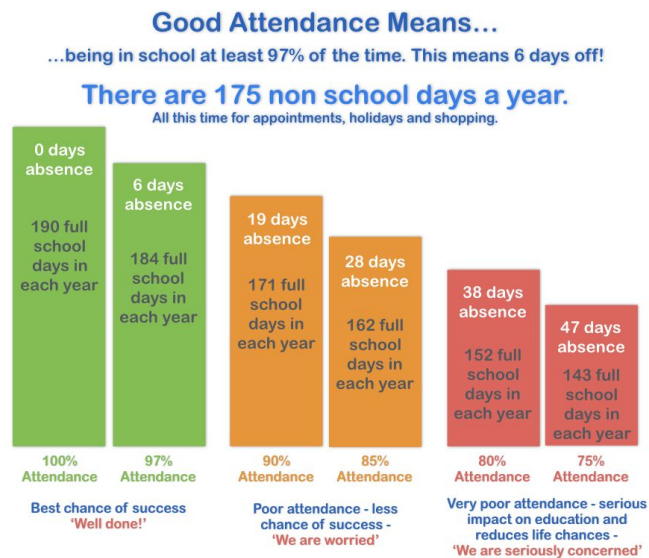
**Curriculum newsletters** Look out today for your child's class curriculum newsletter. These are being sent home by all teachers today and they are packed with information about what your child will be learning over the next two terms. We hope you find the newsletter useful and informative.

**Clubs** I am delighted to announce our new club offer for the spring term. Externally run clubs have continued from last term so are already running. The choir will also continue to run - thank you to Miss Endicott for her commitment to this. The clubs highlighted in yellow will start week beginning 20th January. Please complete the slip below if your child would like to attend one of these clubs and return either directly to the lead teacher or to the school office next week. There is no charge for the clubs run by our school staff but it is important that children commit to attending every week. I am grateful to staff for giving up their time to offer these opportunities to the children - our extra-curricular offer is very important. Please encourage your child to come along.

Club	Lead teacher	Day	Time	Year groups
Gardening	Miss Strong	Monday	3.15-4.15	F, 1, 2, 3
Choir	Miss Endicott	Tuesday	3.15-4.15	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Science	Mr Bouchier	Tuesday	3.15-4.15	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
PAFC Gymnastics	PAFC	Wednesday	3.15-4.15	All years
PAFC Football	PAFC	Thursday	3.15-4.15	All years
Mustard seed group (Children who attend this club will undertake projects to spread God's love in our wider community)	Mrs Barnes Mrs Mullett	Thursday	3.15-4.15	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Year 6 boosters to start after half term - more details to follow				

**Attendance** Children who come to school every day are at an advantage when it comes to making progress in their learning. They receive all the teaching they require to learn well without any gaps in their education. It is vital for all children to attend school every day of the school year, unless they are ill, have a hospital appointment or where there are other exceptional circumstances such as a family funeral.

I am sure many of you are already aware that absence for anything other than illness requires an absence request form to be collected from the school office, completed by the parent/carer, and returned to me for my attention. If the absence falls into the approved categories I will approve it as an authorised absence. I must emphasise that requests for holiday in term-time would not be authorised. You are at risk of receiving a penalty notice from the council if your child is absent without authorisation. Please support us to support your child to learn and to be the best they can be.



**Dates for academic Year 2020-2021** Full dates will be issued next week. The non-pupil days next year will be **2nd September, 4th January, 2nd Nov, 22 Feb and 7th June.**

**Birthdays** We love celebrating the children's birthdays with them and we are aware that some children enjoy bringing cake into school to share with the class. We are also aware that some parents would prefer their children not to have sweet treats and so we ask that if you do choose to send something in please would you support parental choice by sending in individual cupcakes or packets of sweets so that class teachers can hand out easily at the end of the school day. Parents are then free to decide whether to allow their children to eat the treat straightaway, after tea, or at the weekend. Thank you for your understanding.

**Parent/carer consultation evenings** There will be an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher on **Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March 3.30-6.00pm**. You will be invited to look at your child's books, discuss their learning with the teacher, receive their latest test results and ask for advice about how you can support your child at home. These appointments are important because they allow you to find out more about how your child is getting on at school so that you are well-informed, clear about how you can help, and able to praise their success. Booking details will follow shortly.

**Mass/liturgies for spring term** Please join us at church each Thursday at 9.15 for whole school Mass, class Mass or class liturgy. Families and parishioners are always welcome.

**Year 6 Leavers** It might only be January but we are well aware that July will soon come around! Full details about all arrangements for our Year 6 leavers events will be released within the next two weeks. We want to be ready to celebrate the time our 2020 leavers have spent in our St Paul's family!

**After school club & Breakfast club** Our school clubs are looking for donations specifically of the following: A Football Table, A Top Air Hockey Table, Table Tennis set, Cars, Dolls, Play Doh set, Megasketcher, Board games, Train track, Animals, Art sets (bracelets, glitter making), Chalk board and chalk. If you have any of these at home and they are unwanted, our clubs would gratefully accept them.

**PE kits** PE is a crucial part of our curriculum. Please check that your child has a full kit in school every day. All pupils should have a PE bag to hold their sports kit, which should comprise of a house coloured t-shirt, navy blue shorts and plimsolls or trainers; trainers are needed for outside PE throughout the year. For winter PE children can have tracksuit bottoms in their bag and a jumper with long sleeves.

This term, children in years 1-6 will take part in an exciting new programme every Friday which consists of PE, Spanish and Drama. It is vital that all children have PE kit in school.

**Please join us for our whole school liturgy on Monday 13th January at 9:00am in the school hall. Tea and coffee available in the canteen from 8:45am.**

**Gospel theme next week:**

***The Baptism of the Lord***



Dear Jesus, I know that you are with me wherever I go and in whatever I do. I also know that there are times I forget you and you seem far away to me. Help me to recognise you every day so that we become even closer friends.

Amen.

**Dates for calendar (newly released dates highlighted in yellow):**

*You are all invited to join us for Monday liturgy, Wednesday Celebration Assembly or Thursday Mass at any time.*

Half Term Week (inclusive) Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020

Non-Pupil Day (school closed to pupils) Monday 24th February 2020

**Term commences on Tuesday 25th February 2020**

**Term finishes (last day of term) Friday 27th March 2020**

**SUMMER TERM 2020**

**Summer Term commences on Tuesday 14th April 2020**

VE Day Bank Holiday (school closed) Friday 8th May 2020

**Year 6 SATs week Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May 2020**

**Term finishes (last day of term) Friday 22nd May 2020**

Half Term Week (inclusive) Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2020

Non-Pupil Day (school closed to pupils) Monday 1st June 2020

**Term commences on Tuesday 2nd June 2020**

**KS1 Phonics screening check Monday 8th - Friday 12th June 2020**

**Year 4 Multiplication check Monday 8th - Friday 12th June 2020**

**Term finishes (last day of term) Friday 17th July 2020**

Non-Pupil Day (school closed to pupils) Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st July 2020

With very best wishes

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