



WEEKLY NEWS



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Reflection & Thanks

I would just like to take the opportunity in this last newsletter of the term to reflect upon my first term here at St Paul's.

It has been an extremely busy term and hopefully you have seen some positive changes since I began in September. One of the biggest changes has been our new school vision of 'SHINING TOGETHER'. The children have responded very well to this and are able to articulate our vision to people who visit our school.

In terms of teaching and learning, we have changed the way we teach Reading, Writing and Maths throughout school and are starting to see the positive impact that this has had. From a behaviour and safety point of view, we have implemented our new anti-bullying and behaviour and discipline policies, both of which were positively acknowledged by Ofsted. There has been more recognition of children who always make the correct choices and we are constantly tweaking our systems to make sure these children get the praise they deserve.

Another key development has been our lunchtime provision. There are now more sporting opportunities available to all year groups and a variety of different equipment for the children to play with. The children tell me that they are enjoying lunchtimes much more!

Spring Term changes will involve:

- Implementing a new communication system to parents/carers;
- Reviewing our wider curriculum (subjects other than English and Maths);
- Purchasing a new X-table system to help children improve their mental recall;
- Purchasing more new and exciting equipment for lunchtimes (including having our new running track installed).

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. I have appreciated how people have taken the time to come and chat to me on a morning in the playground to let me know what is working well as well as any suggestions for improvement. To know that you are seeing positive changes is nice to know. I would also like to take time to thank **all** the staff. It isn't easy to work for a new Headteacher and having to adapt to changes but they have embraced everything, and I couldn't ask for more! Lastly, the children have made me feel so welcome and it's lovely to spend time with them at lunchtime and watching them socialise and have fun. They are a credit to you all!

In my first letter in September I explained that we would make mistakes – and we have! However, like we teach our children, we will learn from those mistakes in order to make St Paul's the best it can be.

I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 7th January.

Lee Swift

Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
08/01/19	Year 6 Young Voices
07/02/19	6W Class Assembly
13/02/19	3HM Class Assembly
13/02/19	Parents' Evening
14/02/19	DT Themed Day
15/02/19	Last Day of Half Term

After School Clubs

KS1 Singing Tuesdays 15:15 – 16:15

Netball 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th Jan

Hockey Club 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Jan, 4th, 11th Feb

Boccia Club 17th, 24th and 31st January

Dodgeball Club 8th, 15th, 29th January, 6th, 13th, 27th Feb

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Safeguarding

Remember, on the school website there are guides for setting parental controls on any new devices your children get for Christmas. Please use these especially if you aren't sure what you need to put in place in order keep them safe!

If you feel you need to talk to someone about safeguarding or have any concerns regarding a child then please contact school and ask to speak to Mrs McClean, Mrs Wood, Mrs Somerville or Mr Swift.

Christmas Dinner

We had Christmas Dinner on Wednesday and it was lovely to see all of the children in their Christmas Jumpers! Thank you to Mrs Cranswick, our cook, and her team – Julie, Vicky and Yvette for all of their hard work in preparing such a lovely meal for us all.

Christmas Collections

Thank you to all the parents/carers who contributed to the retiring collections after the Key Stage 1 and Early Years Nativity and the Years 3 & 4 Production. The total amount raised was £151.67 and this will be donated to World Wildlife Fund.

School Council Cake Sale

Move over Mary Berry! Thank you to everyone who baked goodies for the School Council cake stall. There were so many donations that it was run over two days instead of the intended one. A massive £268.95 was raised for The Forget Me Not Children's Hospice which was beyond any expectations. A huge thank you to Mrs Greenaway and the School Council for all their hard work with this.

Carol Service

After the excitement of the Christmas lunches, parties, and Christmas plays, we ended the term on a more traditional note today with our Carol Service. It was a wonderful opportunity for the school community to come together to reflect on the meaning of Christmas and consider those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who were able to join us.

Track Santa

Children can visit the NORAD Santa Tracker online to track Santa's journey around the world. On Christmas Eve, excited children can use the tracker to watch Santa leave the north pole and embark on his long journey.

North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) uses its state-of-the-art satellites to watch Father Christmas journey across the world. Families can watch his progress on Christmas Eve on the popular **Norad Santa Tracker website** which gives a GPS location of Santa throughout the night.



St Paul's Church Events

Christingle Monday 24th December at 5:00pm

Celebrate and show a child they're not alone this Christmas. We would love you, your friends and your family to join us at our Christingle celebration so we can help to support vulnerable children. Please contact Church Wardens on 01924 368558.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Attendance Update

CLASS	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
NURSERY	97.64	96.16
RH	95.45	96.71
R:1W	96.21	96.58
1:2M	98.57	97.97
1:2CS	95.52	97.04
3HM	95.83	96.20
4I	90.27	96.51
5S	97.14	97.08
6W	91.89	96.55

CONGRATULATIONS TO 1:2M FOR THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK WITH 98.57%.

Attendance Indicators

98% + WELL ABOVE THE SCHOOL TARGET – OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE

96% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET

BELOW 94% - CAUSING CONCERN AND LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS

90% & BELOW – PERSISTENT ABSENCE – SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

WHOLE SCHOOL Target = 96%

Last Week –
95.03%

Year to Date –
96.77%

Punctuality

16 children arrived late for school last week. They missed a total of 3 hours and 27 minutes of learning time!