



## The Year of the Holy Spirit

**Come Holy Spirit and draw all those who do not believe in Christ to experience the great Peace and Joy of the Nativity of our Lord and Saviour**

*Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy Christmas and New Year from all at St Paul's*

### WATCH AND PREPARE



The opening of Mark's Gospel links the story of Jesus with both the present and the past. The first verse announces the beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ. It then shows how his coming had been announced by the prophet Isaiah, who explained that John the Baptist would come from the desert to prepare the way for him. John said that whilst he baptised with water Jesus would come and baptise with the Holy Spirit. John was the messenger, the one who asked the people to repent their sins and to be ready for their

Messiah. He asked that they, "Get ready for the Lord who is coming. Make straight a path for him!" So do we try in Advent to clear the path of anything that might halt Jesus' coming to us, by confessing our sins, praying and waiting in joyful anticipation!!

### HEALTHY SNACKS

A reminder that children in EYFS and KS1 are provided with fresh fruit or vegetables daily for a snack. Children in KS2 need to bring in a snack from home, if they wish to have one. We ask that any snacks brought in from home for children to eat at morning break are fruit or vegetables only. Many thanks for your cooperation with this. The reason for this is twofold: to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables and also to reduce litter.

From January, our School Council will be running competitions linked to healthy eating. More details to follow!

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"May each Christmas, as it comes, find us more and more like Him, who as at this time became a little child for our sake, more humble, more holy, more affectionate, more resigned, more happy, more full of God." (St John Henry Newman)



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God of love

We pray for peace in our world, and an end to war.  
Instead of hatred, let there be love.  
Shelter your children and protect us.  
Guide us and keep us from harm,  
so we can build a world of love and live our lives in  
peace.  
Amen



## St Paul's Catholic Primary School are looking for the following staff members to join our team

### Teaching Assistant

- Teaching Assistant for 27.5 hours a week to join our dedicated and enthusiastic staff as soon as possible. **Fixed term contract** till 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.
- Teaching Assistant for 15 hours a week to join our dedicated and enthusiastic staff as soon as possible. **Fixed term contract** till 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

### Lunch time Controller

Lunch time Controller for 5 hours a week to join our dedicated and enthusiastic staff as soon as possible. **Fixed term contract** till 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024.

We welcome applications from people of any faith.  
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 08<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Midday**

**Interviews: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

For an application pack please contact the school.

Application packs are also available on line at

<http://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk>

**St. Paul's whole school community (all staff, governors, parents and volunteers working in the school) is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.**

**An Enhanced DBS will be sought alongside other checks from the successful candidate.**