



# WEEKLY NEWS



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## Mrs Stewart

Mrs Stewart leaves us today to take up her new position as Nursery Teacher at English Martyrs Primary School after 18 years at St Paul's. Mrs Stewart has touched the lives of hundreds of children and I'm sure you would like to join me in thanking her for everything that she has done over the years. We wish her lots of success for the future.

## Mrs Watson

Mrs Watson, one of our Senior Teaching Assistants, retired today after being involved with St Paul's, as both a parent and staff member, for 20 years. Mrs Watson is a very valued member of our school team and we will miss her dearly. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement and hope that she keeps in touch!

## St Paul's Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their dedication this term. They put 100% into everything that they do. We don't get everything right but everything we do is to ensure your children get the best possible education. They definitely deserve a well-earned rest!

## 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.

## Staffing Changes

With Mrs Watson retiring, Mrs Gay has been appointed as Senior Teaching Assistant. This means that she will be working across all classes in school. Mrs Gay already knows the vast majority of children and I know she will be fantastic in this role.

We have appointed a new Teaching Assistant, Mrs Busby, who will work in Class 5 from 20<sup>th</sup> January.

As many of you know, Miss Taylor is expecting her first child in February. We know just what a fantastic Mum she will make! When Miss Taylor begins her maternity leave, Mrs Langdale will be the Teaching Assistant for Class R. Mrs Sykes will also work in Class R every afternoon. We have appointed another Teaching Assistant, Mrs Hill, who will be taking over from some of Mrs Langdale's work in Class R:1 on 3 afternoons a week.

## Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
06.01.20	School Opens for the Spring Term

A letter will be sent out at the start of next term with important dates.

## After School Clubs

**Disability Sports Club** - 3:30pm to 4:30pm  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Jan, 4<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Netball Club** - 3:30pm to 4:30pm  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> March

**Boccia Club** - 3:30pm to 4:30pm  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Singing Club** - Every Tuesday - 3:15pm to 4:15pm (Commences 21<sup>st</sup> Jan)

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## 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 and Vicky, for all of their hard work in preparing such a lovely meal for us all.

## School Uniform – Lost Property

We have had a lot of parent/carers enquiring about lost uniform items that have not made their way back to their owners this term. We understand how frustrating it is and that replacing school uniform and equipment is expensive.

Whilst we do everything we can to help in retrieving any items that are misplaced in school, we cannot recognise items as belonging to a particular person if they are not clearly labelled.

During the school holidays can you help us by having a look through your child's uniform?

- Please ensure **EVERY** item is named, including shoes, coats, backpacks and lunch boxes. Use a **permanent marker** or special laundry pen. Biro washes out.
- Check for any items that don't belong to your child and have been taken home accidentally, and return them to the school office in the New Year.

## Keeping Children Safe Online

It's that time of year again when Father Christmas may be very generous and leave some devices for children in their stockings.

Father Christmas and you can get help regarding safe settings for all of the new devices at [www.internetmatters.org.uk](http://www.internetmatters.org.uk)

Here is another good link to advice on games, suitability, age recommendations and content. <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/game-reviews>. You can look up games you are considering buying and find out about them or select an age appropriate game and pick from the list.

## 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.



*On behalf of everyone at St Paul's, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*We look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.*

# CELEBRATION PAGE

## This Week's SHINE AWARD Winners

Class	Child 1	Child 2
Nursery	Rocco	Freddie
Class R	Samuel	Peyton
Class R:1	Phenix	Grace
Class 1:2	Amelia Dy	Samuel
Class 2	Raulis	Lillie
Class 3	Naomi	Jackson
Class 4	Charlie	Estera
Class 5	Maisie	Caitlin
Class 6	Shamaine	Morgan



Year Groups	1st Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Year 2	Jacob	Esmee	Jorja
Year 3	Klaudia	Libby	Alan
Year 4	Oliver	Isabelle	Evie
Year 5	Levi	Aarron	Owen
Year 6	Jasper	Christian	Leo M



# TWEETS OF THE WEEK

Class 3 and 4 having a great time at their Christmas parties! [#StPaulsSHINE](#)



Who has the Christmas X-Factor in Upper Key Stage 2? This morning our Reception children and a panel of judges found out. [#StPaulsSHINE](#)



A big thank you to the kitchen staff who provided the children and staff with a wonderful Christmas dinner on our Christmas jumper day [@ISS\\_Education](#) [#StPaulsSHINE](#) 🐔



# ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

## Attendance Update

CLASS	THIS WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
Nursery	98.99	95.54
Class R	86.84	91.93
Class R:1	98.67	94.65
Class 1:2	93.79	96.55
Class 2	97.42	96.80
Class 3	98.68	97.61
Class 4	93.78	95.18
Class 5	92.78	97.90
Class 6	96.39	96.15

Congratulations to Nursery who have achieved 98.99% this week. Well Done!

## 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 – 96.8%

Last Week –  
95.37%

Year to Date –  
96.09%

## Punctuality

35 children arrived late for school this week. They missed a total of 10 hours and 10 minutes of learning time!!!