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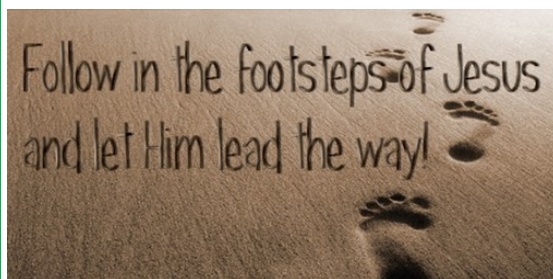
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ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 1



The Year of the Holy Spirit

FOLLOWING IN HIS FOOTSTEPS



The gospel this week sees Jesus telling his disciples that he was going to have to suffer and die. At this the disciples, as so often, get it wrong. Peter who has just been told that he was the "Rock" on which Jesus was to build his church, says this must never happen. At once Jesus tells him "Get behind me Satan". He goes on to explain if anyone wants to follow him they must take up their cross. Taking the cross is accepting and living with pain, suffering of any sort, and the griefs of life we can do nothing about. Crosses may be inflicted

on us by others. We know of people who have accepted a heavy burden in life and who ploughed tough furrows, through no fault of their own. We can all think of those among our families and friends, who seem to have so much upset in their lives. Help often comes to them from family, friends and neighbours. Jesus assures us that throughout it all he too is with us, even if we can't see it. Perhaps this is best explained in the text "Footprints in the Sand." (See overleaf) Let us remember to have faith during hardship to believe that we will be helped by the one who carried the cross to the end.

HEADS UP

Watch this space for the update from our Headboy and Headgirl (Arya and Tilly). They will be visiting different classes each week to let you know what everyone has been up to.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



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Mary experienced the tenderness of God as a daughter, full of grace, in order to share this tenderness as a mother, through her union of the mission of her Son. (Pope Francis)

STAFFING UPDATE

Following the retirement of Mrs Canning in the Summer Term, we are delighted to inform you that Mrs Chambers will be taking on the role of Acting Deputy Head.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Khan to St Paul's. She will be training with us this year and will be based in St John's Class.

WELCOME TO OUR ST PAUL'S FAMILY

We welcome all our new pupils as they begin to follow in the footsteps of St Paul at our school: Theo, Benedict, Sunjeevan, Isla, George, Leo, Francy, Sarah, Clara, Blake, Zacharius, Darius, Tommy, Victoria, Margo, Addison, Aari, Phoebe, Eleonora, Ava, Martin, Ethan, Jude, Cillian, Oliver, Isabel, Penelope, Leon, Arvin, Isabella, Zara, Sai, Osose, Zoe, Caleb, David-Noel, Gabriel, Tito, Ehimen and Skyler.

We also welcome new staff members: Mrs Newbury, Miss Klatt, Miss Woodward and Mrs Khan.

Welcome to our
St Paul's Family

Attendance will be updated in the Newsletter next week

2023/2024 TERM DATES

Inset Day Mon 4th Sept 2023

Term 1 –Tues 5th Sept 2023 to Fri 20th Oct 2023, 3.20pm

Half Term Mon 23rd Oct to Fri 27th Oct 2023

Term 2 Mon 30th Oct 2023 to Wed 20th Dec, 1.00pm

Christmas Holidays Thurs 21st Dec 2023 to Fri 5th Jan 2024

Inset Day Mon 8th Jan 2024

Term 3 Tues 9th Jan 2024 to Fri 9th Feb 2024, 3.20pm

Half Term Mon 12th Feb to Fri 16th Feb 2024

Term 4 Mon 19th Feb 2024 to Thurs 28th Mar 2024, 1.00pm

Easter Holidays Fri 29th Mar 2024 to Fri 12th April 2024

Inset Day Mon 15th Apr 2024

Term 5 Tues 16th Apr 2024 to Fri 24th May 2024, 3.20pm

Bank Holiday Mon 6th May 2024

Half Term Mon 28th May to Fri 31st May 2024

Inset Day Mon 3rd June 2024

Term 6 Tues 4th June 2024 to Thurs 24th July 2024, 1.00pm.

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS—Mon—Thurs 8.00—3.30pm, Fri 8.00—8.30 and 8.50—3.30pm

CONTACT DETAILS

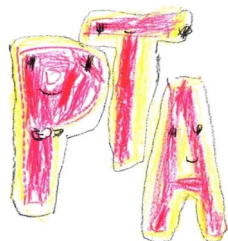
Please keep the school up to date with any change of contact information ie: change of telephone number / address / email address / doctors or medical conditions.

HOT WEATHER

Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle and hat during the hot weather.

2023/2024 PE TIMETABLE

St Peter	Wednesday
St Paul	Wednesday
St Andrew	Tuesday and Wednesday
St James	Tuesday and Thursday
St John	Tuesday and Thursday
St Philip	Monday and Tuesday
St Matthew	Thursday and Friday
St Barnabas	Monday and Tuesday
St Bartholomew	Thursday and Friday
St Simon	Wednesday and Friday
St Jude	Wednesday and Friday



There will be 'Good as New' Uniform sale after school on Friday 8th September in the school playground

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH



Ryan Browne is in his fifth year of Study in Rome. He was born and attended school in our diocese and his brother is a teacher in one of our primary schools. When he was very young he was greatly impressed by the kindness and caring nature of his local parish priest which inspired him to follow his example. He says he has been privileged to work in different countries and communities during his training. Ryan lists his hobbies as music and cooking. He asks for our prayers for himself and other Seminarians but also for all young people.

PART TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

Toddler Group Leader

Tilehurst Methodist Church are looking to recruit an enthusiastic Group Leader for "Tots@TMC" to run their carer and baby/toddler group sessions on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday mornings - 10.5 Hours per week. Pay is in accordance with National Living Wage – currently £10.90/hr

Paid hours are 9am -12.30pm to include setting up for the session and clearing up after. Actual sessions run from 10.00 am – 11.30am

For further information about the post and/or an application pack please visit our website <https://www.tilehurstmethodist.org.uk/totstmc.htm> or call Ruth Fleming on 07778 385 827

Closing date for completed application form is 5.00 pm on Friday 15th September 2023

Interviews will be held on Friday 22nd September 2023

Please note any post offered would be subject to two satisfactory references and a satisfactory DBS check. It is exempt from rehabilitation of offender legislation and proof of the right to work in the UK will be required.

Working within the constraints of General Data Protection Regulations we will require your general information for contact purposes regarding this position only, store your information securely and will not share it with anyone outside the scope of this post.

Tots@TMC operates within equal opportunity requirements.

FOOTSTEPS IN THE SAND

One night I had a dream...

I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord, and
Across the sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;
One belonged to
me, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of my life flashed before us, I looked back at the
footprints in the sand. I noticed that many times along the path of my life, There was only one set of
footprints.

I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest
and saddest times in my life
This really bothered me, and I questioned the Lord about it.

“Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,
You would walk with me all the way;
But I have noticed that during the
most troublesome times in my life,
There is only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why in times when I
needed you the most, you should leave me.

The Lord replied, “My precious, precious
child. I love you, and I would never,
never leave you during your times of
trial and suffering.

When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you.