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Primary Academies Trust

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

St Paulinus CE Primary Newsletter

Monday 26th February 2024

Welcome back to the start of our second Spring term. The mornings are already a bit lighter; it won't be long until we start to see signs of spring flowers on our grounds and the warmth of the sun during the day – we can't wait! We've had a busy week back already with two football matches, Y1 were in church on Wednesday as well as a visit to Woodlands farm on Friday, Y6 have had an assessment week and our wonderful Reception class were welcomed into our church family at Education Sunday – phew, what a week!

Our **British Values focus** this term is **Tolerance**. Miss Dyer led a special worship last Thursday 22nd February thinking about what this means, how we can show this as a school community and in our lives. Each class now has a follow up, age appropriate PSHE lesson so we can continue to think about what Tolerance means to us.

Y1's Big Day Out!



On Friday 23rd of February, Y1 had a fabulous trip to Woodlands Farm Trust. They had a guided tour by two very knowledgeable farm volunteers and they learned lots of facts all about the animals there to support their science topic; animals. The children were very well behaved and full of great questions. Thank you for all our amazing parent volunteers for supporting us. Woodlands Farm Trust is a charity that runs conservation and educational projects, they also host great workshops and events on weekends and in the holidays.



Education Sunday

Yesterday, Sunday 25th of March, Reception class were welcomed into the St Paulinus church family. The children were thrilled to receive a book of first prayers as a special gift from our school Governors. We were so proud of them and their behaviour but we especially loved their song, thank you to all the parents who attended and a special thanks to Mrs Cusselle and her team for helping the children prepare for the service, we can't wait for their class assembly later this week on Thursday!

Sporting News!

We are super proud of both our girls and boys football teams. On Tuesday 20th, the boys played a good match against Hurst Primary but despite their best efforts, they lost 2-0. Slightly better news from the girls' team on the same day, they played a match against Upland Primary school and won 2-1! A fantastic achievement ladies. We'd like to send a **huge thanks again to Uncle Beef** for sponsoring the football kits, we are thrilled to look so professional.

PTA News:

The PTA have sent out some information about their special Easter activities, particularly their 'Wonky Bars'. Our PTA work so hard to raise much needed and appreciated funds for the children at school, we are very thankful for their dedication and hope you will be able to support them in their fundraising efforts.

Upcoming Themed Days!

World Book Day!

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day – look out for more information from Mrs Maris about this soon – just wait and see what the school staff have planned!

Dare To Be Different Day!

Thursday 28th of March, the last day of term, will be Dare To Be Different Day here at St Paulinus. Miss Dyer will be sending out more information about this very soon.

COMPETITION ALERT!

Design The Easter Service Flyer:

Father Paul launched a new competition last week for children to design the church flyer for all Holy Week and Easter Services. This picture can be in colour or black & white, on A4 with their name and year group on the back. The **deadline for entries is this Friday, 1st March**. Father Paul will choose one overall winner and two runners up to receive prizes. They will be announced at the school's Easter service on Tuesday 26th March, in church at 2pm. You are all welcome to attend.

Some reminders!

Earrings.

Children who have pierced ears may wear one set of earrings to school, these must be **small studs only**. Please see our uniform policy if you are unsure. Your child must be able to remove them for PE, staff are not allowed to help or cover them over with plasters. If your child is not yet able to remove them by themselves, please take them out at home for them. **Hoops and dangly earrings are not allowed to be worn at all**. For health and safety reasons, children will not be allowed to take part in physical activities if they are wearing earrings. If you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced, we'd recommend waiting until the Summer holidays so they have time to heal before coming back to school!

Water bottles

A small reminder that children should have a named water bottle in school each day, this can be kept in their classrooms or taken out to the playground so that they may have a drink if they are thirsty. Their bottles must only contain water and not squash, cordials or fizzy drinks.

Snacks

Children are very welcome to bring a healthy snack to school to eat at breaktime. KS1 do already get a piece of fruit each day and *occasionally*, if there are any leftovers, KS2 will get them! Nuts or products containing nuts (check the cereal bars please) sweets or chewing gum are not allowed in school.

Safeguarding Update:

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and keeping children safe, St Paulinus is now signed up to **Operation Encompass**, a police and education early information safeguarding partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse. This means all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with us, not just those where an offence can be identified. This does not replace our Safeguarding reporting procedures but allows us to put support in place for children where needed and at an early stage.

If you are worried that a child or young person under the age of 18 is at risk of neglect or abuse, it is essential that you share your concerns immediately. Your urgent action could help protect a child from harm.

Guidance on reporting can be found on the London Borough of Bexley website:

<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/health-and-social-care/social-care-for-children/reporting-concerns-about-child/worried-about-child>

There is further information on our school website in our **Safeguarding** section.

Measles & MMR

Please see the following message from Bexley:

Adult Social Care and Health
Public Health Department
Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street
Bexleyheath DA6 7AT 020 8303 7777 www.bexley.gov.uk



MMR message for parents

The UK Health Security declared a national health incident over the weekend due to rising cases of measles, including in London. Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools, and is a nasty illness and in some children can be very serious and lead to hospitalisation – and in rare cases tragically can cause death. People in certain at-risk groups including babies and young children, pregnant women, and people with weakened immunity, are at increased risk of complications if they catch measles.

[Information on the symptoms of measles and what to do if you or your child has them is available from the NHS.](#) The measles rash can sometimes look different on darker skin – an example is available [here](#). There is no specific cure for measles, but the MMR vaccine is very effective at preventing you from getting it.

Measles was eliminated in the UK in 2017, due to the success of the MMR vaccination programme, but falling vaccination uptake since then has meant that it has come back. [MMR vaccination](#) is very effective at preventing measles and is extremely safe. It is given in two doses, one at 12 months, and one at 18 months (in some other parts of the country, the second dose is given later). A version of the MMR vaccine that **does not** contain pork gelatine is available on request from all GPs. If you or your child have not had all your MMR vaccines please contact your GP today to book an appointment.

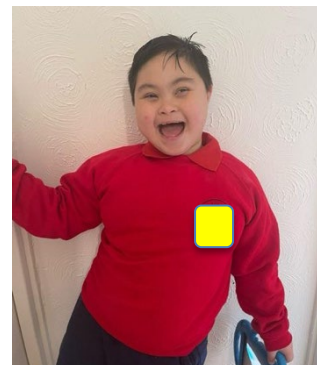
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Want to know what is happening in school? Follow us on Instagram! We are @st_paulinus_ce_primary.

Finally, some ex-Pupil news:

We were so sad to say goodbye to one of our children as they moved to a new school before Christmas, Arthur was such a huge part of our family at St Paulinus. Everyone took part in a fantastic goodbye assembly with all of Arthur's favourite songs, including a whole school rendition of Gangnam Style... So we were thrilled to hear from Arthur's family that he has settled in well and is loving his new school, they sent us this picture of him to share with you. We know they will keep us updated on his progress and we look forward to hearing about his adventures!



Up-coming diary dates:

Date	Event
Wednesday 28 th February	Year R to Church
Thursday 29 th February	Year R Class assembly 9am
Friday 1 st March	Easter Service Flyer Competition Deadline
Wednesday 6 th March	Y5 to Church
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Monday 4 th - Friday 8 th March	Year 6 School Journey
Monday 11 th - Friday 15 th March	Science Week – all classes visiting The Science Museum.
Wednesday 13 th March	Year 6 to Church
Tuesday 19 th March	Parent's evening 3:45 – 7pm
Wednesday 20 th March	Parent's evening 3:45 – 6:30pm
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 1 Class assembly 9am
Wednesday 20 th March	CRIBS Easter Production – whole school
Tuesday 26 th March	Easter service in church 2pm – all welcome
Wednesday 27 th March	Year 3 to Church
Wednesday 27 th March	PTA Easter Egg Hunt 3:30pm
Thursday 28 th March	Dare to be different day
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of Spring Term 1:30 finish
Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April	Easter Holiday
Tuesday 16 th April	Y2 trip to Hall Place
Wednesday 17 th April	Year 2 to Church
Wednesday 17 th April	Y1 visiting NWK Mosque