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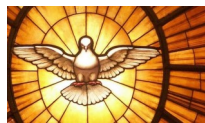
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## ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 5



## The Year of the Holy Spirit

### TALK THE TALK



Matthew's Gospel this week reminds us how easy it is to "Talk the Talk". A father, having asked both sons to help in the vineyard is initially disappointed in his son as he says he won't do as he was asked. Then having thought upon the situation the son relents and does his father's will. The second son immediately says yes to his father but just to appease him: in fact he does nothing about it!! The message is clear. God is the father in this parable and the son who says yes represents the Pharisees who talk and flaunt their "obedience" but have no true commitment to following His ways. They outwardly conform and talk about right and wrong, but it is show with no real substance. The son who initially says no, represents

those who perhaps need more work to become Godlike, who take longer to listen to His Word. They are those whom the Pharisees see as undesirables: the sinners, tax collectors, poor and unfortunate. So we must try to be like this first son and so be judged not on own words, but our actions for indeed active obedience to Jesus' teachings is crucial.

### HEADS UP

St. Bartholomew

This week St. Bartholomew loved RE where they learnt about the Islamic Religion and the five pillars that all Muslims try to follow throughout their lives.

In Maths, they rounded and ordered numbers. In English the Year Fives found about why the Irish travelled to America and wrote about the multiple reasons why they fled there. The Year Fives were excited to start reading the fabulous Michael Murpurgo's "Twist of Gold", discovering how the main characters Sean and Annie travelled to America in search of their fortune – which linked in nicely with their writing this week.



### SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Francis Ezeani

Francis is in his third year of study.

This year he is going to be studying from Monday to Friday in London and then working alongside the priests in Maidenhead parish at weekends. He started there in the summer and has especially enjoyed working closely with the parishioners and being part of the Maidenhead Community Family.

Francis asks for our prayers for people in need throughout the world and particularly those in Morocco and Libya following the recent disasters.

We remember all Seminarians in our prayers.



### YR 1 TIE ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to our Yr 1 children who have all been presented with their ties. More photos available on the school website.



99% Attendance Owl awarded to St Philip's Class for week ending 29th September 2023

97% Whole School attendance for week ending 29th September 2023

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **OCTOBER**

Mon 9th	Welcome Assembly 9.10am Hustings Week
Tues 10th	Individual and Sibling photos LKS2 Egypt Workshop
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
Tues 19th	Reconciliation in school 1.30pm

### **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](mailto:pta@stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk)

**School Disco** on Friday 13th October. Tickets are now available to purchase through ParentMail.

YrR 3.30—4pm

KS1 4.20—5pm

LKS2 5.10—6pm

UKS2 6.10—7pm

### **Christmas Cards**

Christmas Card templates need to be returned by the 9th October for printing and delivery in time for Christmas posting, should you wish to participate.



### **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.



## 2023/2024 TERM DATES

**Term 1** – Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 to Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023, 3.20pm

**Half Term** Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct to Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023

**Term 2** Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023 to Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 1.00pm

**Christmas Holidays** Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023 to Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

**Inset Day** Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

**Term 3** Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 to Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024, 3.20pm

**Half Term** Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024

**Term 4** Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 to Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 2024, 1.00pm

**Easter Holidays** Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Mar 2024 to Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Inset Day** Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr 2024

**Term 5** Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Apr 2024 to Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 3.20pm

**Bank Holiday** Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Half Term** Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

**Inset Day** Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

**Term 6** Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024, 1.00pm.

**Inset Day** Fri 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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

**PRIME BOTTLES** - Please could we ask that these are NOT used as water bottles

**RED CROSS DONATIONS** - Thank you for your kind and generous donations. We have sent £301.24 to the Red Cross for the Morocco and Libya appeal.

## 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 9.10am. 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 note the change of time to 9.10am, this is to help with parents not having to wait around for 30 minutes after dropping children off at school.**

## NEW STARTERS September 2024

If you have a child due to start school, or know of anyone due to start, we have now set our Open Mornings for the September 2024 Intake

Thursday 2nd November 10am

Thursday 23rd November 10am

Tuesday 5th December 10am

Wednesday 10th January 10am.

Booking is essential. Please pass the word around to friends and families to come and have a look around our Outstanding Catholic School, as judged by the Diocese.