



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

Part of the Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy

Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.

(cf John 8:12)



27th January, 2023



Dear Parents / Carers

EYU - Spring Term Curriculum Theme : “People Who Help Us”

Now that the New Year is well underway and your children are enjoying lots of exciting learning, here is all the information for the Spring Term.

EYU Staff :	Class Teachers:	Miss H Regan (EYR) & Mrs K Clayton / Mrs. K. Jackson (EYJC)
	Higher Level Teaching Assistant:	Mrs. H. Benn & Mrs. K. Oakley
	Nursery Nurse :	Miss K. Harrison
	Educational Teaching Assistants:	Mrs. J. Kelly

This half term our theme is '**People Who Help Us**', our RE theme is '**Getting To Know Jesus**'

We will be looking at :

- The Emergency Services such as the police, the fire service, doctors and dentists etc
- We will be learning about how to look after our teeth.
- In Maths we are working on numbers within 10, addition and subtraction within 10, the calendar and time and also grouping and sharing numbers.
- In Language we are concentrating on writing our own names (first and second for full time children) copy writing carefully, practicing our letter sounds and letter names – relating this knowledge to capital letters. Full time children are learning to use their knowledge of letter sounds, to help them write sentences which make sense. We are trying to keep our writing very neat and small, with a capital letter at the beginning of our sentence and full stop at the end, remembering finger spaces between each word.

You Can Help Your Child By :

- Talking about people who help us and how: talk about examples that are personal to your child.
- Encouraging a positive caring and sharing attitude.
- Talk about how your child helps someone already.
- Talk about the emergency services and the different ways in which they can help us.
- In Maths, please practice counting to 10 – recognising, writing and counting out objects to different numbers.
- Ask the children to sing you the days of the week song we sing every day – and ask them about the days of the week!
- In Phonics please practice the sounds we send home every week.

- Ask your child to spell or write words, either by you telling them the letter sound or your child writing down the letters in the word they can hear. (Remember to use the letter sound not the letter name in sounding out!)
- Read any reading books your child brings home, for 5 minutes each night – little and often is best. (Full time children).

Physical Education (P.E.) - under the new guidelines, **children must come to school in their P.E. kits** ready for lessons. Our P.E. day will take place on **Wednesdays**.

- The St. Paulinus P.E. kit consists of:
 - a plain white t-shirt with or without the school logo (no brands or patterns),
 - plain black or dark grey shorts / jogging bottoms or leggings (no brands or patterns),
 - grey school hoodie with the school logo,
 - Trainers or a pair of pumps.
- In addition, the **only** jewellery permitted in school is a pair of plain small stud earrings. If your child has pierced ears, these need to be removed on each morning of P.E. for health and safety reasons.

Please note that staff are not able to remove earrings, so this will result in your child not taking part in our P.E. lesson and an alternative task will be provided for the child, this is due to health and safety reasons.

- Long hair **must** be tied back.
- **Please ensure your child wears their PE kit on their PE days.** All P.E. kit and School uniform must be labelled clearly with your child's name. If it becomes lost, it can then be easily returned to the rightful owner.

Other News

There is always a member of the EYU team on the playground from 8.30 should you need to pass on any messages – or the person on the door can get relevant staff for you if need be. The EYU door will open at 8.45 and will be open for approximately 5 minutes – if you arrive after this time you will need to take your child to the school office.

Please remember to return your child's **homework bag** on **WEDNESDAYS**. It is important that your child's **reading bag** is returned on their reading day so your child does not miss out on changing their reading book.

Baking Money

Please remember that we do a lot of baking in Early Years and all we ask for is 50p a week contribution. We currently have 60 children in the Unit, and we only have 5 children who regularly pay their 50p baking money. As we do not want the children to miss out on these experiences it is costing the staff a lot of their own money! Please feel free to send in 50p a week or £6.50 for the term.

The Way Forward - Paperless Communication

As you know we try very hard to keep parents regularly informed about what's going on at our school, however sending paper letters home can be rather 'hit and miss' with letters often going astray along the way.

We aim to be 'Paperless', this is beneficial both to ourselves and to you because:

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- Messages will get to you reliably.
- We can send messages directly to mums and dads at the same time.
- You will receive important or urgent messages more effectively.
- We can tell you more about what's going on within our school.
- Letters will also be available to read on the school's website and the School App.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's class teacher via email: nursery@stpaulinus.org OR reception@stpaulinus.org or by contacting the school office and arranging a telephone appointment.

If you have not already provided us with an e-mail address, please do so. If you would like to continue receiving paper copies, then please contact the office OR complete the 'e-mail request form' on the School App.

Any information you provide us with will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation.

We are looking forward to a very productive and fun half term.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Early Years Unit Staff

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Important Dates 2023

Time to Talk Day :	Thursday 2 February
EYFS & KS1 Candlemas:	Thursday 2 February, 09:00 (Parents Invited)
NSPCC Number Day:	Friday 3 February (50p donation / Non-Uniform Day)
Eurovision:	Friday 3 February (Non-Uniform Day)
Children's Mental Health Week:	Monday 6 February – Friday 10 February
Safer Internet Day:	Tuesday 7 February
FofSP KS1 Valentine's Disco:	Friday 10 February

Spring Half Term Holidays : **Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February**

School Re-opens: **Monday 20 February**

Shrove Tuesday:	Tuesday 21 February
Ash Wednesday:	Wednesday 22 February
World Book Day:	Thursday 2 March (Non-Uniform / Dress up)
Mother's Day:	Sunday 19 March
EYU & KS1 Lenten Coffee Morning:	Friday 24 March (Parents Invited)

Holy Week in School:

- **EYFS Palm Sunday** Tuesday 28 March, 09:30
- **Year 3 Palm Sunday** Tuesday 28 March, 14:00
- **Year 1 Zacchaeus** Wednesday 29 March, 09:30
- **Year 4 Last Supper** Wednesday 29 March, 14:00
- **Year 2 Last Supper** Thursday 30 March, 09:30
- **Year 6 Agony in the Garden** Thursday 30 March, 14:00
- **Year 5 Stations of the Cross** Friday 31 March, 09:30 / Repeated at 14:00

Easter Holidays: **Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April**

School Re-opens: **Monday 17 April**

King's Coronation: **Monday 8 May**

Summer Half Term Holidays: **Monday 29 May – Monday 5 June**

Inset Day: **Monday 5 June**

School Re-opens: **Tuesday 6 June**

Father's Day: Sunday 18 June

Last day: Friday 21 July

More dates / info to be added, please check up-coming newsletters

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