



## An update from Ms Sorohan

What a busy half term we've had, from dark nights to snow days it's been eventful. I would like to thank all the staff (especially Mr Lynch and Mrs Hewitt) for all their valiant efforts clearing snow in order that we could open safely. The children had a great time as the pictures show.

Thank you to all the parents who are following my guidance and not driving down St Paul's Road. Can I please ask all parents/carers to park on either Parsonage, Heaton or Arnfield Road and walk the last few steps to school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in keeping all our children safe.

## Dates for your diary

- Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 8.45am
- School Closes – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February for half term and re-opens Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. (Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February is a Teacher Training Day – (school closed for pupils)
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1/2 trip to The Lowry
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Travelling Book Fair
- School closes on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April for the Easter holidays and re-opens on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

## Attendance Week

Congratulations to our winner for half term 3. The attendance week was very successful and we saw a huge improvement to the overall attendance and late marks. The next attendance week will be week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April.



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

Tell me something you want to learn more about? How could you do that?



## Miss Saleem's English Class

Children from Miss Saleem's English set were invited to Trinity High School to participate in a debating workshop. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed this and will continue to build on their debating skills. In the summer term they will participate in a competition against other primary schools. "I enjoyed meeting new people and the different games we played"

"I enjoyed the games we played and the people we met. I also loved the competition at the end"

"I enjoyed doing the P.E.E.L (a debating technique) and trying to persuade people to buy my product."



## Year 3/4 Study Spot

The Year 3 and 4 Team were very impressed with the children's response to the home learning challenge about 'Mountains'. A Knowledge Organiser was sent home to parents to support pupils in doing some pre learning about this topic. The children produced some very informative fact files, 3D models of famous mountain ranges, paintings of mountain scenery and challenging quizzes. This work is on display in Year 3 and 4 Study Spot. Please take time to have a look. You will definitely learn something new!



## Chinese New Year

To celebrate the Chinese New Year 2019, the Year of Pig, all the children at St. Paul's had a full day of activities planned on the theme. Early years, Year 1 and 2 had Chinese folk dance and Music workshops, Year 3 to Year 6 had Calligraphy and Paper cutting workshops by the teachers from the Confucius Institute at Manchester University. They also had various arts and crafts activities, games with their class teachers to learn about the Chinese New Year, and experience the rich culture of China.



## Year 3/4 Chinese New Year Trip

To celebrate the Year of the Pig, Year 3 and 4 were invited to the Chinese New Year Gala organised by the Confucius Institute. Performers from China entertained the children with a colourful and action packed show that included juggling, acrobatics, music and dance. The show began with the wonderful Lion Dance and finished with an amazing contortionist and balancing act. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show.



## Year 1/2 Trip to Manchester

Children in Year 1/2 went on a trip into Manchester City Centre. They took the tram into town to look at famous buildings such as the Beetham Tower, Midland Hotel, Central Library, Piccadilly Gardens and the Town Hall. They also got to see the new Emmeline Pankhurst statue in St. Peter's Square which was very important as they will be learning all about her.



## PTA – Quiz Night

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm

Join us for the annual PTA Quiz, tickets are available from the school office at £5.00 per person which includes hot food.



## Parent Workshops

### **E-Safety Workshop with Google**

In January several parents attended an e-safety workshop, delivered in collaboration with Google Digital Garage (Manchester), aimed at helping parents to keep their children safe online while still allowing them to benefit from using online services. The session discussed technical tips, such as setting online time limits through the home-hub, as well as the importance of adults being good digital-roles models. We are hoping to organise another e-safety session in the summer term.

## Parent Forum

Our new parent forum was launched in November with over 20 parents attending, we are continuing with the forum this term. The parent forum is an opportunity to share your views on St Paul's School. All parents are welcome and there is no commitment to come to all the forums. Please contact the office if you would like to attend the next meeting on, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm-3.00pm, so that we can confirm numbers. Thank you.

## Did you know? - Digital Leaders

The school's digital leaders are a group of year-six children who promote the use of digital technologies in the school and act as role models for other pupils by being confident, considerate and careful users of internet services. They have done this by supporting pupils, and staff, in their use of new technologies to support learning, helping to monitor the standard of the school's existing equipment, conducting a pupil internet use audit and delivering an online-safety assembly.



## A snow day at St Paul's...

First of all we would like to say a big thank you to Mr Lynch for working really hard and starting work extra early to clear the snow and grit the pathways so that school was safe for pupils, parents and staff.

A big thank you to all staff who took the long, hard journey into school to ensure that we could stay open for pupils.

Last but not least, a big thank you to the all children, everyone behaved very maturely and had a wonderful day playing in the snow at break time and lunchtime. Here are some photos of our day.



