



Update from Ms Sorohan...

Dear Parent & Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2019 and I'm sure you will be pleased with all the exciting news we can share with you today. It has been an extremely busy term and we all look forward to a busy and exciting 2020. I'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from us all.

We had a near miss earlier this term when a car mounted the pavement to park on Parsonage Road. A child walking sensibly on the pavement was nearly hit.

Can I once again ask parents to park away from the top of Parsonage Road and St Paul's Road and walk the short distance into school. This will keep yours and all of our children safe as they walk to school. Lets make 2020 a safe and healthy year. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

- Christmas Church Service – Friday 20th December at 2.00pm
- School closes on Friday 20th December for the Christmas Holidays and re-opens on Monday 6th January
- School closes on Friday 14th February for half term and re-opens on Tuesday 25th February. Monday 24th February is a Teacher Training Day and is closed for pupils.
- School closes for Easter on Friday 3rd April for Easter holidays and re-opens on Monday 20th April

Paperless St Paul's

We hope you are enjoying the new school website and the new 'School Spider' app.

As you may have already noticed, we have recently been trying to send more information home via email. This is not only saving the school money on text messages, it is also reducing the amount of paper and ink we are using.

This will be the last printed newsletter to be sent home. The next newsletter (next half term) will be emailed only. If you have not been getting regular emails from school, please contact the school office for us to investigate.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Harvest



Our Harvest Service was held at St Paul's Church this term. 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.

Wet Play Games

We would like to increase the number of wet play games we have in school and are looking for any unwanted games which might be suitable to use in classrooms. If you have any board games (e.g. chess, snakes and ladders, frustration, monopoly, etc.), that you would like to donate, we would be very grateful. All donations should please be sent into school with your child, or to the school office. Thank you so much for your support.

Right of the Month – December

Article 24 – Every child has the right to the best possible health care, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment and information to help them stay well.

Every month we'll be sending out an email to you with the Right of the Month and ideas for discussion with your child at home.

Please see the school website and visit our gallery folder 'World Children's Day – Celebrating 30 years of Children's Rights'



Competitions at St. Pauls

Futsal

Futsal is a mixed gender, five a side, indoor football game with different rules to football. St Paul's was represented by a group of eager girls, including Emma, Qaswa, Luci, Molly, Areeba, Flo, Lara and Fatima.

They all played a series of matches and took it in turns to be different positions such as goal keepers and people that started in the centre. It was an enjoyable experience for all the girls. By Emma in year 6.

Athletics

Some year 5 and 6 pupils took part in an athletics tournament at Levenshulme High School. They took part in range of events and thoroughly enjoyed the tournament.



Parent Workshops

Reception Parents

We invited our Reception parents and carers to a meeting entitled 'Helping your child with reading and writing'. We had a good turn out and parents left feeling enthusiastic about ways to support their child at home.

KS1 Parents

This half term KS1 invited parents in to an English and a Maths workshop. The parents watched the children engaging in their learning. Thank you to all the parents that attended, we hope you found them useful.



Evolution Workshop

Children in Year 5 and 6 have been learning about Evolution and Inheritance in science. They all took part in a workshop led by Dr Michael Carroll, who works at Manchester Metropolitan University and also has children at St Paul's, the children thoroughly enjoyed this.

'I loved how we got to see fossils and skeletons of flying creatures' Mina Year 5

'I enjoyed examining the bat and bird wings and I liked learning how insects were the first flying animals on the planet' Dylan Year 5



Last half term St Paul's celebrated its 175th birthday. Each Key Stage celebrated a different era; EY1 Present Day, EY2 1980's, EY3 1960's, KS1 1844 to 1910 (Victorian era), Lower KS2 1930 to 1960 (World War 2), Upper KS2 1910 to 1930 (World War 1). We had party food school lunches, special assemblies, a tea dance for members of the local community and past pupils/teachers, open morning for parents and Birthday Cake!



Christmas at St Paul's...

The Year 3/4 performed their Christmas show on the 11th December, 'The night before Christmas.' The night before Christmas is a poem by Clement Clark Moore, and is also a book. There was singing (By everyone), dancing (by Miss Fleet's class), music (by Miss Gallienne's class) and narrating (by Mrs Davies' class). We hope you enjoyed the show!

By Martha in Year 4

Early Years Christmas Show – The Nativity



Year 1/2 Christmas Show – Angel Express

Year 1/2 performed their Christmas show twice. Once for parents and once for older members of the local community as part of our partnership with Southway Housing.





Thank you to Mrs Ward who is leaving us to start a new chapter of her life in Ireland. Mrs Ward has worked at St Paul's for over 24 years and we would like to say a big thank you from all the staff and pupils at St Paul's for all your hard work over the years. We will miss you!

