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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the termly newsletter. We have had a super term and the children have continued to make themselves and the school proud. Our achievements and updates have been posted on Dojo regularly and I know a lot of parents and carers appreciate this. We will continue to use this as our main method of communication so, if you do not have access to Dojo, please contact the office.

Year 3 Teacher

I am delighted to announce that Miss Hacon will be joining the Year 3 teaching team after the Easter holiday and I know she is very much looking forward to this opportunity. The children already know Miss Hacon as she worked in Year 1/2 during the Autumn term and we know she will be a great addition to the school family. If you have any queries regarding this new appointment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

New Foundation Governor

Congratulations to Gina Francis-Lau who has been appointed as a Foundation Governor. Gina will be an asset to the school and is very keen to help nurture and support wherever she can.

Curriculum

Class teachers will post information about the new curriculum units and planned trips on Class Dojo after the Easter holiday. There will also be some extra-curricular clubs running – see additional information attached to this newsletter.

Extra-curricular activities

These have been a huge success this term. A list of the clubs available in the summer term can be found in this newsletter and Class Dojo.

Behaviour

The behaviour at St. Paul's is exceptional and I am always delighted to hear the positive feedback from visitors. The Gospel Values are at the heart of everything we do and it is a privilege seeing the children uphold them on a daily basis.

We have recently reviewed and updated our policy and this can be found by visiting the school website. '*Behaviour and Relationships Policy*'. I will also post it on Class Dojo.





Parking

We have had some new yellow zig-zag painted outside of the school. A polite reminder to not park on them as it will put our children and families at risk.

Parent Volunteers

We are looking for parent volunteers to support in class and listen to children read. If you are interested in this, please contact the class teacher or myself.

We will be raising money for the school and it would be great to have parent/carer involvement. After Easter, there will be a meeting and I will provide more information about this once we return. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know.

School Garden and Chapel

Our Chapel - soon to be dedicated to the Sacred heart of Jesus, has been decorated now and made ready for use. As we leave winter behind and spring beckons - our garden is in need of a few helpers - would any be willing to help? *Mr Barrett and Miss Hill*

Contacting teachers

We are always willing to answer questions and support the best we can. Please note, the method of communication for this is via Class Dojo. Our staff are not expected to reply to messages in the evenings or weekends so please respect this when making contact. Teachers check their messages throughout the day but there have been occasions when parents have requested an immediate response. This is not always possible as the teachers are teaching. If your message is urgent, please contact the school office.

In addition to this, staff will be around at the start and end of the day so you are welcome to speak to them then. If you would like to meet a member of staff in private or for a longer period of time, including myself, please contact the office to book an appointment.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality continues to be a priority at St. Paul's. The school will continue to monitor this closely and will support families with this as and when necessary. If your child is going to be absent or late, you must contact the school office. A Dojo message to the class teacher is also advised.

Diary dates

Please refer to the attached sheet for more information. Additional information will be provided about each event closer to the time.





Events

We have had lots of events (trips, visitors, competitions, extra-curricular clubs) this term and it has been lovely to see children representing the school in sporting events too. Well done to all the children for engaging in these events well and showing such enthusiasm.

Yesterday we welcomed a Plymouth Argyle player, Oscar Halls, to school along with Pilgrim Pete. The children had a great time and were inspired by the words of Oscar. Thank you for your kind donations - these will be passed onto to families who are in need of additional support.



We wish Argyle luck in their fight to become league winners and in the Papa Johns Cup final on Sunday. I am certainly looking forward to travelling to Wembley for the game.

Other updates and photos can be found on Class Dojo.

Plymouth Schools Challenge (Plymouth Hoe) - Sunday 14th May

Thank you to the families who have signed up to this event and for making your £10 payment. More details will follow after the Easter break.

I am delighted to say that a few more places have become available so if you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you to all the children, families, staff and governors of St. Paul's for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 17th April 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S. Rowe
(Headteacher)



A message from Mrs Bray

Chairperson and RE and Catholic Life Lead Governor



Easter is a time to reflect on sacrifice and hope. Jesus Christ is the embodiment of both of those values. On Good Friday He sacrificed Himself so that our sins could be forgiven, giving hope for our future on Earth and in heaven. In our school we see examples every day of staff and children making sacrifices to help others, to share God's love and the mission of the school. As governors, staff and parents our hope is always for each child to succeed and reach their potential. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for all their hard work this term. I pray that the families, friends and staff of St Paul's have a blessed and relaxing Easter break.

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Easter Mass Times

Maundy Thursday (6th April)

6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at Holy Family Church

Good Friday (7th April)

11am Youth led Stations of the Cross at St Paul's Church

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at Holy Family Church

Holy Saturday (8th April)

7pm Easter Vigil Mass at St Paul's Church

Easter Sunday (9th April)

9am Mass at Holy Family Church

10.30am Mass at Holy Redeemer Church

A prayer adapted by Mr Barrett

Dear God,

Thank you for our amazing staff, who serve our children.

As they end this term & prepare for the next, fill them with strength to lead, grace to guide & hope to thrive. Bless them beyond measure, for their willingness to pour into the next generation through education.

Amen

Reception/Year 1

Reception/Year 1 have had an amazing Spring term 2.

Our topic this term was 'People Who Help Us'. We have learnt about different jobs that people do and wrote thank you letters to them. We wrote about what we would like to be when we grow up. One of our favourite times was when police officers came in to tell us about their jobs. We loved trying on all the equipment and seeing the car.



We celebrated special days such as Shrove Tuesday and World Book Day.



This term in history we have learnt about Florence Nightingale and her significance to nursing.

We celebrated Science Week learning about the world around us. We built homes for mini beasts and went on a litter pick



In Maths this term, we have made lots of progress with our addition and subtraction. We have been practising counting in 2s and 5s.

Well done! Keep up the great learning.

Reception/Y1 Team

Year 1/2

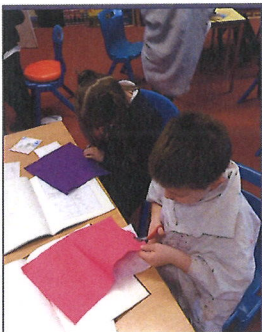
Year 1/2 have had a busy term. We have been learning lots of new interesting things as well as consolidating our learning from last term.



This term as part of Science week we learn about growing our own food and why people in the world go hungry? We learnt how our food is transported from the farm to our fork.



This term we have loved our learning in art. We have looked at maps. We thought about our journey to school and how we could draw this. We used lots of different media to create maps. We used paint, pencils, and felt. We have had lots of fun!



Our highlight was World Book Day. We loved talking about our love for reading and reading lots of different books with Year 4. Well done Year 1/2 for a brilliant term.



Thank you for all your hard work. Have a lovely Easter Holidays.

Year 3

Wow, year three you have achieved so much this term and the year 3 team are incredibly proud of each and every one of you. Here's a recap of all we have done...



We've had so much fun with our science this term learning about our topic of plants. We have planted seeds, dissected flowers, explored pollination through drama and we went on a nature walk in Calstock.

Our British Science week question, 'Where does our rubbish go?' saw us visiting the incinerator, litter picking in our local area, sorting rubbish, upcycling old glass pots and hunting for worms! Phew! It has been non-stop.



There's more... We've also visited the local library and had a storyteller into school as well as sharing books with our friends on World Book Day. We've written stories, learnt how to use pictograms and bar charts, balanced (and wobbled) on the gymnastics equipment, drawn still lifes, created prayerful collages, designed branching databases on the computers and improved our atlas skills focusing on mountain ranges.

You are all absolute superstars and I can't wait to see what we get up to next term.

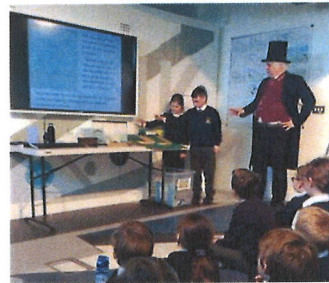
Year 4

Year 4 have had a busy and brilliant term.

We have enjoyed learning about the United Kingdom in Geography. We have explored 'Why water is so important?' during our Science week learning.

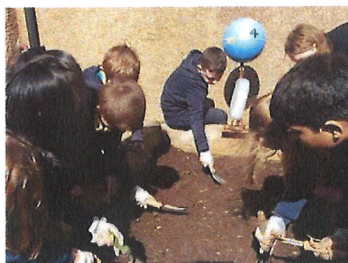


We had a brilliant time consolidating our learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel by visiting the Tamar Bridge and even getting to meet Mr Brunel himself.



Year 4 have loved exploring the outdoors this term, as the weather has got nicer we have been able to plant seeds and potatoes in our class planter.

We can't wait to see them grow.



Well done Year 4 for a brilliant term. Thank you for all your hard work.

Have a lovely Easter Holidays.

Year 5

What a jammed packed term it has been in Year 5!

During Science Week, the children went 'coal mining' with chocolate chip cookies to investigate the impact it has on our Earth, along with different renewable energy resources and how they can be used.



The children have had a wonderful time creating their own routines in Gymnastics as well as learning about different careers, the skills needed and the relevant school subjects in PSHE, with Miss Prisk.



We have even been across to our local library for an afternoon where we completed a quiz, listened to a story and the team were kind enough to let us borrow some books!



Well done to you all for your fantastic achievements this term. I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 17th April!

Year 6

This term, we have been learning about algebra and ratio, two complex mathematical concepts that the children have enjoyed using. We have spent significant time practising our arithmetic skills ready for our SATs in May. I'm really proud of how hard the children have been working and the progress they have made.

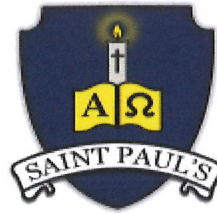
In English, we have been focusing on our independent writing. I'm really proud of how the children have worked hard to edit their writing and present using their best handwriting. We will be continuing to produce more independent writing next term.

We thoroughly enjoyed our science week learning all about how electricity is made. We learnt about wind turbines, solar panels, hydropower and fossil fuels discussing how some of these ways of making electricity are renewable and sustainable whereas others are having a negative impact on our environment. Our trip to the incinerator was brilliant as we learnt about how all our general waste in Plymouth is burnt producing electricity to power the Dockyard and surrounding area. Even more interesting is the fact that this process does not create any air pollution.



After School Clubs - Summer 1

| Club | Staff | Year group/s | Quantity | Day | Time | Venue |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Bee Netball | Sarah Rowe | 3/4 | 12 | Thursday | 17:00-18:00 | Hall |
| New Age Kurling | Sarah Rowe | Inclusion - Y4,5 and 6. | Max 10 | Friday | 12.10-12.30 | Hall |
| New Age Kurling | Sarah Rowe | Inclusion KS1 and Y3 | Max 10 | Friday | 12.30-12.50 | Hall |
| Lego club | Sarah Barnes | All | 12 | Thursday | 15:15 - 16:15 | Reception |
| Holy Communion | Maisie Hill | Specific children | - | Monday | 15:15 - 16:15 | Library |
| Singing Club | Rebekah Shepherd | Y1-6 | 15 | Tuesday/ Thursday | 15:15 - 16:15 | Y5 Classroom |
| Ballet Club | Lydia Webb | KS2 | 10 | Wednesday | 15:15 - 16:15 | Hall |
| Drama Club | Lydia Webb | KS2 | N/A | Thursday | 15:15 - 16:15 | Hall |



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Dates for your Diary - Summer 2023

Monday 17th April - First day of term

Tuesday 18th April - Year R/1 lighting a candle in church

Tuesday 18th April - Year 3 & 4 Class Mass

Tuesday and Wednesday 25th and 26th April - Parent consultations

Tuesday 25th April - Whole School Mass

Tuesday 25th April - Open Wide and Step Inside Dentist Visit

May 2023 - KS1 Test period

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 4th May - Year 5 & 6 Football tournament at Notre dame (invited children will receive a letter)

Friday 5th May - King's Coronation celebration

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May - Whole School Mass

Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th Year 6 SATs

Sunday 14th May - Plymouth School's Challenge (Plymouth Hoe)

Tuesday 16th May - Year 1/2 lighting a candle in church

Tuesday 16th May - Year 5 & 6 Class Mass

Wednesday 17th May - Year 5/6 tag rugby tournament (invited children will receive a letter)

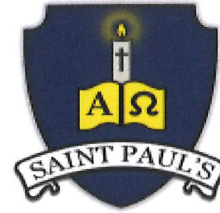
Thursday 18th May - Year 3 & 4 Football tournament at Notre Dame (invited children will receive a letter)

Friday 19th May - Year 1/2 & 5 RNLI water safety sessions (school visit)

Tuesday 23rd May - Year R/1 lighting a candle in church

Tuesday 23rd May - Year 3 & 4 Class Mass

Friday 26th May - Last day of term



Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - Half term

Monday 5th June - Friday 16th June - Year 4 multiplication times tables

Tuesday 6th June - Whole School Mass

Thursday 8th June - Year 3 & 4 Striking & fielding event at Notre Dame (invited children will receive a letter)

Week commencing 12th June - Year 1 Phonics screening check

Tuesday 13th June - Year R/1 lighting a candle in church

Tuesday 13th June- Year 3 & 4 Class Mass

Wednesday 14th June - Brickfields Athletics (invited children will receive a letter)

Tuesday 20th June - Year 1/2 lighting a candle in church

Tuesday 20th June - Year 5 & 6 Class Mass

Thursday 22nd June - Year 5 & 6 Striking & fielding event at Notre dame (invited children will receive a letter)

Friday 30th June - Sports Day

Tuesday 4th July - Year 1/2 lighting a candle in church

Tuesday 4th July - Year 5 & 6 Class Mass

Thursday 6th July - Year 6 OOA at Mount Edgecumbe

Tuesday 11th July - Year 6 Leavers Mass, Performance and Awards

Wednesday 12th July - Rounders tournament at Stoke Damerel - (invited children will receive a letter)

Thursday 13th July - Boccia event (invited children will receive a letter)

Friday 14th July - Reports sent home

Friday 14th July - Reserve Sports Day

Monday 17th July - Year 6 Residential

Tuesday 18th July - End of Year Mass

Friday 21st July - Last day of term

Any other events that are arranged within the Spring term, will be updated on Class Dojo.

You can also visit the school's website: <https://www.stpaulsplymouth.com>