

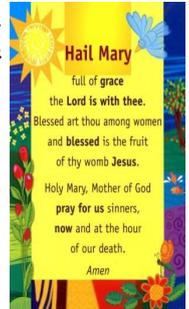


Newsletter — May 2017



OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

The summer term is now well underway and this month provides us with an opportunity to remember Mary the mother of Jesus. We also pray for our first communion children in Y4 who are preparing for this special event in June. Please remember them in your prayers. Next month on 29th June we celebrate our school feast day. Key Stage 2 children will be celebrating Mass at Holy Rosary Church and other children in our school will be having their own special liturgy. We will then have a fun afternoon together to celebrate all that is special about St Paul's School.



SCHOOL NEWS AND DIARY UPDATES

Well done to our Y6 children who have worked really hard for their SATs and over the coming weeks will be preparing to move on to their secondary schools. They will be ensuring that their hard work continues so they can produce excellent work which will be transferred to their new schools to demonstrate their high standards. Our Y2 and Y1 children will be completing tests and phonic screening checks over the coming weeks too, and on-going teacher assessments and tests for all pupils will ensure that your child's progress and attainment are carefully monitored. Thank you for ensuring that your child is well prepared for school and your support of their learning, particularly reading, is very much appreciated. Well done children—keep being the best you can be!

The coming weeks begin to get busy so please find below a list of dates and times for events that your child may be involved in. Please make a note of dates and times.

JUNE 2017

Year 6 children transferring to Northfield Transition Morning: Friday 16th June
 School Feast Day Mass at Holy Rosary Church: Thursday 29th June 12 noon
 School Disco (FOSPs to provide further details) - Thursday 29th June—after school
 PD Day—children not in school: Friday 30th June

JULY 2017

Y6 Residential to Robinwood—3-5th July
 Y6 children transferring to St Michael's Transition Days—6-7th July
 Transition Afternoon—Thursday 6th July
 School Reports—week beginning 10th July
 Nursery Sports—Monday 10th July (morning and afternoon)
 Year 5 and Year 6 Sports' Day -Tuesday 11th July at 1.30pm
 Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports' Day—Wednesday 12th July at 1.30pm
 Year 3 and Year 4 Sports' Day—Thursday 13th July at 1.30pm
 Year 6 Leavers' Liturgy—Wednesday 19th July at 6.30pm

IF THE WEATHER IS INCLEMENT FOR SPORTS EVENTS THEN WE WILL TRANSFER TO THE SAME DAY AND TIME THE FOLLOWING WEEK—WE WILL NOTIFY PARENTS/CARERS BY TEXT MESSAGE BY 12 NOON ON THE DAY IF POSTPONED.

QUESTIONNAIRE

At our recent Parents and Carers consultation evenings we asked you to complete a questionnaire about many aspects of school life. Your responses are most welcome and help us to review our current provision. Please find attached the results of the questionnaire which were very pleasing. As the questionnaire itself was anonymous please do let us know in person if there is anything you would like discuss. We always find comments constructive and supportive in helping us prioritise areas to address. Below are some comments we received from parents and carers:

"I would highly recommend this school to other parents!"

"My son is learning at a pace that is right for him."

"It's a huge relief to know that when my son comes to school he is looked after and taught at the highest level."

"There's a fantastically supportive environment for the children so they can flourish academically and enjoy their time at school."

"A very special school that enables parents to fully interact with schooling and FOSPs activities."

"The marking is excellent and reflects the work completed."

"We find homework quite hard for the age of child and a lot to cover."

"Homework—I find it is age related but at times quite excessive."

Over the coming weeks we will be reviewing our homework policy and will be seeking the views of yourselves and your child so we ensure that our policy reflects the needs of our learners.

ATTENDANCE AND SAFEGUARDING

Thank you for your continued support with ensuring that children attend school every day and on time. Our current school attendance since September is : 96% It would be good to see this rise to 97% - so please do try to ensure that your child is at school every day.

23 of our pupils have had 100% attendance since the beginning of the school year —well done children.

Attendance so far this term is reported below

Reception: 94%

Year 1: 98.5%

Year 2: 98.5%

Year 3: 97.5%

Year 4: 92.5%

Year 5: 97.5%

Year 6: 99%



Well done Year Six!

Please continue to report absence due to illness by 10am on the first day of absence. This should be done by phoning the school office. Requests for leave of absence during term time are to be made; forms are available in the porch. Holidays taken during term time should be avoided. Holidays can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. The school has a duty to monitor attendance and punctuality and the school attendance officer from the Local Authority also monitors attendance. National school attendance is 96% and as a school it is our aim to be above this national target—thank you for your support.

It is also really important that your child is at school by 8.50am. We appreciate your support to ensure that your child is not late for school as this disrupts the start of the school day. At the end of the school day, we encourage children to leave the school safely. It is a busy time of day so please ensure that your child is with you or the adult collecting them. Thank you for supporting this.

To ensure that our school premise and surrounding area is a safe place to be please ensure that scooters and bikes are not mounted whilst inside the school grounds. Please park considerately and safely around school and continue to support our "Walk to School" campaign. Many thanks.

SUNNY DAYS

As the weather hopefully continues to improve please ensure that your child is adequately prepared for sunny days! Children are encouraged to bring a sun hat or cap to school to wear outside. For health and safety reasons sunglasses are not encouraged. Please apply sun cream before your child comes to school; do not send sun cream into school. As always, children should have a water bottle in school filled with fresh water—no juice or flavoured water please. They should take their water bottle home at the end of each day.

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs S Sinclair—Head teacher.