

"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them"
(Romans: 12,6)

St Paulinus Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe September is over already! What a brilliant 4 weeks we have already had. Having walked around and spoken to the children, it is clear to see that some fantastic learning is taking place in all of the classrooms. We would like to give a special mention to our reception children who attended their first whole school assembly this week. Mrs Cusselle was very proud of how beautifully they sat and listened to those that spoke.

Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia – do you know the meaning of this word? If so, you would have been great at the Governors Quiz last night!

What a fantastic event this was and we are so grateful for those that helped host the event as well as those that attended and helped raise money for the school. We think the total raised for your children is around £380.



There will definitely be more events hosted throughout the year and we would love to see you there, helping to support our school!

It has been an exciting couple of weeks for sports at St Paulinus, the term is well underway and we have begun sending teams to represent us in a variety of different sports. We would like to start by congratulating the year 6 boy's football team for their determination and perseverance in their two competitions so far this year. We have attended two festivals over the past two weeks, tri-golf for year 4 and tag rugby for year 6 girls. Both groups worked incredibly hard and their improvement from the beginning to end was immense. We are incredibly proud of how they supported each other and showed brilliant sportsmanship by congratulating and shaking the hands of the other

teams, no matter the outcome. One of our teams was presented with a Spirit of the Games Respect Award.



Sports is only just beginning to flourish though as netball trials for year 5 and 6 have already begun and a huge amount of children were interested and took part. We would like to thank all of the children for the amazing enthusiasm they have shown so far towards sport!

We would like to add that for some of the festivals and competitions we do have to have enough people attend otherwise we have to pull out. Therefore, if you cannot attend please do let Miss Childs or Mrs Cusselle know as soon as possible as we may be able to offer the place to another child.

On Thursday, we celebrated National Poetry day across the school and we kicked this off with a whole school assembly. The children experienced a range of poetry in this assembly as some members of staff shared their favourite poems alongside year 4 children who shared some of their own poetry that they have written. Across the school, children had a focus on poetry in their learning to enthuse and encourage them to read and write their own poetry. Please see below for a class poem created by Year 4.

Mrs Pratchett – a collaboration by Year 4

As evil as the devil,
Mrs Pratchett creeped,
Towards the nervous children,
As they decided what to eat.

Taking them by surprise,
she snapped with all her might,
“Give me all your money now!”
She gave them quite a fright.

With filthy, grimy fingernails,
She plunged her hands into a jar,
Then wiping them on her greasy apron,
She looked incredibly bizarre.

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This tiny, little old lady,
With her green mouth and long
moustache,
Was really quite terrifying
No-one dared move or even laugh.

This hideous little old lady,
Was a horrible sight to see,
She really was quite vile,
I'm glad she didn't serve me!

Mellow Yellow day!

Tuesday 10th of October we are asking you to wear something yellow to school to show your support for Mental Health Awareness day and each class will be taking part in an activity during the day with their class teacher designed to promote good mental health.

Coming soon!



Tuesday 31st October 2023

Look out for more information on the next newsletter!

Thank you to people who have shown an interest in coming in to support the children throughout the curriculum. I have now managed to devise a Google Form to give an indication of areas that we would like support. Please be advised that anyone who would be coming in regularly would need to have a DBS check through the school.

Please use the link below to fill out the form. If you have anything that the form does not cover or want to talk with us about anything to do with volunteering – please do get in touch via the SLT email address. Your support of time is as invaluable as your financial support.

<https://forms.gle/TS93gNTNQwqm9AM29>

Up-coming diary dates:

| Date | Event |
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| Monday 9 th October | Meet the SLT 9am and repeated at both 2:45pm and 5pm |
| Tuesday 10 th October | Mental Health Day Own Clothes - Wear Yellow |
| Wednesday 11 th October | Whole school to church for St Paulinus Day - Mission Week |
| Wednesday 11 th October | Youth Praise Service at St Paulinus Church 6:00pm |
| Wednesday 18 th October | Year 1 to Church |
| Wednesday 18 th October | Sports for Schools Event |
| Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October | Half Term |
| Tuesday 31 st October | Timestables Rockstars Launch |
| Wednesday 1 st November | Year 6 and Reception to Church |
| Wednesday 1 st November | PTA AGM 7pm |
| Wednesday 8 th November | Year 5 to Church |
| Tuesday 14 th November and Wednesday 15 th November | Parents Evenings |