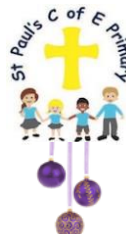




Unique and precious in God's eyes,
be the best that you can be



Message from Miss Harrington

Welcome to this edition of our Newsletter.

It has been a long and very busy half term, with lots of events that have made this a special time of year for everyone in school.

December has brought all things Christmas...the lighting of our tree, special assemblies, parties, the Christmas Fair, and the new introduction of our Supper with Santa, all of which have been so lovely to be part of. I was also very proud to see our Reception children present their Nativity for parents, and I know just how much you enjoyed watching this and celebrating how amazing the children were. We also took our Year 5 and 6 children to Church for a special Christingle assembly, something we haven't done for many years, and it was again, a lovely occasion, led by our school Ethos Group. We hope to visit the Church more regularly next year.

So, as we reach the end of term, I would like to say how proud I am of all the children for all their achievements, and a big thank you to you and all the staff here, for helping this to happen.

I would like to wish you all a very peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year, and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday, 8th January.



Contact Details

It is very important that you keep your contact details up to date, as all of our letters and messages are sent to parents/carers via ParentApps. Please make sure that if your mobile number and/or email address has recently changed, that you let the school office know as soon as possible. Thank You!

Hit the link to apply for Free School Meals - you only need to complete it once!

[Apply Online Today!
CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook

We've had a great response to parents/carers liking and following our page.

If you haven't yet viewed the page, please do take a look, like and share it with your Facebook friends as we'd like to reach out to the Brinnington community.

Hit the Link 

Christmas Fair

Once again, Miss Henshaw and Miss Baron organised an incredible fun packed Christmas Fair. Lots of hard work went into making the evening a success, which would not have been possible without the help of our Yr6 children, parents and staff.

It was lovely to see so many happy and smiling faces enjoying the games, rides and food. It was also great to see that Father Christmas was able to stop by during his very busy schedule.

We raised an incredible £1,345 all of which will go into school fund, and will be spent on the children!

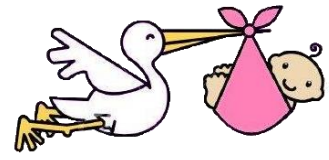


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Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal by purchasing poppies, wrist bands, rulers, etc. The RBL have picked up the collections boxes for counting and as soon as we know how much the school raised, we will let you know

Thank you!



We are thrilled to let you know that Mrs Shore has given birth to a healthy baby girl. Both mum and baby are well and we all send our congratulations to them. We can't wait to meet her!

Receptions 'The Sleepy Shepherd' Nativity Production

Our Reception classes performed their Nativity, 'The Sleepy Shepherd' for their parents and carers. The children sang their hearts out and looked fantastic in their costumes. We are sure they made their grown ups very proud!

Thank you to everyone that came; it is always a very special part of our year here at St Paul's.



Stickin's **STIKINS**[®] NAME LABELS

Every term we have a lot of uniform and coats left in school, which is placed in lost property. If your child's belongings are labelled, we can return them to you straight away.

St. Paul's has partnered with Stickin's, a company that produce multipurpose name tags that can be used to label clothes and fabric items, shoes and bags, lunch boxes and water bottles, and all kinds of other personal belongings, saving you time and money. The labels simply stick on and stay on. No sewing or ironing required so you can label everything in minutes.

For every order placed, Stikin's will donate 30% to our school fund. Click [here](#) to order your labels and when prompted, enter the School Fundraising Number **21498**.

Reception Place - September 2024

We would urge all Nursery parents whose child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, if you have not already done so, to apply for your child's Reception School place.

All applications have to be made on line, and the closing date for applications is **15th January 2024**

APPLY NOW

Nursery Place - September 2024

Any parents whose child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 can apply for a Nursery School place.

All applications have to be made on-line. Closing date for your application is **31st March 2024**



It's Cool to be in School



This half term winners of The Awesome Attendance Trophy is 5DF

CLASS	30 Oct - 21 Dec'23
Nursery	77.41%
RNH	87.35%
RNL	86.41%
1JB	86.07%
1HS	91.16%
2GB	83.41%
2MG	87.54%
3ME	90.21%
3SK	88.76%
4PE/KM	92.52%
4MH	89.49%
5CS	89.38%
5DF	92.63%
6LB	84.86%
6LM	89.27%

Every Day Counts

Attendance Matters

It is really important that your child attends school everyday and arrives on time. We will be contacting parents if we have concerns about your child's attendance.

Evidence shows that there are clear links between good attendance and high achievement in school. Pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to feel settled in school, maintain friendships, make progress and gain the greatest benefit from their education.

Headlice

Headlice can be a problem in all schools, and whilst not serious or dangerous, unless they go untreated, it isn't a pleasant experience for any child.

Please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly. Long hair should always be tied up.

If you are struggling to control headlice, please speak to the school nurse.

Parent Apps & ParentPay

For help activating your accounts, please call in at the school office and we'll help you to get up and running

Supper With Santa

The children had a great time at Supper with Santa!

They enjoyed creating decorations, colouring and having their photo with Santa.

The children were so excited to see Santa. He read them all the story "Santa Visits Stockport" which they all really enjoyed.

A big thank you to the School Council who dressed up as elves to help Santa.



Nursery Christmas Sing-along

On Tuesday, 19th December our Nursery children performed their favourite Christmas songs to their parents/carers. They were all very excited and sang beautifully. We are all really proud of them and we are sure their parents/carers will take with them very happy memories of their very first Christmas performance at St. Pauls.



Christingle

Year 5 and Year 6 walked to St. Luke's Church Hall to celebrate Christingle, led by the Ethos Group and Rev Blunt. They all had a lovely time and the Ethos Group delivered a shortened celebration to Key Stage One during their assembly.

Christingle is a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope. During the service, each person takes a Christingle and the candles are all lit to create a warm, magical glow symbolising the light of Christ and bringing hope to people living in darkness.

Christingles are made using oranges. The candle is lit at the end of a service to spread a magical glow around everyone.

Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.



Dates for your diary

Monday 8th January 2024 - Return to School
From Friday 12th January 2024 - 6LM Swimming
w/c 29th January - Inter-Faith week
Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day



*Wishing all of our children and their families
a very Happy Christmas and
Peaceful New Year*