



Update from Miss Lee...

As we come to the end of our first half term of the academic year I want to send a thank you to all our parents and carers. The support you have given the school in settling our pupils back into the year has enabled them to thrive this term. Pupils are coming in ready to learn, looking smart and with smiles on their faces (which can be seen in pictures below). Having completed a learning walk around the school this week I have seen first-hand the progress the pupils have made both academically and socially and it has been a pleasure to observe.

Please remember to look on our website and join our Twitter account, where we share activities that have happened in school and celebrate our star awards from our Friday assemblies.

I look forward to our second half term where we will see the return of Christmas shows in the hall and a number of workshops being offered for parents and carers.

I hope you all have a wonderful break, Miss Lee.

Dates for Your Diary

- School closes for half term on Friday 21st October and re-opens on Monday 31st October
- Deadline for High School September 2023 applications – Monday 31st October
- Parents Evening – Week beginning Monday 7th November – (Information to follow)
- PTA coffee morning at the Scout Hut – Monday 14th November 9.00am
- Wednesday 23rd Nov – Parent Forum (Information to follow)
- PTA Christmas Fair at St Paul's Church Hall – Saturday 3rd December (Information to follow)
- School closes on Friday 16th December for Christmas holidays and reopens on Wednesday 4th January. (Tuesday 3rd January is a teacher training day and closed to all pupils)

Macmillan Coffee Morning – 2022

Thank you to all parents and staff for your support at our Macmillan coffee morning. We raised an amazing £138.74!



Student Leadership

Well done to all pupils who have joined a student leadership group for this academic year. More information about their new roles will be shared on our school website soon!

Pictures of the groups are displayed here...

<https://www.stpaulswithington.co.uk/page/right-s-respecting-pupil-voice/111696>

Nasal Flu Vaccinations – Reception to Year 6
Friday 4th November – Article 24: The right to good quality healthcare

The nasal flu immunisations this year can be consented to online via a link. If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school please go to the following link to complete an online **YES** consent form however if you do not wish for your child to be vaccinated please fill in a **NO** form.

<https://www.nhs.uk/flu/information?id=105498&Type=FLU>. If your child has already had the Nasal Flu vaccine since Sept 2022 please disregard this message. There is various information available on the online portal that will enable you to make an informed decision. If you have any further queries please phone 0333 3583 397.



Rights Respecting

Last school year, the children took part in a campaign for protecting children's mental health as part of our Rights Respecting journey. We had a lot of discussion on why children's mental health is so important and thought of activities we could do as a school to improve it, we held a very successful open day and wrote to our local MP who agreed to help us in our campaign for more funding in schools to support children's mental health. We believe that all children have a right to a healthy mind!

This year we have a new focus for our Outright campaign and this is about **children and young people's right to the best possible health and the systems that support it.**

Children will be learning all about this in class, our weekly One Voice sessions and assemblies! If you would like any more information please look at the Unicef Rights Respecting Schools website.

Sports Tournaments

Some Year 5/6 children took part in a tag rugby competition and had an excellent time! We came third so a big well done to them! There will be more competitions to look forward to next half term with Kurling and Athletics.



Harvest Festival - Article 24: the right to nutritious food

Children in key Stage two and EYFS took part in the Harvest Service at Church. It was lovely to see so many parents in Church. We look forward to seeing you in Church again for the Christmas Service.



Thank you to all who donated food items for our Harvest Festival which has been delivered to Fallowfield and Withington Foodbank. We have been amazed once again with all of the generous donations especially during difficult times.

Key Stage 1 – Great Fire of London topic

Key Stage 1 have been learning about the Great Fire of London, in art they have created collage lanterns to represent the fire at that time.



Early Years

Children in Early Years are settling in well to their new classes.

EY1 - The nursery children have settled in so well this half term. They have enjoyed exploring their new class and outside area.



EY2 have been investigating pumpkins and making diva lamps out of clay.



EY3 have enjoyed reading "The Little Red Hen" this week and learning all about the harvest. We made some bread and followed the Little Red Hen's recipe!

