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ST. PAUL'S
C of E Primary School

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the second part of the autumn term and dare we say it, the run up to Christmas! We hope you all enjoyed a good break over half term and we are now looking forward to a busy, enjoyable learning journey over the coming weeks.

Early Year's Open Evening - Reminder

If you, or anyone you know, has a child who is eligible for Nursery (3 years old) or a child who turns 4 before the 31st August 2019 and are looking to secure a place in either Nursery or Reception class next September, we warmly invite you to an open afternoon to look around our wonderful Early Year's facilities. We are hosting a 'drop in' session between 3.30pm and 4.45pm on Thursday November 15th where families can meet the teachers, chat and ask questions. Alternatively, please contact our office staff, who will make an alternative appointment for you to visit. If you are interested in taking up a place this year in Nursery and your child will turn 3 before August 2019, again please contact our office staff and they will discuss availability.

Consultation Evenings

Thank you to all our families who attended the consultation evenings last half term and took the time to fill in our questionnaires. The feedback was really positive and supportive and we will continue to work closely with you to ensure our children are given the best chances of success in life. When we have fully analysed and collated all responses, we will share with you. Where any issues were raised and families put their names to the questionnaires, we will contact you to discuss your concerns. Thank you again for your feedback.

Message from Mr. Ratcliffe



The Joy of Reading

Book Swap

Many of us have books we have loved reading over the years, but have now grown out of, or we are not likely to want to read again. Now is your chance to exchange these books for different ones.

The children can bring into school books they have finished reading but that are still in good condition. After school on Tuesday 27th November the books will all be arranged in the hall for a grand book swap. Come and browse through the books on offer and choose the ones you would like. We would ask that a donation of 20p is made for each book taken to raise money for purchasing new books for the classrooms.

Hopefully we can all find something that interests us and helps inspire our 'Joy of Reading'.



Please can we ask that book donations for the swap be brought into school on either Friday 23rd or Monday 26th November and handed into the classes.

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Message from Mrs. Wilson

Festival of Triangles/ Barvember

The Magic of Maths

This week we are celebrating our 'Festival of Triangles' across the whole school. We look forward to seeing you straight after school on Friday 9th November where you can see what we have been up to.

This November we are taking part in **Barvember**. Barvember is organised by White Rose Maths to encourage everyone to use the Bar Model. (Bar Modelling is a useful tool for helping children visualise and then solve maths problems. (Even some of the most difficult problems can be understood much easier when represented visually). Barvember provides an opportunity for everyone to just do some maths and take the opportunity to problem solve in this way. Look out for some of our solutions to the challenges on our Twitter feed over the next few weeks.

Message from Miss Hamilton – Children in Need

Our School Council have been working hard to plan the next exciting event to take place at our school to help raise money for Children in Need. They have decided to host our very own Bake Off! This is a great opportunity for children and their families to get together to get creative in the kitchen!

The Bake Off is open for all children from Nursery to Year 6, with only one rule for your bake. The Children in Need theme this year is to show us your spots. Therefore, your bake must have a spotty theme! It could be sweet, it could be savoury but it must be spotty!

Every entrant will receive a certificate for participating and our very own judging panel, comprising of our School Council members will choose a 'Bake Off Champion' to receive a special prize. As ever, however, the emphasis is on our children showing us their talent in the kitchen and having fun raising money for charity.

Should your child wish to join our bake off, they will need to send in their bakes on **Friday 16th November**. All money raised from selling the different foods will be sent directly to the charity to help those children most in need.

In addition, we would be thrilled if your child could come to school dressed up in a spotty theme for a suggested donation of 50p on Friday 16th November. Show us your spots!

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Dates for your diary

Friday 16th November – Children in Need.
Friday 30 th November – ‘Ladies’ Night (A PTFA event to help with early Christmas shopping, stalls selling quality good and clothes, including Bodyshop. £4.00 entrance, includes raffle and ‘fizz’ 7pm-9pm
Thursday 6 th December – PTFA support children to wrap presents for their families – more details to follow
Thursday 13th December – Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance – 10am
Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performance – 2 pm.
Friday 14th December – Christmas Jumper Day.
Friday 14th December - Christmas Fair. 3.30-5pm
Monday 17th December – Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Performance– 2pm.
Year 5 & Year 6 Christingle Concert – 5pm.
Wednesday 19th December – Christmas Party Day.
Thursday 20th December – School Carol Service – 2.15 pm.

Friday 30th November

We look forward to welcoming many of you to our wonderful ‘Ladies Night.’ Many stalls are already booked, however, should you still wish to sell at our event, please see our office staff to reserve a place. It is always a really enjoyable night and raises valuable funds for school.

Many thanks to all our families for your continued support.

Miss McBride