



Friday 11th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Letter day We are receiving positive feedback about our weekly newsletter. Please look out for it every Friday. We have decided to commit to Friday being the day for any other letters to be sent home along with the newsletter, wherever possible. This should make it easier for you, as parents and carers, to look out for communication. Please support this by ensuring that your child has either a book bag or a small school bag to store letters once they are handed out. Thank you for making it easier for us to communicate with you.

Secondary school places Just a reminder to the Year 6 parents that you must apply for a secondary school place for your child by Thursday 31st October. Failure to do this may result in your child being allocated a school that is not of your choice.

Flu jabs In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please access the secure consent portal via the following link:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon> and follow the online instructions.

Virgin care request that consent (or refusal) is provided electronically by 27 th October 2019.

This is to ensure their nurses have sufficient time to clinically process the information prior to the school visit.

National Online Safeguarding We are committed to working towards creating a safer online world for all children at St Paul's. We are delighted to announce that we are now working with National Online Safeguarding to provide an interactive online workshop for all parents and carers so that we can work together to protect the children online. Please refer to the letter with this newsletter for full details.



School Council The School Council met this week. They shared their views on school meals with Sandra, our Catering Manager. They also elected the vice chair and secretary. I am delighted to share that Zac was elected as vice chair and Jessica as secretary. George continues as chair. They have a busy year ahead!

Bronze Young Ambassadors by Ollie Year 5 On Wednesday 9th October 2019 one year five and four year sixes went to the Life Centre for bronze Ambassador training. First a man called St Paul's children and three other schools to line 1. Then we played a game where

there were two pieces of paper on the floor that said a good leader and a bad leader. You had to run and get a piece of paper that had the quality of a good leader and a bad leader on and put it under the right one. Then we played a game where there were two teams and we had to throw a ball at the wall and whoever hit the wall with the ball wins. Everyone thought it was fun so we all got a certificate and then went back to school in Mr Owen's car.

Football event We have recently signed up for a school football tournament. Mr Wilcocks and Mr Owen took the school football team to their first match and it was amazing. The boys put in a great performance and they were really impressive to watch. A massive well done to them!

Staffing update Mrs Wood has served our community for 19 years and, in that time, has made a difference to countless children's lives. Sadly, Mrs Wood will be leaving us at the end of this term. She will be very much missed. I am sure you will join us in wishing her every happiness and success for the future as she pursues new interests.

We are delighted for Mr Owen that he has been successful in securing a permanent teaching post after Christmas. He has worked at CAST schools for several years and we will be sorry to bid him farewell - I know Year 5, in particular, will miss him very much. We will update you on his replacement once confirmed.

Year 6 Year 6 have enjoyed two rich days of learning led by Malou Evans this week. They have been learning about Black History month through storytelling, singing, dance and art. Please check out their performance on ClassDojo, Facebook and Twitter! <https://twitter.com/StPaulsPlym>

History working party The first meeting of the St Paul's history working party took place this week. Thank you to those of you who came along - it was wonderful to hear your memories. If you were unable to attend this initial meeting please come along to future meetings - more information to follow from the group chair. Many of you have been connected with St Paul's for many years with generations of families attending the school and we are keen to gather your memories and, hopefully, some photos! Please email memories/photos and/or expressions of interest in future meetings to head@stpaulsplymouth.com

Family Fest in honour of our new families. All St Paul's families are welcome to come along to share in this special event -this will be at 4pm and the end of term school disco will follow at 5pm - 6pm for Foundation & KS1 & 6.15 - 7.30 for KS2 on Friday 18th October - please see today's letter. Parents are able to stay during the KS1 disco.

Final reminder: Sign design competition Fr Petroc and I are committed to keeping the children safe when they cross the church car park to use Bishop's Walkway. With this in mind, Fr Petroc has invited the children to design signs to encourage parents/carers to keep them safe by refraining from using the church car park. We would like the children to promote it as a pedestrian only zone 8.30-9.15am and 2.45-3.30pm. The best design/s will

be professionally produced as signs. Please encourage your child to submit an A4 design by half term. All children are completing one design in class so this is an additional opportunity to take part.

Please join us for whole school liturgy on Monday 14th October at 9:00am in the school hall. Tea and coffee available in the canteen from 8:45am.

Next week's Gospel theme:

Thank you!



Dear Jesus, we ask your blessing on all those who are ill. Please bless those in our families and parish who are not well at this time. Amen.

This week we hear about the learning in year 5:

We started the week by looking at using inverse operations to help us solve calculations with missing numbers- really tricky but fun! We then used this learning to help us solve multi-step problems involving addition and subtraction. In English, we have been busy consolidating our understanding of apostrophes for possession and contractions and have been practising our spelling rule, which this week, is ' ious' ending words. We have also been learning how to write a balanced argument- a really important skill. In D/T, we have finalised our plans and designs for our felt bags - Mr Owen can't wait to start the sewing with us next week! We have also started creating our sea creatures which are made out of recycled materials and pipe cleaners. In RE we have finished our topic of Creation by writing our own Myths and Stories, using Creation stories from other Faiths and Cultures to guide us.

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

You are all invited to join us for Thursday Mass or Monday liturgy at any time.

Thursday 17th October 9.15am - KS2 Mass in the church

Friday 18th October 3.15pm - Half term holiday begins

Friday 18th October 4pm - Family fest followed by October half term disco **5-6pm & 6.15-7.30pm**

Monday 28th October - Non-pupil day - school closed

Thursday 31st October 9.15am - Whole school Mass in the school hall

Thursday 7th November 9.15am - F, 1, 2, 3 liturgy in the church

Thursday 14th November 9.15am - KS2 Mass in the church

Thursday 21st November 9.15am - F, 1, 2, 3 liturgy in the church

Thursday 28th November 9.15am - KS2 Mass in the church

Friday 29th November 5-7pm - Christmas Fair

Thursday 5th December 9.15am - F, 1, 2, 3 liturgy in the church

Thursday 12th December Christmas dinner day/Christmas jumper day - donate an item of food to the needy in return for wearing your Christmas jumper

Thursday 12th December 9.15am - KS2 Mass in the church

Tuesday 17th December 2pm - Whole School Christmas Nativity performance

Wednesday 18th December 9.30am - Whole School Christmas Nativity performance

Wednesday 18th December 2pm - Whole School Christmas Nativity performance

Thursday 19th December 9.15am - Whole school Christmas Mass in the church

Friday 20th December 3.15pm - Christmas holiday begins

With very best wishes

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