



Newsletter — October 2016



Our first month of the new school year is now complete and what a busy month it has been! Classroom routines are now well under way and you should have received Class Newsletters outlining the learning that is taking place over this term. All class information is available on our school website, www.stpaulsrc.org.uk under the "Curriculum" tab so please do take a look at that page as it will provide additional information about your child's class. Photos of school events are also available under the "Gallery" tab on the website and are regularly updated. Mrs Lesley Butler is now teaching Year 1 while Miss O'Kell takes maternity leave. We look forward to sharing some baby news soon!

Thank you for your continued partnership and support with everything we do in school ranging from supporting learning at home to fundraising; it is greatly appreciated.

As always, if you have any concerns or queries then please do contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Peacock or myself.

Mrs S Sinclair

Headteacher

CONGRATULATIONS

Elections were held recently and some of our pupils have been nominated to represent the voice of the pupils in our Student Council and Sports Council. These children were nominated by their classmates and will work with Mrs Tattersdill, our Governors and myself to ensure that everyone has a say on what happens in our school.

Congratulations to Student Council Reps:

Felix and Eve (Y6), Ashley and Millie (Y5), Jacob and Livvie (Y4), Romy and Theo (Y3) and Ava R and Theo (Y2).

Congratulations to Sports Council Reps:

Honor and Freddie (Y6), Madelaine and Harry (Y5), Lucy (Y4) and Cara (Y3)

We also have Team Captains for Key Stage 2 who will work with their Teams to uphold the Behaviour Policy around school and develop specific initiatives over the year such as E-safety, Anti-Bullying and Environmental Awareness. The teams are named after the Saints Thomas More, John Fisher and Margaret Clitherow as well as Blessed Nicholas Postgate. These people were Martyrs who had great faith, belief and trust in God. Over the coming term the children will be learning more about them.

Congratulations to our Team Captains:

MORE: Honor and Jack

CLITHEROW: Naomi and Aodhan

POSTGATE: Felix and Eve

FISHER: Harry and Abigail



HOME—SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Thank you for booking your appointments for Parents' Evenings on Monday 10th or Thursday 13th October. We had a great uptake on our on-line booking facility which we hope you found convenient to use and choose. Rosedene Nurseries (Childcare Facility) are able to take care of Nursery, Reception or Y1 pupils whilst parents attend their consultation—please contact Mark on 01642-367987 to arrange a time. Y2-6 pupils are encouraged to come along with parents to chat with their teacher; in addition you are very welcome to have a walk around the school and view other classrooms either before or after your appointment time. Our teaching assistants will be available in classes to supervise siblings whilst you have your appointments. The main focus of our evening will be to discuss how your child has settled into their new year group, how they are progressing academically and some targets for their future learning.

PLEASE NOTE: AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS WILL NOT RUN ON MONDAY 10TH OR THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER

OUR JOURNEY IN FAITH



Our Y6 Mini-Vinnie group of pupils are continually looking for ways to live their motto "Turning Concerns into Action" and they do this, not only by being willing to help in day to day activities in school, but also by being extremely supportive during specific fundraising appeals.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Fundraising event with your generous donations of cakes and biscuits and also to those who could come to our coffee afternoon. Donations for this event, along with the donations from the children for their juice and biscuits, has currently raised over £250 for the Macmillan Cancer Support Appeal. Our Mini-Vinnies were a great help in the organisation of this event.

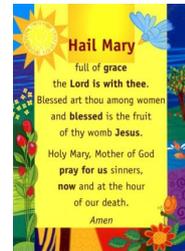


CAFOD
Just one world

This Friday 7th October we will be supporting the annual Cafod Harvest Fast Appeal. The theme this year is "Brighten up this Harvest." In school this week, children will learn about helping to build a brighter world and during this, the Year of Mercy, will put into action an act of mercy: to "Feed the Hungry."

This year's appeal supports families in Bolivia, South America. The children will learn more about the appeal from our local CAFOD volunteer Margaret Hodgson (whose father, Jim, was the first headteacher of St Paul's) and how money raised will support hungry children in Bolivia; if you would like further information then you can find it on the CAFOD website. This Friday is a non-uniform day and children can dress in as many bright colours as possible (please, no football strips). Children can bring in a donation to the charity if they wish; we have boxes like the ones above and aim to fill as many as possible with coins—this appeal will remain open until the half term holiday so please do take the opportunity to donate if you would like to. Donations will be collected each day.

October is traditionally a month to honour Our Lady, Mary the mother of Jesus. Each Friday during October children will be invited to pray the traditional "Hail Mary" prayer and listen to a Bible story about Mary. Children will be encouraged to share some of her many gifts—love, gentleness, patience, kindness, faithfulness and joy – with others. The prayer group will gather at 8.40am. If your child is attending Friday Breakfast Club they can join the group just before the start of the school day, if they are not coming to breakfast club but would like to attend then please come to the main school entrance at 8.35am. This is entirely optional.



ATTENDANCE AND SAFEGUARDING

Thank you for supporting our aim to raise our attendance percentages. I am pleased to inform you that our attendance for September 2016 is 97%

Class results are:

Reception: 97%
Year 1: 98%
Year 2: 98%
Year 3: 96%
Year 4: 95%
Year 5: 96%
Year 6: 98%



Year 1



Year 2

Well Done!



Year 6

To ensure the safety and well being of our pupils, could you please ensure that children do not ride bikes or scooters within the school grounds. Year 1 and 2 pupils will be supervised by 2 members of school staff on a morning from **8.40am**. Please do not come into the playground before **8.30am**, and once the duty teachers are on the playground we politely ask that adults leave the playground. The car park should not be used by anyone dropping off or picking up children and please avoid using the lane which is a major area of congestion.

To aim to make our school environment safer, we are supporting the "Living Streets" initiative which is encouraging children and their families to walk to school. Although this is often difficult to manage due to family circumstances, we are asking you to think about perhaps doing this once a week. The children are keeping a record of how they travel to school and will be rewarded with a badge each month if they have managed, at least once a week, to walk or "walk and stride" (this involves parking a short walk away from school and walking part of the journey) to school. They have been discussing how walking to school can improve their fitness and well-being, as well as making our school environment a safer place.

