



### An update from Ms Sorohan

Welcome back, I hope you like the new look newsletter – we are continuing on our mission to become paperless in our communications so please ensure we have a digital contact for you and you'll receive our newsletters regularly.

As the dark nights draw in, can you please check that your children have something reflective on their coats or bookbags to ensure they are seen clearly on the way home. Can I say a big thankyou to all parents who are not driving down St Paul's Road in the morning or afternoon and choosing to park away from school and walking for a few minutes to ensure the safety of all our children.

The parking restrictions on Arnfield Road and surrounding roads mean you can park for a few minutes and walk through the alleyway next to the old school building at pick up and drop off times.

Thank you once again for your co-operation.

### Dates for your diary

- Week Beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Parents Evening
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Individual School Photographs
- Year 1/2 Christmas Show- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am
- EYFS Christmas Show- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am
- Year 3/4 & 5/6 Christmas Show- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm and 6.00pm
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party Day
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner
- School closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December and re-opens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

### Punctuality

We average about 40 late marks per week – Can I ask all parents to make a big effort this half term to be on time and in the playground for the bell at 5 to 9. Thank you.

Be on time



at five to nine

### Question you could ask your child at the end of the school day...

How are you feeling about your learning?  
Where are you in the Learning Pit?



### European Languages Day

European Day of Languages was a great success! In Year 5/6, they designed and described pizzas in Italian as well as decorating biscuits with the Italian flag. Year 3/4 made pizzas, learnt Italian colours and designed pictures in the style of Giuseppe Arcimboldo. Key Stage Two also had Mrs Rainey teach them some Italian phrases so they could introduce themselves. Year 1/2, tried German food and played games to learn German colours with Mrs McGagh. EYFS, with the help of Ms Muro, tried some Spanish food, sang Spanish songs and listened to a Spanish story. Thank you to any grown ups who came in and helped the children celebrate this day. A fun and exciting day was had by all and we look forward to celebrating it again next year!



### **Tesco Grant**

Over the Summer holidays we won the Tesco Bags of Help for Local Community Projects grant. Thank you to everyone who voted for us – we received £3,970.00. We will be spending the grant on gardening workshops this academic year in early years and key stage 1.

### **KS1 Gardening work**

All Key Stage one children recently took part in a gardening day. Kath, from Hulme community gardens worked with the children looking at how our gardens have changed with the onset of autumn. This links with the KS1 science curriculum, seasonal change. The children firstly took part in a yoga exercise to help them understand how trees change thorough the seasons. They then looked at animals and what food they might find on the trees and bushes at this time of year. Finally they played a game where they were the animal and they had to locate the foods that they would eat from the garden.



### **Sports Competitions this term**

#### **Handball**



Congratulations to our Handball team who took part in our first ever handball tournament. The pupils represented the school with enthusiasm and determination. We were very proud as they came home in 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 12 teams.

#### **Boccia**



A group of 7 pupils entered a Boccia (similar to bowls) competition in October and all gained a medal for their sporting achievement. The behaviour and sportsmanship all our pupils demonstrated was commented on by the competition organisers. Well done to our 2018 Boccia team.

### **Year 3/4 trip to Manchester Museum**

Year Three and Four's School Trip to Manchester Museum was thoroughly enjoyed. Children have been learning about living things and their habitats in their science lessons, so this trip was an opportunity for the children to see these animals up close. We saw poisonous dart frogs, polar bears and even a T- Rex's bones! All the children had a fabulous time and learned about the importance of keeping our endangered animals in the world safe. We look forward to another visit in the future!

### **PTA**



Last year was a record fundraising year. Many thanks to all involved and to parents/carers who supported the PTA.

The largest single expenditure of PTA funds was on the refurbishment of the new Resource room, formally the ICT Suite.

The PTA also continues to financially support the transportation costs of school trips.

We would always welcome new volunteers to help run events and if there are any suggestions for the use of PTA funds, please get in touch with your suggestions. During the autumn term the PTA will host a Christmas Cake Sale, Pop Up Cafes for each Christmas Shows as well as a Christmas raffle.

## Year 5/6 – Battle of Britain Workshop



In September we launched our Battle of Britain topic by immersing ourselves into our World War II Workshop day. Mr B introduced us to life in the shelters during the Battle of Britain, we couldn't believe how loud the sirens were! Our topic was brought to life when we all examined historical artefacts and memories from the past.

### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Service was held at St Paul's Church on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October. The children worked hard on re-telling the creation story. They spent time in school making resources for the service and coming up with prayers. The service was well attended by parents and carers, so thank you to everyone who attended and thank you to all who donated items to the Trussell Trust food bank, they were greatly appreciated.

We are hoping to welcome a new Reverend to St Paul's in the new year.

### Did you know?

Did you know that every Tuesday year 1 to year 6 children take part in 'One Voice'.

One Voice replaces the traditional school council meetings that involved only a few of our children. We now get to hear every child's voice when discussing our school and topical issues. Our groups are called hubs, each hub has pupils from all year groups with the year 6 taking a lead on the conversations. Please ask your child what they discussed in One Voice this week.

### St Paul's 'PEACE' Bee is back!



We know lots of our families visited the bees in Manchester over the Summer holidays – if you didn't get chance to visit our bee at the Lowry, then it is now back at school in the main reception area. Come and have a look!