



Welcome to our Easter Newsletter, you will find information and updates from across the school. We also have a page where we can celebrate a few of the activities that have taken place after the Spring Term.

For other updates please look at the School App and website.

The Spring Term has come to an end. Many assemblies, trips, productions and exciting lessons have taken place as a result of dedication, hard work and time put in by everyone to make it happen. Thank you to the children for their hard work and excellent behaviour. May God continue to send his blessings on the St. Paulinus community so that together we can provide the best for the children in our care. I would like to wish you and your families all the blessings of Easter.

NEWS & UPDATES

EMERGENCY PLANNING

Lockdown System - At St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School we take safeguarding and safety very seriously. It is important we continue to renew all our procedures. We have recently renewed our Emergency Plan and wanted to update you on our Fire and Lockdown procedures.

Lockdown procedures may be activated in response to any number of situations, for instance :

1. A reported incident or disturbance in the local community.
2. An intruder on site.
3. A major fire in the vicinity of the School.
4. The close proximity of a dangerous dog, etc.

Our procedure aims to minimise disruption to the learning environment whilst ensuring the safety of all pupils and staff.

It is good practice, in our view, to have a plan for a lockdown procedure as part of our commitment to keeping all of our children and staff safe within the School. We will be having a regular practise for a lockdown in the near future so that we can put our procedures into operation just as we do for practise fire drills.

In order to warn of these dangers we raise the alarm in one of two ways :

1. The lockdown alarm will sound / or if there is no immediate threat (amber lockdown), SLT (Senior Leadership Team) will inform all staff and classes.

At that point the building is locked down by staff, and children remain in their lessons or the classroom nearest to them. Children outside will come back into the School. Staff will be in communication with senior staff via e-mail and are aware of the messages to give to children. In the event of an actual lock-down, parents and carers will be informed through the website as soon as possible and at the end of the day via letter.

2. Should we need to go into lockdown :

- we will notify parents as soon as it is practical to do so via the school's established communication network - GroupCall messages / letters
- we may ask you **NOT** to collect your child/ren from school as it may put you and your child at risk. This is dependent on the type and severity of the incident.
- pupils will not be released to parents during a lockdown.
- parents will be asked **NOT** to call school as this may tie up emergency lines.
- we will notify you about the time and place pupils can be picked up from office staff or emergency services, should the lockdown be extended at the end of the school day.
- we will send a letter to parents following any serious incident to inform parents of context of lockdown and to encourage parent to reinforce with their children the importance of following procedures in these very rare circumstances.

Fires & Evacuation - In the event of a fire all children will hear the fire alarm - a long continuous ring - and will evacuate the premises as usual. We practise evacuation procedures regularly.

All children, staff and visitors evacuate the school and meet at the agreed muster point / designated area.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school. Thank you for your support.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - SCHOOL OPEN ON ELECTION DAY

We have been contacted by the Local Election officer at Kirklees Council to hold the 'General Election' Polling Station at our School on **Thursday, 2nd May 2019**. Please note that school **will be open** on this day. The election procedure will take place in the Early Years Unit and the local community will be able to access this part of school from the Key Stage 1 playground.

Drop Off & Pick Up Arrangements

- EYU - Drop off and pick up from main school hall / 15:30 for collection after school trip.
- KS1 - Drop off and pick up from KS2 playground / 15:00 for collection.
- KS2 - Drop off and pick up from KS2 ball court / 15:10 for collection.

Any questions, please ask.

NEWS & UPDATES continued

Pupil Premium

Have your circumstances changed recently - making you eligible to apply for Free School Meals and milk ?

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to school for any child who is, or has been in receipt of FSM. It is vital that all parents from Reception through to Year 6 register for FSM.

Register at www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx

The Children's Recreational Fund

As you know, St. Paulinus' is a voluntary aided Catholic school, part of the Diocese of Leeds, as such we do not receive funding for the upkeep and development of our school building in the same way as a Kirklees Local Authority School.

Thank you to those who have paid your contribution to The Children's Recreational Fund through ParentPay. The Governors have to fund 10% of any capital works that take place in our school. Only 24% of our families have contributed. We are outstanding £ 6137.00. If you have still not contributed, you can do this through your ParentPay account. This can be paid in smaller amounts should you need to do so.

Paperless

Over the last few months we have changed the way we communicate with you. To find out what is happening in school please visit the school website or the school App - text messages and e-mails are also used to update you regularly.

If you are unable to access these please speak to a member of office staff who will be happy to help. If you would still like paper copies of information please let us know.

Uniform Reminder

Please may we take this opportunity to remind you that children should be wearing **black school shoes**. We are seeing an increasing number of children coming to school wearing trainers. These are not part of our school uniform.

Boys

Grey trousers or shorts

Pale blue shirt

Grey pullover or sweatshirt

Grey socks

School tie (optional)

Pale blue polo shirt

Sensible black shoes

Girls

Grey trousers, grey skirt or pinafore dress

Pale blue shirt or blouse

Grey cardigan or sweatshirt

White or grey socks

School tie (optional)

Pale blue polo shirt

Blue & white checked dress (summer)

Sensible flat black shoes

P.E. Kit : Blue (or dark coloured) shorts, White T-shirt, appropriate footwear: Plimsolls for indoor use for KSI / Trainers for outdoor use for KSII. Dark coloured jogging trousers (optional) for winter months.

(Rawcliffes, Dewsbury and The Uniform Shop, Batley are our main uniform suppliers).

School Hairstyles - We are a fully inclusive school and I aim to ensure that all children are equally treated. However School Policy on hairstyles states our expectations, so please **NO** shaved lines or shapes, colouring, undercuts or half shaved hairstyles. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

Staying Safe in the Sun - The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, but sadly it can lead to skin cancer in later life. Your child's health and well-being are very important to us, which is why we have decided to : ■ Increase the amount of school time spent learning about sun protection ■ Provide shade where possible ■ Encourage pupils to wear hats and sunscreen when outside.

Your support is very important, and you can help by : ■ Talk to your child about the importance of sun protection ■ Show your child how to apply sunscreen, as they will need to apply this themselves **Send your child to school with** : a hat / cap, named bottle of sunscreen, and a water drinks bottle (all clearly labelled with your child's name and class)

Medicines - **ONLY** medicine prescribed by a doctor is permitted in school. It **MUST** be brought to the school office on arrival at school, and will only be administered to the child by a member of the Senior Leadership Team, as in line with our school's 'Medical Needs Policy'.

A 'Parental & School Agreement to Store Medication for Administration' must be completed by the parent / guardian, when leaving medicine in school. A 'Record of Medicine Administered to an Individual Child' will be used to record dosages administered to the child.

Volunteers required for :

We need volunteers to help on our school trips and within school. If you are interested please speak to the School Office for more information.

Reminder - Nut Free

Due to allergies within school, please be aware that we operate a nut free policy, this is to keep all our children safe. If your child is on packed lunches, please consider the items you put in your child's lunchbox.

Please contact school if you require any further advice.

Pedestrian Gate

The pedestrian gate is operated by intercom and will only open once access has been granted by a member of the office staff. Please note that during school hours the gates will only be open for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour intervals (8:30 - 9:00 / 3:00 - 3:30) to allow children safe access to school from the school bus.

When entering or exiting the pedestrian gate, please could all visitors ensure that the gate is closed behind you. This is to meet safeguarding requirements.

LET'S CELEBRATE

Attendance Matters

We do make this plea each year: Please **REMEMBER** to try and make medical/dental appointments outside school hours or during the holidays, if at all possible. Education is not an option, it is compulsory and any time out of class can affect your child's learning.

NO permission is given for holiday leave during term time. Kirklees will issue **Penalty Notices** for leave of absence in term time.

Our whole school attendance for the Spring Term (January - April) was 96%

Class attendance:	Nursery: 93%	Early Years: EY1: 95% / EY2: 93%	
Class 1A: 97%	Class 1R: 95%	Class 2G: 98%	Class 2N: 96%
Class 3C: 96%	Class 3I: 96%	Class 4B: 96%	Class 4C: 97%
Class 5J: 96%	Class 5S: 96%	Class 6K: 95%	Class 6W: 95%

Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised. All term holiday requests should be sent to the Headteacher in writing. If a family take a holiday (which has not been authorised) then each parent is liable for a £60 fine per child if paid within 21 days. Our school holiday dates are on the website and we ask all families to take any holiday at these times.

By working together we can ensure that attendance at school is a priority for everyone.

Lenten - The totals raised from the Lenten activities, which included a bun sale and coffee morning were as follows :

Year 6	£ 107.55	Year 5	£ 102.20	Year 4	£ 87.25
Year 3	£ 138.26	EYU & KS1	£ 428.66		
				Grand total	£ 863.92

This will go to CAFOD and Catholic Care

Animal Trust Open Day

On Thursday, 4th April we visited the Animal Trust in Dewsbury - this is the feedback Tracey gave us :

Just wanted to say how much we enjoyed having you all today. We couldn't have asked for anything better-your children were so well behaved and we were all very impressed by the questions and interaction.

Please thank the children (and the teachers) again for me, they were an absolute credit to your school.

Tracey Hemingway - Operations Manager, Animal Trust Limited, 27 Railway Street, Dewsbury, WF12 8EB.

Celebration Assemblies are held every fortnight on a Friday afternoon at 14:40 children attend a celebration assembly where they are given merit awards, reading and handwriting certificates. All parents are welcome to attend these assemblies every week regardless if their child receives a certificate or not. If your child will be receiving an award / certificate parents will be invited to attend by a GroupCall text message. The next Celebration Assemblies will take place as follows :

KS2 : 10th May, 14th June **EYU & KS1** : 17th May, 21st June

Class assemblies will now be over a two week period in the Summer term rather than on a Friday afternoon. We will combine their class assembly with the celebration evening. The children will set up a display in their classrooms and after their assembly you can go with them to see the work they've been doing. Hopefully, knowing the dates well in advance, the majority of parents will be able to attend. The dates are detailed below :

Year 4 : Wednesday, 12 th June	14:15	Year 5 : Thursday, 13 th June	14:15
Year 2 : Monday, 17 th June	14:15	Year 3 : Tuesday, 18 th June	14:15
Year 1 : Wednesday, 19 th June	14:15	EYU : Thursday, 20 th June	14:15

Year 6 end of year performance : dates / times to be confirmed

DATES FOR DIARIES - What's coming up**April**

Monday, 29th	School re-opens	
Tuesday, 30 th	Year 3 Road Safety - Pedestrian Training (Grp 1)	09:40 - 11:45

May

Wednesday, 1 st	Year 3 Road Safety - Pedestrian Training (Grp 2)	09:40 - 11:45
Thursday, 2nd	Polling Station / School Open	
Thursday, 2 nd	EYU trip : Legoland Discovery Centre, Manchester	09:00 - 15:30
Monday, 6th	May Day / School Closed	
Tuesday, 7 th	Year 3 Road Safety (Grp 1)	13:15 - 14:45
Wednesday, 8 th	Year 4 trip : Flamingo Land Zoo	09:00 - 16:30
Wednesday, 8 th	Year 3 Road Safety (Grp 2)	13:15 - 14:45
Friday, 10 th	Parents Invite: KS2 Celebration Assembly	14:40 - 15:00
Mon. 13th - Fri. 17th	Year 6 SATs week	
Thurs. 16th - Wed. 22nd	Year 2 SATs week	
Friday, 17 th	Parents Invite: EYU & KS1 Celebration Assembly	14:40 - 15:00
Friday, 17 th - Sat. 18 th	Giant Sleepover for Years 3 - 6	18:00 - 09:00
Thursday, 23 rd	Mary Day : wear blue (Non-Uniform) and make a flower donation	
Thursday, 23rd	Last day of term / School breaks up for Spring Bank hols	
Friday, 24th	INSET Day	

June

Tuesday, 4th	School re-opens	
Friday, 7 th	Pentecost Day : wear white (Non-Uniform) 50p a child / £1 family	
Saturday 8 th	Confirmation for Year 6 @ St. Paulinus	
Mon. 10th - Fri. 14th	Year 1 Phonics Test Week & Year 2 Re-check	
Tuesday, 11 th	Year 5 'Taster' visit to St. John Fishers	10:00 - 14:30
Wednesday, 12th	FofSP * Father's Day - FofSP = 'Friends of St. Paulinus' event	13:00
Wednesday, 12 th	Year 4 Class Assembly	14:15
Thurs. 13 th - Fri. 14 th	Year 6 - Residential Visit to Little Deerwood, Mirfield	09:30 - 16:15
Wed. 12 th	Year 6 SEAL Day to St. John Fishers	
Thurs. 13 th - Fri. 14 th	Year 6 - Residential Visit to Little Deerwood, Mirfield	09:30 - 16:15
Thursday, 13 th	Year 5 Class Assembly	14:15
Friday, 14 th	Parents Invite: KS2 Celebration Assembly	14:40 - 15:00
Sunday, 16th	Father's Day	
Monday, 17 th	Year 5 trip : Ryedale Folk Museum	08:45 - 16:30
Monday, 17 th	Year 2 Class Assembly	14:15
Tuesday, 18 th	Year 3 Class Assembly	14:15
Wednesday, 19 th	Year 1 Class Assembly	14:15
Thursday, 20 th	Year 1 trip : Filey	09:00 - 16:30
Thursday, 20 th	EYU Class Assembly	14:15
Friday, 21 st	Parents Invite: EYU & KS1 Celebration Assembly	14:40 - 15:00
Mon. 24th - Fri. 28th	STEAM Week	
Monday, 24 th	Year 6 - End of Year trip : Flamingo Land	08:30 - 17:30
Tuesday, 25 th	Year 2 trip : Yorkshire Wildlife Park	08:45 - 16:30
Tuesday, 25 th	Early Years Meeting for September Nursery	17:30
Tuesday, 25 th	Early Years Meeting for September Reception	18:45
Friday, 28 th	STEAM Week Showcase	14:30 - 15:00

July

Tuesday, 2 nd	Whole School Transition Morning	09:00 - 11:45
Tuesday, 2 nd	High School transition day for ALL high schools	
Tuesday, 2 nd	Early Years Open Day for new starters	09:30 - 11:00 / 13:15 - 14:45
Mon. 8th - Fri. 12th	Health & Fitness Week	
Friday, 5th	Summer Fair	14:00 - 17:00
Tuesday, 9 th	Sports Day for EYFSU	09:30
Tuesday, 9 th	Sports Day for KSI	13:30
Wednesday, 10 th	Sports Day for KSII, Yrs 3 - 4	09:30
Wednesday, 10 th	Sports Day for KSII, Yrs 5 - 6	13:30
Friday, 12 th	Children's written reports handed to parents	
Friday, 12 th - TBC	Parents Invite : Year 6 Leavers Mass Performance	09:30 / 13:30
Sunday, 14th	Church Summer Fair	12:30 - 15:30