



## Update from Ms Sorohan...

We are half way through the school year already and all year groups are busy engaging in their learning with lots of varied topics and experiences. We are hoping in the Summer term to have a curriculum roadshow event where all our fantastic subject leaders will showcase the curriculum on offer to our pupils at St Paul's. Please keep an eye out for the date which will be circulated soon. Have a fantastic half term and I look forward to seeing you all back on the 25<sup>th</sup> February.

## Parking and Traffic around school

It seems that once again Parents/Carers are using the turning circle (double yellow lined) as a spot to stop to drop off their children or pick up at the start and end of the school day. Can I please ask you to park away from St Paul's Road and walk the last few metres into school.

This will keep **all** our children safe.

Thank you!

## Dates for your Diary

- School closes for half term on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February and re-opens on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February is a Teacher Training Day.
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (More information to follow)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – PTA Quiz Night
- Week Beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Parent Interviews
- School closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and re-opens on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

## Meditation Assembly

This half term all children took part in an assembly on mindful meditation where they joined in with some simple meditation exercises. This links with Article 24: The right to the best possible health care and Article 31: The right to play and relax



## Withington Village Clean Ups

Help keep your Village clean and attractive for everyone. Join us in supporting the Village Clean Up on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 11am outside the Methodist Church, Wilmslow Road.

## CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus. You can help too. Germs can live on some surfaces for hours. To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers. This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

Find out more at [gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus)



## Early Years Topic – ‘People Who Help Us’

Early Years have been learning about people who help us in the community. Our focus was on the post office so we wrote a letter to our families and made a trip to the post box to post them. We're looking forward to receiving our post through the doors!



## Sports Tournaments

Our fantastic hockey team went with Mrs Hewitt to Trinity High School. They had a great time and came fourth! Joan also won an Inspire award for determination. Well done everyone!

Miss Fleet took the dodgeball team to Levenshulme High School. They played amazingly well for a long amount of time. Well done them!



## **Right of the Month – February**

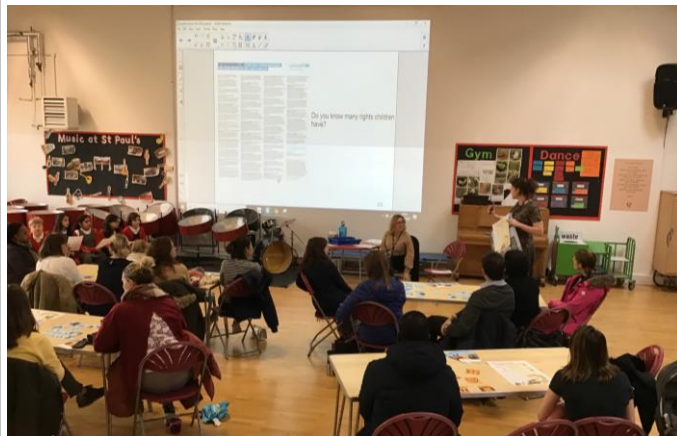
**Article 31- Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.**

You could discuss these points with your children:

- What can we do to help us relax?
- Why is it important to relax?
- Does play have to involve electronics?
- Do all children get to play and relax?
- Some children around the world work for 12 hours a day. Can you imagine not having the energy to play?
- What sorts of cultural and artistic activities have you taken part in this term at school? Chinese New Year celebrations etc

## Rights Respecting Parent Workshop

Miss Gallienne, Ms Crinson and some of the Rights Respecting Rangers led a session with parents introducing them to UNICEF's Children's Rights and showing parents the work we have been doing at St Paul's to further our work as a Rights Respecting School. The feedback from parents was very positive. Coming soon to our website - a short film about the session!





### PTA Quiz Night

The annual PTA Quiz is back!

Friday 20th March

Doors open 7pm // Starts 7.45pm

Max team size = 8 people

Buy your tickets from the school office - £5.00 each which includes free chips!! (Cash only)

Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be on sale at the bar.

### Altru Drama Workshop

The whole school celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11th February. Pupils considered how online identities are created and their own online identities. Year five and six pupils also watched a drama performance that explored some of the issues that can arise from unsafe online behaviour. "I liked the way we were warned about different things that the apps can do like *ghost-mode* in snapchat."



### Explore Learning

This half-term some members of year 6 have represented the school at a local maths competition. As part of this, they had to use their mathematical understanding to solve a range of puzzles. The organisers were very impressed with the systematic approach the children took and their confidence when explaining their solutions.



### 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

Last term we celebrated St Paul's 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday. As part of our celebrations we worked with Southway Housing to invite members of the older community to spend an afternoon in school watching and hearing what the children had learnt.

We received lots of great feedback by the visitors who attended and would like to share a letter we received with you.

"I would like to thank you and your staff for a very pleasant afternoon yesterday.

The children were so pleasant to talk to and their performances were excellent. Having been a teacher for 40 years myself I know how much hard work goes into that. It is a credit to you and I'm sure you must be proud of your school.

It was all very much appreciated."

A big well done to all!

## Chinese New Year

To celebrate the Chinese New Year 2020, the Year of the Rat, 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 Dragon dance and Music workshops, Year 3 to Year 6 had Calligraphy and Taichi 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.



