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The Year of the Holy Spirit

THE PARABLE OF THE WORKERS



The Gospel this week is the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Here Jesus explains the truth about the Kingdom of Heaven. The owner needed men to work his crops in the gruelling heat and offered a fair wage in return. As the day went on he hired three more groups at later stages. At the end of the day all were paid the same wage. The first group of workers in the vineyard resented receiving the same wage as the last group. Their attitude was similar to that of the Pharisees, who were incensed at Jesus' teaching that others could inherit a heavenly kingdom they thought was reserved for them alone. They despised Jesus for offering the Kingdom to poor, oppressed, weak sinners whom He made equal to them. The message is simple "the last will be first, and the first last," shows that no matter how long or how hard a believer works during his lifetime, the reward of Eternal Life will be the same given to all—an eternity of bliss in Heaven in the presence of God the Father and the Lord

HEADS UP

The Yr6s are all enjoying their week away at PGL Windmill Hill, teambuilding and showing off their leadership skills.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



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'Please God, many people, who have never been to Walsingham before, will physically come to 'England's Nazareth' in the years ahead. May our Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, always be a place where people find a warm and ready welcome. May pilgrims come in great numbers to honour Our Blessed Lady and her Blessed Son, remembering especially the mystery of the Annunciation and Mary's joyful 'yes' to conceiving Our Lord. May each pilgrim experience a spiritual home here in Walsingham, full of grace and truth. May they find all the help, wholeness, and inner peace they seek, and an answer to each of their prayers.' (Fr. Robert Billing, Rector of the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica at Walsingham, Solemnity of Our Lady of Walsingham 2023.)

WELCOME ASSEMBLY

Parents of all pupils who started at St. Paul's this September are invited to a special Liturgy that will take place in the school hall on Monday 9th October at 9.30am. After the Liturgy there will be an opportunity for parents to meet their child's mentor if they are a Foundation Stage pupil or their buddy if they are in Y1-6. During the Liturgy all new pupils will be invited to place a **small** pebble in our circle of stones. Please assist us by helping your child to choose a pebble, decorate it with their name and bring into school by Wednesday 4th October.

LITURGY FOR YR 1 TIE PRESENTATION

On Monday 2nd October Year 1 children will be presented with their ties at a special Liturgy. Unfortunately due to space restraints we ask that only Year 1 parents attend for this celebration which starts at 9.30am.



ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 4

98% Attendance Owl awarded to St John's Class for week ending 23rd September 2023

96% Whole School attendance for week ending 23rd September 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Mon 2nd	Yr1 Tie Liturgy Nominations for School Council
Tues 3rd	LKS2 Egypt Workshop Choir Rehearsal at Birch Copse
Wed 4th	Flu Immunisations
Thurs 5th	Census Day Yr6 NCMP Travelling Book Sale after school
Fri 6th	Travelling Book Sale after school
Mon 9th	Welcome Assembly Hustings Week
Tues 10th	Individual and Sibling photos
Thurs 12th	Leaders' Mass
Fri 13th	School Disco
Mon 16th	M&M Productions (Oliver Twist) PTA AGM—6pm School Hall
Thurs 19th	School Council voting
Fri 20th	Harvest Festival
Mon 23rd	HALF TERM WEEK
Tues 31st	Choir Rehearsal at Birch Copse

NOVEMBER

Wed 1st	Whole School Mass (All Saints)
Fri 10th	Remembrance

DECEMBER

Mon 11th	Advent Liturgy 7pm at Church Yr3—6
Tues 12th	EYFS Nativity to Parents 2pm
Wed 13th	Christmas Lunch and Party Day
Thurs 14th	KS1 Nativity to Parents 2pm & 6.30pm
Sat 16th	Christmas Fayre
Mon 18th	Yr6 Fundraising Day Reconciliation in school 1.30pm

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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

PARKING

Please do not block driveways on Hilden's Drive. We have had a complaint from a neighbor who was unable to get on her driveway!

LEGO

If anyone is having a tidy up ahead of Christmas and looking to rehome any Lego, please consider donating it to school.

CENSUS DAY

Census Day is Thursday 5th October. It is important for all eligible children (YrR, 1 & 2) to have a meal on this day, especially if they ever have a school meal, as the funding for these is taken from this census. Thank you for your cooperation

TRAVELLING BOOKS

The Travelling Book Company will be in school on the 3rd October. All children will have the opportunity to look at a range of books.

Parents/carers will be able to visit the book fair in the school hall on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th October.



2023/2024 TERM DATES

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.

Inset Day Fri 25th July 2024

PTA

AGM will take place on Monday 16th October at 6pm. Please find attached nomination form and roles and responsibilities document.

The more people we have on board as active members, bringing fresh ideas and their time, the more we can achieve in terms of events and money raised. Please get in touch if you would like more information pta@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk

School Disco on Friday 13th October. Tickets available to purchase through ParentMail from Monday 2nd October

YrR 3.30—4pm

KS1 4.20—5pm

LKS2 5.10—6pm

UKS2 6.10—7pm

Christmas Cards

Your child will be bringing home a Christmas Card design template. These need to be returned by the 9th October for printing and delivery in time for Christmas posting, should you wish to participate.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you are receiving any of the benefits listed below, you could qualify for Free School Meals for your child: Income Support, Income Based Job-Seekers Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, Child Tax Credit only with income less than £16,190, Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit, Universal Credit. For more information, or to apply online, go to www.westberks.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or call 0163542400

Even if your child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals, it is beneficial to apply as the school receives additional funding that can be used to assist your child in other ways.

ROSARY

We will recommencing our weekly Rosary Group at 9am on Wednesday, with effect from 11th October. It is a very informal group, our prayers last only around 15 minutes, all parents and carers are most welcome, just turn up after dropping off children.

