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## ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 7



## The Year of the Holy Spirit

### THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST



The wedding banquet was one of the most joyous occasions in Jewish life and could last for up to a week. In His parable, Jesus compares heaven to a wedding banquet that a king (God) had prepared for his son (Jesus.) Many people had been invited (Jewish leaders), but when the time for the banquet came and the table was set, those invited refused to come. In fact, the king's servants (Prophets) who brought the joyful message were mistreated and even killed. It shows again Jesus' rejection by the Jews the very people who should have celebrated His coming. They bring judgment upon themselves. As a result, the banquet (kingdom of heaven) is then opened up to anyone and everyone, total strangers, both good and bad. This refers to the gospel being taken to the Gentiles. However it isn't that easy as Matthew says, many are "called" or *invited* with the message of repentance, but only those who respond worthily will share the inheritance of the chosen covenant people. We pray that we will recognise the call when it comes and be prepared to share in the banquet.

### HEADS UP

#### St Matthew

St Matthew's favourite lesson was when they played Timetables Rock Stars which is a free game which can teach your child their times tables. It is available on all devices, just login with their username and password provided by the school. In Science they learnt how shadows are formed and how different materials reflect and absorb light. In RE they discussed pictures and used Oracy to express their views on the picture. In English, they wrote a diary entry from a Pharaoh's perspective. In Music they sang 'Home is Where the Heart is' by Elvis Presley. Have a great half term!!



### HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be celebrating our Harvest Thanksgiving tomorrow at 2.00pm.

We are asking for the following donations:

- Non dairy milk, with a long life
- Cereal
- Pasta, Pasta sauce and rice
- Tinned foods

These will be distributed to people in our parish community.

**Due to space restrictions, we are sorry we are unable to invite parents to attend.**



### 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.



99% Attendance Owl awarded to St Philip's Class for week ending 13th October 2023

97% Whole School attendance for week ending 13th October 2023

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### **OCTOBER**

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**

Fri 1st Crazy Hair Day (**nothing permanent**) in exchange for a **Fun Jar**  
Thurs 7th Yr3/4 Topic Day  
Fri 8th Dress Down Day in exchange for a bottle for the Bottle Tombola  
Sat 9th Christmas Fayre (**new date**)  
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  
Mon 18th Yr6 Fundraising Day  
Tues 19th Reconciliation in school 1.30pm  
Wed 20th End of Term 1pm

## 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.

### **WATER BOTTLES**

Please could we remind you that children should be bringing only WATER to school in their water bottles. We have had reports that 'Prime' sachets have been added to water.

### **PE KITS**

Reminder that after half term Yr5 and 6 are to come to school in their school uniform every day and bring their PE in bag to change into before their PE lessons.



### **SCHOOL LOTTERY**

<http://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-pauls-catholic-primary>

Please do sign up for the school lottery. It generates money for the PTA/school and you

stand the chance of winning too!

### **FUNDRAISING**

We need your help! If you shop online, please could you sign up to easyfundraising to support St Paul's Catholic School?

It's a really easy way to raise money for our school – you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 4,000 well known online stores like Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you. We want to raise as much as possible, so please visit our new easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpaulscatholicschoolpta/> and click 'support us'.

School Lottery - Raised a staggering **£655.60**

Easyfundraising - Raised **£65.76**

## 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

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 4pm - 7pm**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm - 4.30pm**

**Appointments are now available to book through ParentMail.**

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 8<sup>th</sup> November and via the school office for appointments on the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10am

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 10am

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 10am

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

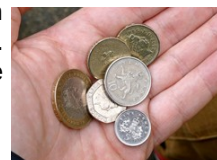
## POPPY APPEAL

After half term our Year 6 pupils will be selling poppies, school, at break and Parents will be able to collect poppies from the beginning and end We ask for a silver of 20p per poppy. Thank you.



## TURN TILEHURST RED

The School Choir will be singing at The Triangle on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30 for the Turn Tilehurst Red Remembrance Service. Please send in any loose change for the choir to take along to the service.



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.

### **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 to start as soon as possible

The successful candidates 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>