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ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 20



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"For we are born in the present only to be reborn in the future. Our attachment, therefore, should not be to the transitory; instead, we must be intent upon the eternal. Let us think of how divine grace has transformed our earthly natures so that we may contemplate more closely our heavenly hope." (Pope St Leo the Great)



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.

JESUS THE HEALER



The Gospel last week showed Jesus as the teacher, this week we see Him as the Healer, both important facets of His Mission. Jesus goes about His work to heal those afflicted (including Simon Peter's mother-in-Law). Through His actions many people were cured and many learned about His work. He told His disciples, "We must go to the nearby towns and spread the Good News to the people, that is why I have come". So we hope that we too will spread the Good News to all we meet. May they see Jesus in our words and actions and may we be especially close to Him in our prayers.

HEADS UP

St John

This week St John learnt about The Great Fire of London in English they wrote diary entries and poems. During Maths they were doing Times Tables. In Science they were studying plants and even planted sunflowers. In RE they learnt about healing the sick and in Music they sang the Great Fire of London song.



Have a great half term.



MUSIC SHOWCASE

On Tuesday afternoon, parents and children from KS1 enjoyed a Showcase Concert, where pupils who have been learning an instrument were able to share their talents. We heard a variety of performances on piano, violin, cello and recorder from children in Years 1-6. Well done to all who participated!
Mrs Stagg.



SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH



Farvin Gonsalves is originally from Goa India. He moved to Reading after finishing a Masters degree in Computer Applications and worked as a software tester before starting to study for the priesthood. He is in his second year and has enjoyed visiting museums while he is studying in London. He also helps young people prepare for their Confirmation.

Farvin asks that we continue to pray for peace, especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine.

98% Attendance Owl awarded to St Simon's Class for week ending 2nd February 2024

95% Whole School attendance for week ending 2nd February 2024

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS—Mon—Thurs 8.00—3.30pm, Fri 8.00—8.15 and 8.45—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.

EYFS REQUEST

Please could we have some plastic carrier bags. These get used to send home muddy/damp clothes after Copse Day. EYFS parents, please return any clean plastic bags that your child's clothes have been sent home in, so that we can recycle!

PTA UNIFORM SALE

There will be a PTA uniform sale after school on Friday 9th February. This will take place on the infant school playground



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

Mon 12th	HALF TERM WEEK
Wed 21st	Parent Consultations
Thurs 22nd	Parent Consultations
Sat 24th	10.30am First Holy Communion Session

March

Sat 9th	10.30am First Holy Communion Session
Tues 12th	YrR Vision Screening
Sat 16th	10.30am First Holy Communion Session
Thurs 21st	Last Street Dance
Fri 22nd	LKS2 Topic Day TBC
Sat 23rd	10.30am First Holy Communion Session
Mon 25th	1.30pm Reconciliation
Thurs 28th	1pm END OF TERM

INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP

Arlington Business Park host several community events and will be hosting a **FREE Internet Safety workshop in March**. This is open to all members of the local community (adults only).

The workshop will cover key areas of online risk, offer practical tips and advice to be implemented at home.

Date	Tuesday 26 th March
Time	5:30pm – 7:00pm
Venue	Café @ No10, Building 1410
Car Parking	Free onsite multistorey car park close to the café (follow signs to 1410)

Click the link on the flyer to book your free space (bookings are via Eventbrite) or email events@arlingtonbusinesspark.co.uk

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Wednesday 21st February 4.00pm - 7pm and Thursday 22nd February 1.30pm - 4.30pm.

Appointments are now available to book through ParentMail.

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.

SCHOOL DISCO

Unfortunately we have had to make the decision to cancel the school disco that was due on the 23rd February. We always struggle with volunteers and with only 7 Trustees we do not have the capacity to arrange and run the disco this time, with our own work commitments.