



Learning Together
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5th November 2018

Dear Families

Last week we held the very first St Paul's Science Fair. Mr Roberts (Vice Chair of Governors) attended and helped me judge the event. In simple terms, we were overwhelmed by the creativity, range of investigations and enthusiasm by our young scientists. Below are a few photographs that I hope provide a snap-shot of the event. What we would all like to say is well done to all the children who took part (around a quarter of the school) and we hope that next year's fair will be just as exciting as this one.



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Last week a team of Y5 and Y6 children took part in the Saracens annual tag rugby tournament. It threatened heavy rain but during the event the rain held off and both teams had a great day. Whilst there was no overall winner, the children were certainly keeping track of the scores and what Mr Biggs and I agreed is that during the event the teams significantly grew in confidence. Well done to all who took part!

Team	Win	Draw	Lost
Year 6	4	1	1
Year 5	4	2	0

Our Head Boy and Head Girl have had a busy start to their time as Head children. Last week they wrote to parents and this will be followed up with another letter this week. However at the same time they also wrote to the Prime Minister with their concerns for plastic consumption (these were views that they were voted for in their election). My experience with central government is that it can take time to receive a reply so I was very pleased to see that within four days of sending the letter, 10 Downing Street had sent a reply acknowledging it and that they had forwarded it to DEFRA who then, three days later, responded by addressing each issue Megan and Teddy raised. Please find attached the response. It is a great start to our plastic campaign where we can all take a fresh look at how we are using and recycling our plastic waste. The simple question Megan and Teddy are asking is 'can we do more individually and in school to address this issue? Whenever we ask a question like that the chances are often the answer is 'yes'; the next question is then how?

Finally, today is the 5th of November. I am sure that over the weekend many of you enjoyed firework displays of some sort however if you are planning a home display tonight please take two minutes to remind yourself of the basic firework code:

- <https://www.fireservice.co.uk/safety/firework-safety/>

Sadly, thousands of young people every year end up in hospital with avoidable burns and that figure, in recent years, has increased despite decades of warning.

God bless

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Star of the Week Awards

Well done to the following children for being stars of the week!

Arvyn, Timi, Jackson, Amelie, Sarah, Eleesa, Amelia, Anaia, Adora, Jayden, Nathan, Kaeto, Lauren, Henry, Jasmine, Thakshana



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who has handed in their Christmas shoebox. This is a reminder that the deadline is Monday 12th November. If you have lost your leaflet, more details can be found on the Samaritan's Purse website: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>

Harvest Donations

Colindale Food Bank has sent a thank you for the donations we collected at harvest festival. Together with St. Paul's Church we collected 178kg of food and £279.55 in donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Coffee Pot and Tea Pot

Coffee Pot is open every weekday morning during term time from 8:30 – 10:00am. It is located in the Wilberforce Centre under St. Paul's Church (entrance opposite the school office, down the stairs). Parents and carers are welcome to drop in for a hot drink and snack for a small donation. Any children must be accompanied by an adult. Tea Pot runs in the same location on a Friday afternoon.



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School Photographer

A reminder that the school photographer is coming on Thursday 8th November to take individual and sibling photos. If you are coming for a photo with siblings who are not pupils at St. Paul's, or family groups who are not siblings (cousins for example) you need to come to school early at 8:00am.

School Dinners

Our school caterer has produced a new menu for the winter. Your child should have brought this home today and a copy is attached. If you would like your child to start having school dinners, please contact the school office. You also need to give the office two weeks notice in writing if you would like your child to move to packed lunches. Children who usually have packed lunches will be invited to order a Christmas Dinner on 13th December. Please look out for the letter in the next couple of weeks.

Dates for the year

6 th November	Y1 School Trip to Postal Museum	
7 th November	R Class Height & Weight Measurements	9:30am
8 th November	School Photographer Individual Photos	
9 th November	Y5 Inspire Event at St. Paul's Cathedral	
13 th November	Full Governors' Meeting	6:00pm
14 th November	Prospective Parent Tour	9:30am
16 th November	Parents' Prayer Meeting Wilberforce Centre Chapel	8:45am
20 th November	Flu Nasal Vaccinations R – Y5	12:45pm
21 st November	Brass Assembly	9:15am
23 rd November	Waffle sale	3.45pm
30 th November	Prospective Parent Tour	1:30pm
6 th December	Whole school trip to the pantomime	
7 th December	Christmas Fair	3.45-5.00pm
13 th December	School Christmas Dinner	
14 th December	Christmas parties & Christmas Jumper Day	
18 th December	Junior Carol Service – St. Paul's Church	7:00pm
19 th and 20 th December	Infant Nativity (Reception/Y1/Y2)	2.15pm
21 st December	Last Day of Term (finish at 2.30pm)	



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Term Dates 2018 -2019

Autumn Term 2018 (75 days)

First Half Tuesday 4th September – Friday 19th October
Half Term Holiday Monday 22nd October – Monday 29th October
Second Half Tuesday 30th October – Friday 21st December
School Holiday Monday 24th December – Monday 7th January

Spring Term 2019 (60 days)

First Half Tuesday 8th January – Friday 15th February
Half Term Holiday Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February
Second Half Monday 25th February – Friday 5th April
School Holiday Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April
Easter weekend 19th – 22nd April

Summer Term 2019 (60 days)

First Half Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 24th May
Half Term Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May
Second Half Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July
May bank holiday Monday 6th May
Spring bank holiday Monday 27th May



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