



Learning Together
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4th December 2017

Dear Families,

Christmas definitely arrived at St Paul's last week! The hall is looking beautiful with the decorations made by each class and the Christmas tree has been dressed beautifully by Year 6. As happens each year, the much-anticipated Christmas Fair was a huge success. It was incredible to see the number of children, parents, carers and friends who attended and it was a pleasure to welcome back many former pupils.



It is largely down to the hard work and preparation of the School Association, together with the support of a huge army of parents, that we are able to enjoy occasions such as this and our thanks go to everyone who helped to make this fabulous event such a success.

On Thursday, Year 6 presented us with a thoughtful assembly based on their class value of Christian Service. It encouraged us to think about the small, daily acts that we can do to help those around us. Well done Year 6.



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Year 6 also had an enjoyable time making Christingles with Year 2. It was a wonderful opportunity for two of our classes to come together and think about an important aspect of the Christmas period.



However, the fun and learning was not entirely centred on Christmas. Year 4 had one of their most fun days so far this year, making chocolate pizzas as part of their IPC topic.



On Friday, we held our weekly celebration assembly. As always, it was good to spend time with our 'Stars' for squash and biscuits and hear why they had been nominated for this award.



Well done to all our stars!



On Friday the KS2 classes will be having a special visit from our local police. They will be coming in to speak with each of the Junior classes about a range of topics from stranger-danger to rights and laws.

Finally, I would like to ask that all children now wear suitably warm coats as it has been incredibly cold recently and is set to get colder again over this week. The children do spend time outside every day and it is important that they are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Regards

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Christmas Parties and Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas parties will take place on Friday 15th December. This is also 'Christmas Jumper Day'. We are asking all children and adults to come to school on this day wearing a Christmas jumper – the more fun and colourful, the better! We are asking for a £1 donation which will go to the 'Save the Children' fund. This is an international non-governmental organization that promotes children's rights, provides relief and helps support children in developing countries. The School Association has kindly offered to donate an extra £1 per child seen to be wearing a Christmas jumper on the day - thank you!

Waitrose Green Tokens

Waitrose run a 'Community Matters' scheme that supports local good causes. At the end of your shop, you'll receive a token to place in a box of the good cause you'd most like to support. The more tokens a cause gets, the bigger the donation they receive. Each month every Waitrose branch donates £1,000 (£500 in Convenience shops) between 3 local good causes. The School Association has arranged for our school to take part in this scheme. During the month of December, you will be able to choose St. Paul's as the recipient of your green token in the Mill Hill branch of Waitrose. If you are not automatically offered a green token, please do ask for one!

Nut Free School

May I remind all families that we are a nut-free school. Within the school, we have children who have severe allergies. Please could you check that packed lunches do not contain items with nuts (as an example, many chocolate spreads do). Also, if you are kindly sending in birthday treats, please could you double check the ingredients to ensure that the treats are nut-free. Many thanks for helping to support the school in this matter.

Scouting – 14th Hendon Cub Group

Please see attached a flyer from this group. They meet each Wednesday in St. Paul's Church hall.

Coffee Pot

Please remember that the Coffee Pot is open every day (Monday to Friday) from 8.30am to 10am. The Coffee Pot is run on a voluntary basis and we would ask you to support this by making donations for coffee and biscuits. This is a lovely way to start the day and everyone is welcome (please remember that children need to be accompanied).



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Attendance and Lateness

Children who are persistently late miss a significant amount of learning, often the most important aspect, as the beginning of the day is where the teacher explains the learning and what each child is expected to achieve.

I would like to draw your attention to an element of school attendance requirements that I feel may not be fully appreciated by many families. If your child is late after the register closes, we are required to record your child as absent for the morning session even if they arrive for school shortly after the register closes. This will affect their overall absence and attendance figures for the year.

To clarify: any child arriving at St Paul's after 9am will be required to enter school via the main entrance and will be marked as late. The register officially closes at 9.15am. Any child arriving from 9.15am is marked as 'unauthorised late after register' and is therefore marked as absent for the morning. If a child has six such 'unauthorised lates' in any four week period, St. Paul's will advise parents in writing of the possible imposition of a penalty notice. (Please refer to our Attendance Policy which may be found on our school website.)

Online Safety Tip

Online images – personal information. Think carefully about images you upload. Firstly, ensure that you have the permission of every person in the photo/video before you upload it. If a child is in the image, their parent's permission should also be sought. This includes images taken at school events such as assemblies and school performances. Think carefully about the image/video you upload – does it accidentally give away any personal information? There are some very commonly made mistakes:

- School uniform
- Images outside of recognisable places (school, church)
- Club uniforms (e.g. in Brownie uniform and stood outside of meeting hall)
- Images containing geo-tags



Picture News

This week, Picture News encourages us to think about 'Rule of Law'.

Different environments and places may have different laws and rules.

These are in place to ensure we are kept safe and to minimise the dangers of any risks we may take.

Time to Talk sessions

At lunchtimes we are running “Time to Talk” sessions. This is a drop in access to a qualified counsellor called Judy Bould. Should you wish to have further information regarding “Time to Talk” sessions or if parents/carers feel that they would not like this support to be available to their child please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bub or Mrs Whittick.

UNICEF Rights Respecting School - Thought for the Week

All children have the right to information from TV, radio, newspapers and the internet. These media should provide information that children can understand. (Article 17)



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Dates

Below are key dates for this term.

December

4 th	Monday	Pantomime
7 th	Thursday	Orchestra Concert 9.10am *CHANGE OF DATE*
8 th	Friday	Police visit for Years 3 - 6
12 th	Tuesday	Christmas Lunch
13 th	Wednesday	Year 6 Steel Pan assembly 9.10am – parents welcome
13 th	Wednesday	Nativity – 2.15pm
14 th	Thursday	Nativity – 2.15pm
15 th	Friday	Class Christmas Parties and Christmas Jumper Day
19 th	Tuesday	Christmas Carol Service – 7pm
20 th	Wednesday	Break up 2.30pm

January

2 nd	Tuesday	INSET
3 rd	Wednesday	Children return

Term Dates 2017 -2018

Autumn Term 2017 (70 days)

First Half Wednesday 6th September – Friday 20th October

Half Term Holiday Monday 23rd October – Monday 30th October

Second Half Tuesday 31st October – Wednesday 20th December

School Holiday Thursday 21st December – Tuesday 2nd January

Spring Term 2018 (57 days)

First Half Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 9th February

Half Term Holiday Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Second Half Monday 19th February – Thursday 29th March

School Holiday Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April

Summer Term 2018 (63 days)

First Half Monday 16th April – Friday 25th May

Half Term Monday 28th May – Monday 4th June

Second Half Tuesday 5th June – Friday 20th July

NB May bank holiday Monday 7th May

Spring bank holiday Monday 28th May

Inset Days are staff training days and children should not attend school, these have already been included in the dates above.

Monday 4th September

Tuesday 5th September

Monday 30th October

Tuesday 2nd January

Monday 4th June



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