



## Update from Ms Sorohan...

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Merry Christmas to you all. I wish you all a happy and healthy festive season.  
It has been a busy but very productive first term and I've been impressed by the children's attitude and resilience to their learning. We gained our Silver Award and are now a Unicef UK Silver Rights Aware School. Thank you to all our community, children, teachers, parents and governors for your contribution and we are now on the road to Gold.  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to getting back to 'normal' in 2021.  
Ms Sorohan.

## Dates for Your Diary

- School closes on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas holidays and reopens on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January are Teacher Training Days)
- School Closes on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February for half term and reopens on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February
- School closes for Easter holidays on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April is a teacher training day. School reopens for the Summer term on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

## Important Information – Covid-19

The school will continue to operate as Track and Trace for any confirmed Covid Cases during the school holidays. If your child develops any symptoms during the Christmas holidays, please contact the school via email and book a Covid test as soon as possible. If your child has been identified as a direct contact of a confirmed case during this period, we will contact you via text message and email. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

Also, if a member of your household tests positive and your child is required to self-isolate therefore not able to return on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, please inform us via email so that we can ensure home learning is provided as soon as possible.

We will reply to emails if necessary action is required. If you do not receive a reply please do not worry. This will be picked up on our return to school in January.

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## Teacher Training Day Changes

As we have taken a training day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021 will be a normal school day for children to attend.

## Breakfast Club

We are pleased to be able to confirm that we are able to offer a breakfast club from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. We have been able to work around the staffing and bubble pressures to be able to offer this facility safely, however we have had to make some changes to ensure this runs smoothly. Please read through the following instructions;

- You must book by Friday the days you need for the following week. You can do this on the school website (School Spider) by purchasing the days you need. You will be able to see each day (dated) and add them to your basket as required. We will not be able to take bookings more than a week in advance. If you have not pre booked you cannot attend breakfast club.
- If you are booked into the breakfast club you will need to arrive between 8.00am and 8.15am. You will not be able to enter before or after these times as the entrance area is needed for staff/morning groups and St Paul's Road will be closed from 8.30 onwards for our safe social distancing street.
- Everyone attending breakfast club will enter through the main doors. A member of staff will be there to greet your child and show them where to go.

## Christmas Class Performances

So you can join in with our celebrations the children have worked really hard to create a unique performance for all the special people at home.

Please click the link:-

<https://www.stpaulswithington.co.uk/page/christmas-class-performances/87887>

and find your child's class message (how could we let you have Christmas without a St Paul's performance).

The performance will stay on the school website under 'Christmas Class Performances' until the New Year, so please share it with all your family and friends.

## Christmas Party Day

A big thank you to our kitchen staff who worked extremely hard to make all of the children individual special party food bags for Christmas Party Day. All the children enjoyed their special, well deserved treat.



## PTA School Lottery

*We are very excited to launch our new school lottery. This lottery has fantastic cash and other prizes and will help raise funds for our school community. Please see the link below for details on how to buy your first tickets!*

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-pauls-primary-school-manchester>



## Universal Children's Day – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November

On the 20th November 2020, the whole school celebrated National Children's Day with the hope that one day all the children in the world can have access to their rights.

EYFS celebrated world children's day by talking about children all over the world and how they are different but all should be able to come together to celebrate Children's Day and their rights, then they had a party!

Year 1/2 children know that they have the right to their own opinion, so they voted on some activities that they would like to do; they chose to decorate biscuits, arts, crafts and puzzles!

Year 3/4 imagined a better world for children and designed a poster to share their hopes for the future, such as all children around the world having access to clean water and an education.

Year 5/6 wanted to swap roles with the teacher! The children planned and taught their own lessons on a subject that they enjoyed or wanted to share with their class and teacher.



## Year 5/6

Children in Year 5/6 wrote letters to residents at the local care home. They wanted to let them know that we are all thinking of them. They also made them a Christmas decoration to cheer them up.



## Year 5/6 RE Unit

Children in Year 5/6 have been discussing the big question, 'Why do people believe in God?', this is part of their RE Unit. This term they have all had the opportunity to listen to a humanist about his views and beliefs. This was done via Zoom and the children all thoroughly enjoyed it.



## Chocolates/Sweets Collection for Trussell Trust Foodbank Withington

Thank you all for your generous donations on our own clothes day this half term. Your donations of chocolates and sweets have been greatly received at The Trussell Trust Withington Foodbank and we are sure will spread some joy in the food packs that are delivered at Christmas time.



## Remote Learning

We have been incredibly proud of the way our Year 1/2 and Nursery children have embraced the remote learning during their bubble closures. The google classroom platform is running successfully with pupils receiving daily video lessons, stories and well being links to support learning. See some of the wonderful work produced below.

