

St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

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Friday Post

Headteacher, Mrs. Roxanne d'Arcy

3rd November, 2017

Remembrance Day

November is the traditional month to remember those who have died. On Sunday 12th November it will be Remembrance Sunday and at the beginning of November, we remember all those who have died on All Souls' Day. It is appropriate that these events happen during autumn. The changing appearance of the trees at this time of year seems particularly poignant. It is an appropriate analogy to compare the falling leaves on a tree with those who have died. The trees look so barren, bare and lifeless. When a loved one dies then our lives are often filled with desolation and emptiness, just like trees can feel during wintertime.

We know that in the spring, the same tree will burst into new life and display the beauty of leaves and flowers. It is like when we die and rise again to our new life in Christ. This is the source of our Christian hope and joy.

In school we are helping the children to appreciate these important traditions and the good and noble duty we have to pray for those who have died.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John M^cCrae (1872 - 1918)



Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance for week ending 20th October was 96%.

Class attendance:

Nursery: 95%	Early Years: 95%		
Class 1G: 96%	Class 1M: 95%	Class 2C: 95%	Class 2I: 92%
Class 3H: 100%	Class 3N: 98%	Class 4B: 96%	Class 4C: 91%
Class 5D: 94%	Class 5S: 97%	Class 6H: 97%	Class 6M: 99%



Well done to class 3H! They will have an extra playtime as a treat for having the highest attendance in KS2 this week. Class 1G will receive Attendance Ted and extra playtime for having the highest attendance in KS1.

Achievements

Our school is full of amazing children, but this week certificates were awarded to the following children for excellence in a particular area:

Famous for a Fortnight!

Reception EYA: Zara	Reception EYR: Felicity
Class 1G: Oliver	Class 1M: Scarlett
Class 2C: Trent	Class 2I: Sullivan



Star Reader Awards - The following KS1 children have shown a very positive attitude towards reading:

Class 1G: Filip	Class 1M: George
Class 2C: Luca	Class 2I: Kayden



Star Writer Awards - Well done to the following KS1 children for achieving a star writer award!

Class 1G: Ammarah	Class 1M: Anaya
Class 2C: Jayden	Class 2I: Laney



I look forward to reading and seeing your wonderful writing on display!

Well done to all of our St. Paulinus Superstars - keep up the great work!

Please note that the next Celebration Assembly will be for KS2 on Thursday 9th November at 2:40 pm.

All parents are warmly invited to attend!



ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints' Day Mass

On Wednesday 1st November all KSII children walked to Our Lady and St Paulinus Church to attend the All Saints' Day Mass (holy day of obligation). The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church who are in heaven. The children led the readings and prayers and the choir led the singing beautifully. All the children were a credit to the School, acting respectfully and reverently before, during and at the end of Mass.

It's time to vote !!

As you may be aware, we advertised recently to all parents and carers regarding the parent governor election and invited nominations for the positions to be returned by Tuesday, 17th October.

The following nominations have been received and are listed below:

Adam Smart

Eloise Simpson

Lee Dobbins

As the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies, it is now necessary to hold a ballot for which a ballot paper is attached. Below is a statement from each candidate to assist you in the voting process.

Please complete your ballot paper and return this to the School office by **Wednesday 8th November**.



Adam Smart

I am standing for election as a parent governor at St. Paulinus as it is a school I believe to be great and always has been. This stems from the 7 years I spent at the school from 1988-1995 catching the bus from Thornhill in sunshine and snow. I believe the school instilled the values and beliefs in me which have stood me in good stead to help me get to where I am today.

My children Charlotte and Daniel both enjoy school. It was our first choice of school with both of them joining as 'part-timers' in Early Years. I hope that if successful in this election, I will be able to add value to the governors and help the school continue to provide the environment it does to develop not only my own children but also their friends and siblings. I would do this by encouraging the leadership to continue their great work but also challenge them where needed to help the school continue its journey.

I am a civil engineer on a day to day basis for a consultant engineering firm in Leeds working on water projects ranging from property flooding solutions to resolving river water quality issues. As part of my job I have had a number of opportunities to volunteer to go into schools and promote Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) running workshops building large aqueducts in playgrounds and water filtration experiments. This involvement has shown me the positive impact that simple things can have on a child, although I admit I could never be a teacher I feel that being a governor will allow me to help our children develop, by helping the school continue to grow.

Eloise Simpson

I would like to be considered for the parent governor role as I have a keen interest in the school and the Diocese. I regularly attend mass with my husband and daughter (who attends St. Paulinus), and also take an active role in the church community by assisting with the children's liturgy at St. Paulinus Church.

I currently work as a registered nurse at Pinderfields General Hospital in the operating theatres, mainly specialising in orthopaedics, but also cover other specialities. Previously I have worked as a keyworker for Hollybank Trust which is a school for children with severe learning disabilities with responsibilities for the personal care and development of the children. When not at work I enjoy looking after my cats and visiting farms and wildlife parks.

My interests within the school are health and safety, child protection, and special needs. Being a nurse and former keyworker, I feel I would be able to contribute to these subject areas and relate to them, bringing new ideas and valuable experience to the school community.

Lee Dobbins

I am a 48 year old, married, father of two children who attend our school. Eloise is in Year 5 and Cole is in Year 3. Both of the children are heavily involved in school life. I work as a Director of Service Delivery for one of the world's biggest out-source providers in Leeds and have over 400 people working for me. I have years of understanding of the commercial and financial environments and can bring this expertise to the role of Parent Governor.

Whilst I have no previous experience as a School Governor, nor have I worked within the education system, if I am fortunate enough to become elected as Parent Governor, I feel that I can cast an independent eye over the workings of the school and bring a fresh perspective to the work of the existing Governors.

I firmly believe that St. Paulinus is an excellent primary school, delivering high quality learning opportunities both within, and outside the classroom and building a spiritual foundation for all of our children.

We should all consider that the first years of a child's education are crucial to their later academic achievements and - just as importantly - to the development of social and other life skills and that the Parent Governors have a special role and should always try to assess issues and decisions from the point of view of parents/carers and families. I feel passionately about primary school education. If elected I would work with energy and enthusiasm to help maintain and where possible, improve our already high standards and meet future challenges. It would be a privilege to be elected and serve the School in this manner.



Wedding bells were ringing during the October half term holidays for one of our teaching assistants, Miss Alexandra Warrington became Mrs. Alexandra Tuck.

Dates for your Diary ... What's coming up in November :

Tues. 7 th & Wed. 8 th November	Parent Consultation Evenings	15:30 - 17:30
Wednesday, 8 th November	Year 4 Remembrance Service in Dewsbury	10:15 - 15:00
Thursday, 9 th November	Year 5 trip : Magna Science	10:15 - 16:15
Thursday 9 th November	Parents Invite : KS2 Celebration Assembly	14:40
Friday, 10 th November	Year 4 Class Assembly	14:30
Monday, 13 th November	Year 1 trip : Skipton Castle	09:00 - 16:30
Mon. 13 th - Fri. 17 th November	National Anti-Bullying Week 'All Different, All Equal'	
Thursday, 16 th November	Parents Invite : EYU & KSI Celebration Assembly	2:40 pm
Friday, 17 th November	Year 2 Class Assembly	





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Eloise Simpson	
Lee Dobbins	

To be valid completed ballot papers must reach the Returning Officer by the close of school on **Wednesday 8th November** and the ballot paper must bear no mark which identifies the voter.

In this election the Returning Officer is:

Roxanne d'Arcey

The scrutineer is:

Claire Berry

This ballot paper may be returned in an envelope or folded once and secured with adhesive film or a staple.

Candidates or their representatives are entitled to attend the count.

The result of the election will be published to parents in the Friday Post and noticeboards.

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