ST PAUL'S CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Weekly Newsletter Friday 13th November 2026

"Starting children off through God's love and Jesus' teachings"

Christian Value: Trust
British Value: Tolerance

Living out the School Vision (Y5)

Curiosity: "It was good to put our History learning to use when we visited the Galleries of Justice," said Harriet.
Compassion: "I helped through the caves and corridors when it was a little scary," shared Chester.
Resilience: "I kept putting forward my argument that the suspect was guilty," noted Jonathan.

Worship quote: "The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts…" *Psalm 28:7*

Remember in our prayers: all the children and families who are helped by money raised by Children in Need.

Children in Need
The children have enjoyed themed activities for Children in Need and a cupcake at playtime. Thank you for your donations. At time of going to press, the total was £320. Donations can still be made through: St Paul's Children in Need Page

Odd Socks Week
Children are invited to wear odd socks next week, to tie in with antibullying week. Odd socks represent the concept of all children being different and unique and being welcomed at school.

Church Events
A confirmation service, conducted by the Bishop of Leicester, Bishop Martin, is scheduled for Sunday 29th November at 10am. The service is open to all and we hope that our school Worship Team will be part of the service by composing and reading some prayers. It will be really good for them to meet Bishop Martin. Further details to come.

Governors
The local governors met last night and as part of their business they considered the outcomes of the recent parents' survey. The vast majority of questions had very positive responses and showed improvement from last year. The 'Satisfaction with SEND support' question showed marked improvement. Responses to the question about communication around what your child is learning, stayed relatively similar and low, from last year. We acknowledge this and we are putting together a curriculum newsletter, for each class to share, every half-term, explaining the broad outline of what will be covered in each subject area.

Many thanks to parents who completed the survey.

Snacks at Playtime
With the interest of health/nutrition and the environment at heart, snacks should be ***whole or dried fruit***. Wherever possible any packaging should be non-plastic based (e.g. boxes of raisins) or reusable plastic pots. We have noticed an increase in packaging waste from processed snacks on the playground and field. We would appreciate your support with reducing this.

PE Uniform Amendment
Governors also agreed an amendment to the PE uniform policy: leggings will now be allowed.
However, they must have ***no see-through/mesh panels*** and be ***without logos***. They should also have a ***straight leg shape*** (no flares/bootlegs). This is for safety reasons when using apparatus, for example.

These sorts of leggings are relatively inexpensive and are widely available at supermarkets and online. We hope that these changes will mean more harmonious mornings on PE days!

School Diary
- Fri 20th Nov: 'flu vaccinations
- Fri 20th Nov 3.40pm: Golden Worship Y3-6
- Fri 27th Nov 3.40pm: Golden Worship R, Y1, Y2

Christmas Events
- Fri 4th Dec pm: Santa Fun run for Rainbows Hospice (wear Santa hat)
- Wed 9th Dec 2.15pm: Y1 &Y2 Christmas concert
- Fri 11th Dec 2.15pm: Robins' Nativity
- Mon 14th Dec 9.15am: KS2 Christmas Music show (Y3-6 parents welcome)
- Mon 14th Dec 2.30pm: KS1 Christmas crafts (R, Y1 & Y2 parents welcome)
- Tues 15th Dec pm: KS1 Christmas party
- Wed 16th Dec: Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
- Thurs 17th Dec: KS2 Christmas party
- Fri 18th Dec 9.15am: Y5 Christingle (school hall)

Have a good weekend,
Mrs Gilchrist

