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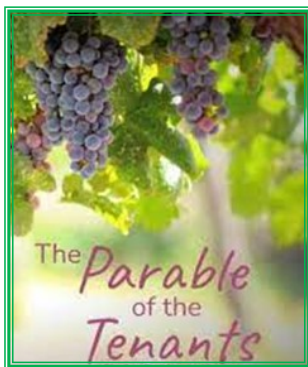
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# ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 6



## The Year of the Holy Spirit

### THE DISHONEST TENANTS



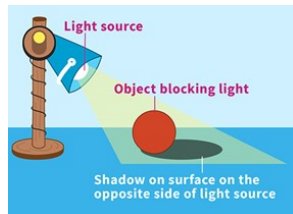
The parable this week again features a vineyard as the Kingdom. Here the owner (God) leaves and has tenants (Pharisees) in charge of harvesting. He sends servants (Prophets) to collect His share but they are beaten. He tries again the same happens. Finally, he sends his son (Jesus). This time they kill him. The message tells of God's love for us, sending first prophets and then His son Jesus to save us, only for him to be put to death at the hands of the Jewish authorities. We can apply this parable to our lives by asking two questions: Firstly, have we come to know Christ as our Lord and Saviour, or have we rejected Him like the Jewish leadership did? Secondly, if we are believers, what have we done with Jesus? Are we like the bad tenants, rejecting His Word and living a life of disobedience? We need to study God's Word and pray for guidance, so that the kingdom

will not be taken from us and we are able to bear fruit, living out His will as best as we can, moment by moment, day by day.

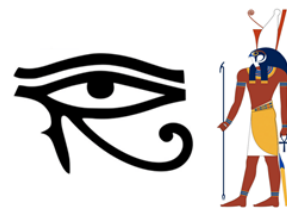
### HEADS UP

#### St Barnabas

This week St. Barnabas loved learning about Ancient Egyptian myths and exploring all about expanded Multiplication during Maths. They learnt how shadows are formed and how different materials reflect and absorb light. They have enjoyed signing 'Someone you Love' by Lewis Capoldy. In Art they created and painted Horus' eye. In RE St Barnabas walked around the school looking for objects that help our world.



Thank you for reading the newsletter.



Eye of Horus, the falcon-pharaoh god



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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"Every time I hear anyone speak of the Sacred Heart of Jesus or of the Blessed Sacrament, I feel an indescribable joy. It is as if a wave of precious memories, sweet affections and joyful hopes swept over my poor person, making me tremble with happiness and filling my soul with tenderness. These are loving appeals from Jesus who wants me wholeheartedly there, at the source of all goodness, his Sacred Heart, throbbing mysteriously behind the Eucharistic veils... I love to repeat today 'Sweet Heart of my Jesus, make me love You more and more.'" (Pope John XXIII, *Journal of a Soul*.)

### 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.



100% Attendance Owl awarded to St John's Class for week ending 6th October 2023

98% Whole School attendance for week ending 6th October 2023

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **OCTOBER**

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)  
Mon 6th Choir Performance at The Hexagon  
Wed 8th Parent Consultations 4— 7pm  
Thurs 9th Parent Consultations 1.30—4.30pm  
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

## 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

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be celebrating our Harvest Thanksgiving on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm.

We are asking for the following donations:

- non dairy milk, with long life
- gluten free items
- lunch box food
- Cereal
- hot dogs
- pasta & pasta sauce
- rice



These will be distributed to people in our parish community.

**Due to space restrictions, parents are not invited to this event.**

## MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

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

### **ROSARY**

Weekly Rosary Group will be held at 9am each Wednesday. 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.

### **PARKING**

Residents on Hilden's Drive have complained about parents/carers parking on their grass verges and churning these up. Please do not park on the verges!

*'A driver may be open to prosecution if their vehicle is persistently damaging a verge, parked dangerously or causing an Obstruction'.*

Parking is available at St Joseph's Church.

**Please could we also remind parents not to park in front of, or use the school driveway as a drop off zone. This is dangerous for our children and the driveway is in constant use.**



**AGM** will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets are now available to purchase through ParentMail and will also be available to purchase on the door. Tickets are £3.50

YrR 3.30—4pm KS1 4.20— 5pm  
LKS2 5.10—6pm UKS2 6.10—7pm

We will be serving refreshments to parents from 4.20pm. Join us for a catch up and to save the journey back and forth to school while your child is at the Disco. This option isn't available for YrR children as their disco is straight after school.

## THURSDAY MORING MASS

We were absolutely delighted to celebrate our Year Six Leaders' Mass with the entire school at St Joseph's this morning. For many of our younger pupils this was the first time they walked to and attended mass at Church.

It was a truly wonderful experience for all. The children were very well behaved and respectful throughout. Father blessed the new Year Six Leaders and presented them with their ties. It was lovely to see the Church so full and we were so pleased to see how many Year Six parents were able to attend.

A huge thank you to Father Jude and all involved.

## WELCOME ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all our all our new starters. After the welcome assembly their stones were placed in our stone circle, so they will always be part of our St Paul's Family.

### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

**Wednesday 8th November 4pm - 7pm**

**Thursday 9th November 1.30pm - 4.30pm**

**Appointments will be available to book through ParentMail from Monday 16th October at 8am**

Parents should enter the building through the white door in the link corridor between the admin block and the Early Years block for appointments on the 8th November and via the school office for appointments on the 9th November. Teachers will be meeting with parents in the school hall. We ask parents to please keep to your **10 minute appointment**. If there is need to discuss a particular issue in depth you are asked to make a follow up appointment. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

### **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.

### **Tilehurst Branch of the West Berks Foodbank**

The West Berkshire Food Bank is now open in the Main Hall, at St Joseph's Church every Wednesday from 1-3pm. They will be delighted to serve any parishioner requiring emergency food or household products, regardless of which council area the parishioner lives in. To get referred or for any information, please contact

John Foley [07769251747](tel:07769251747) or  
Alan Goncalves [07905695041](tel:07905695041).

### **BIRTHDAY TREATS**

To continue our Healthy School's initiative, after half term children will no longer be allowed to bring sweets in on their birthday, instead they will be able to come to school in their own clothes to mark the day. This way, everyone will know it is their special day!

### **PE KITS**

Due to feedback from parents whose children now attend secondary school, children in Yr5 and 6 will be changing for PE at school after half term. We have been informed that children are finding that they are now out of practise and are not changing quickly enough. This will only be for children in Yr5 and 6 for the time being.

Are you an inspirational teacher who is able to make an impact on the outcome of children's learning in our school?

### **Foundation Classroom Teacher**

We are looking for an inspirational classroom teacher to join our dedicated and enthusiastic staff (Maternity Cover) from 15th April 2024.

We welcome applications from people of any faith and ECT's.

Part time/Job share may be considered for the right candidate.

The successful candidate will:

- Be fully supportive of our Catholic ethos
- Love working with young children
- Be enthusiastic, imaginative, open and reflective
- Have high expectations
- Enjoy working in partnership with parents.

We can offer you:

- An Outstanding Catholic School in "Overall Effectiveness and all aspects of learning" as judged in our Diocesan Section 48 Validation

Where:

- "Leaders are highly ambitious for what they want all pupils to achieve in their time at School. Lessons are active and purposeful, while classrooms are calm. The staff are very happy to work at the school. This unity shines through and creates a very strong and inclusive learning environment for every pupil." according to the recent OFSTED report
- Delightful and happy children
- A caring and supportive ethos
- A vibrant, stimulating, well-resourced environment.

Please come and visit us to see our lovely school and children.

**Closing Date: Monday 30th October 2023 Midday**

**Interviews: Friday 03rd November 2023**

For an application pack please contact the school.

Application packs are also available on line at <http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk>

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An Enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure will be sought alongside other checks from the successful candidate

Are you an inspirational teaching assistant who is able to make an impact on the outcome of children's learning in our school?

### **Teaching Assistant**

We are looking for an inspirational part time Teaching Assistant for 15 hours a week to join our dedicated and enthusiastic staff. Fixed term contract for a year from 30th of October 2023.

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