



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 short, but very busy half term. As well as all the learning happening in the classroom, there have been lots of other activities and trips across school, many of which you will read about in this Newsletter.

This week we have been reading and talking about the Easter Story, helped out by Reverend Chris, Reverend Marie and Catherine from the Christians In Schools Trust. We also had lots of parents attending our Easter Bonnet Parades for Nursery and Reception - and the bonnets were truly amazing!

I would also like to let you know that Miss Palmer, one of our teaching assistants, was taken seriously ill at school in February. She is now on the road to recovery, and visited us yesterday, which was lovely. We all wish her well, and look forward to when she can return to work.

I hope you enjoy reading all of our news, I wish you all a very Happy Easter, and look forward to seeing you back after the holidays for our final term of this school year!

Miss Harrington



## Stockport Climate Action Now - Debate



On Tuesday 14th March, three of our Eco-Advocates (Mia, Rylan and Kia) represented our school in a debate at the amazing Council Chambers in Stockport. Along with 20 other primary schools, they described the five chosen ideas which were then debated among the children there. All three of the children spoke clearly, fluently and confidently in front of all of the other debaters and adults in the room. We are so proud of how they represented St Paul's!

The children from all of the schools were then allowed to make a vote, choosing their favourite idea. 25/44 votes on the day went to the St. Paul's Community Garden idea making it the favourite idea of the morning and winning proposal! The same five ideas were then debated again a week later between high school and college students. We are so pleased to confirm that the overall idea chosen from the two debates was our community garden idea. This will now be taken to the Council and we'll be informed on the next steps as soon as a decision has been made.

All of our Eco-Advocates have worked really hard for this debate and we look forward to hearing from the Council on what will come next.



## Sharing Assembly

Thank you to all parents who came along to our Sharing Assemblies for Year 5DF and Year 3SK. All the children enjoyed sharing with you, and celebrating the work they have been doing in class.



Future Sharing Assembly dates for your diary:

Year 4PE/KM - 9.15am Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April  
 Year 5CS - 9.15am Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
 Year 1HS - 9.15am Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
 Year 3ME - 9.15am Thursday 25 May

We hope parents will be able to come along and join us in celebrating your child's learning.

## It's Cool to be in School

This half term winners of the Awesome Attendance Trophy is 4MH



CLASS	27 Feb - 31 Mar'23
NAM	88.14%
NPM	66.17%
RNH	90.24%
RRF/NL	85.14%
1JB	89.72%
1HS	91.53%
2GB	92.01%
2MG	91.99%
3ME	88.97%
3SK	93.12%
4PE/KM	93.23%
4MH	94.76%
5CS	87.84%
5DF	90.86%
6LB	86.31%
6LM	94.35%

## 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

## 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.

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

[Apply Online Today!](#)  
CLICK HERE

## King Charles III Coronation Celebration Lunch



On Friday, 5th May 2023 we will be celebrating King Charles III Coronation. There will be lots of activities throughout the day, including a Party Menu. All children will be invited to join in the celebration lunch, at a cost of £2.20 (anyone who thinks they may be entitled to free school meals should hit the link above, and apply on line)



Watch out for further information on ParentApps, which will be sent out the first week after the Easter break.

## Parent's Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended parent's evening this term.

The new booking system ran very smoothly with three quick clicks to book and confirm your time. Due to its success, we will continue with the new booking procedure for all future Parent's evenings.

## 'Bonnie'



Meet Bonnie, our Therapy Dog who visits school every week to provide emotional support, build confidence, and bring happiness and pleasure to the children she works with.

### **The therapeutic visits:**

- **Improve the lives of people experiencing mental and physical health conditions and illnesses, including autism through animal-assisted interventions as part of a holistic approach to treatment.**
- **Improve literacy in children and adults by developing their confidence, interest and enjoyment in reading.**

Bonnie is a valuable addition to our school, and the support we already provide, and the children who meet her gain a lot from this experience.

If you would not like your child to have any contact with Bonnie, or you know your child has any allergies to dogs, then please make us aware of this.

## Yr2 Fire Visit

Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic morning with Firefighters from Manchester's Fire and Rescue Crew. The children learnt about fire safety in the home and how to 'Stop, Drop and Roll' in the case of an emergency. The Firefighters were so impressed with our young learners, that they were shown the Fire Engine with the firefighting and rescue equipment.

The children had great fun aiming the water hose at cones and learning about the very heavy equipment Firefighters must wear when helping people.

All of the children were reminded that in the case of an emergency to call '999'. They were also shown how to ask correctly for the appropriate emergency service.



## Early Years

Our Early Years children looked absolutely wonderful in their Easter Bonnet Parade this week. A massive thank you to all the parents and carers who have worked with their children to create some beautiful bonnets, and well done to the children for their super singing performances too!



## Year 4 and 5 Tree Planting

Our Year 4 and Year 5 classes were invited to take part in the 'Penny Lane Tree Planting Project' organised by George Cox Ltd, in partnership with Manchester City Trees and Stockport Council.

The project is the planting of 7,500 trees at Penny Lane site in Stockport and our children helped to plant a variety of trees. The trees planted are mostly native species selected for their ability to capture carbon and create new habitats for wildlife. These trees will also allow for a nature corridor, connecting this woodland area to the Reddish Vale Country Park.

All classes had a great time planting trees which will be around for many years to come.

Year 4MH



Year 4PE/KM



Year 5DF



Year 5CS



## Gardening with Phil

1JB and 1HS had a great time getting their hands dirty gardening with Phil. They learnt about woodland animals and did some woodland seed spreading.



## Inter Faith Week

Earlier this term, we had a fantastic time celebrating the many different faiths during our Inter Faith week. We danced, explored artefacts, retold stories and tasted new foods. We learned about the diversity of faiths in our community and worldwide. We also recognised how we all share so many values.

We completed the week sharing our experiences in two assemblies, led by our amazing Ethos group.

## Yr4 Residential

On the 23rd and 24th March, the children in Year 4 had a fantastic time on their residential trip to Castleton. They stayed one night at the Youth Hostel and participated in lots of fun activities, including a trip into Peak Cavern, building a Roman catapult, gem panning and going on a 9k walk!

Everyone enjoyed themselves and the children were very well behaved and made all the adults proud. We hope the children came away with lots of fun stories and memories to talk about. A huge thank you to the adults who participated in the trip.



## Comic Relief



It was lovely to see the children dressed in red to celebrate 'Red Nose Day'. Your kind donations have raised £300 which will go to good causes. Once again, thank you for your generosity.



## Nursery Hours

From September 2023, St. Paul's C of E Nursery school will be offering the following hours to children and their families:

### Mon - Wed

Monday 8.45am - 3.30pm

Tuesday 8.45am - 3.30pm

Wednesday 8.45am - 11.45am

### Wed - Fri

Wednesday 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Thursday 8.45am - 3.30pm

Friday 8.45am - 3.30pm

We are also looking at the option to access an additional session, which will be charged for.

Further information will follow.

## Christians in Schools Trust

Once again, we have enjoyed assemblies as well as classroom workshops led by Catherine from the Christians in Schools Trust (CIST). Earlier this term, Year 3 explored storytelling and this week, Years 2 and 5 had a great time during their Easter workshops. CIST is a fantastic organisation, offering creative and active learning through themed topical lessons and assemblies. Our other year groups will be working with Catherine in the summer term.

HAPPY  
Easter

Wishing all our families a very Happy Easter

School will reopen on Monday, 17 April