



ST PAUL'S C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Greater Manchester Primary School Netball Champions

in 2017 and 2018

Exciting News each week!

Information about future events

Ways you can be involved

Message from the Head Teacher

This week is the 3rd week of Lent.

I wonder how your Lenten activities are progressing and whether your child/ren have been colouring their Lenten cross each day

Last week was a brilliant Science week with pupils learning about Science through the theme of Journeys.

We had a wonderful 'Star-dome' in school on Wednesday led by an astronomer. Adrian Bowden also came into school on Thursday to carry out practical workshops with the children promoting a Joy of Science and to encourage enquiring minds in this area.

We were also full of Joy on Friday when our School Choir sang in front of all the Head Teachers and Senior Leaders from across Oldham at the Last Drop Inn Hotel in Bolton for their annual Conference.

Royton Council provided the children with special T-shirts following their contribution to the Christmas Lights event in December. They wore these with pride at the above event.

This week, we should be focussing upon what we can do to bring more JOY to others. How can we be a light to the rest of the world?

This Sunday we also celebrate Mothering Sunday. Let us also remember to give thanks to ANY parent/carer who takes responsibility for the upbringing of another dependent.

Don't forget to put your clocks forward 1 hour this weekend too.

I hope everyone feels they can share a little joy with others and bring light into another person's life who may require illuminating and feeling valued.

I hope you all have a lovely week

H J Henderson

Attendance

Spring wc 18th March 2019

Week 9	% Attendance
Lower Resource	96%
Upper Resource	91.4%
Reception	94.7%
Year 1	93.7%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	92.2%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	95.5%
Year 6	100%
Overall this week	95.8%
Overall this term	95.8%
Overall this year	96.1%

Well done to Year 6 with 100%.

Congratulations also go to Year 2 with 98.6%. Research proves that progress and attainment are heavily affected by low attendance. This is being monitored and penalty fines issued where absence is persistent including holidays taken during term time.



Science Forum

What a fantastic turnout from parents/carers and children. Over 50 people attended altogether.

Everyone had an enjoyable time learning about Science through Enquiry. Testimonials are on the website.

We look forward to our next forum about learning for children and their families.

We are considering this to take place in the Summer Term encouraging 'Mathematical Enquiry' both indoors and outdoors!



Mental Health and Well-being



TRAUMA IN THE EARLY YEARS.

When a child experiences trauma **between 0 and 6**, this can affect their behaviour and ability to communicate reasonably, often leading to many problems that can be confused as those symptoms leading to a diagnose of ADHD.

Trauma can be: abuse, neglect, homelessness, death in the family including pets, domestic violence (experience or witnessed), sibling or parental trauma etc. **An analyses of multiple traumas experienced by the very young can often lead to:** anxiety, break-down in communication, detachment, inability to form friendships and positive adult relationships, aggression, lack of concentration, inability to reason others' behaviours and a reduction in the brain forming strong memory skills (due to the psychological process of shutting out memories in the early years.

Where a child experiences trauma there should be greater provision to ensure they feel safe, loved and be encouraged to talk about emotions. In severe cases, additional support should be sought from Healthy Young Minds.

We are able to provide some levels of support in school should you feel there is anything which be affecting your child. Please discuss with Mrs Henderson should you feel we can support you.



GM POLICE



The police have asked me to send out a reminder about parking when bringing children to school and collecting at the end of the day. They will be issuing fines to those drivers whose cars they find parking on pavements and obstructing visibility by parking on the corners of roads and driveways.

Thank you to those who have responded positively to my request not to come up the drive with cars unnecessarily.

Unfortunately, I have also been somewhat disappointed by the few negative responses to this request. We are now looking at installing a barrier at the main gates which would further support our safeguarding practice.

Total Raised

We are able to announce that a grand total of **£480.00** was raised from dressing up on the Friday, collecting coins and buying cakes during the week. The cake sale, alone raised **£188.58**. Thank you for sending in the cakes to sell.



Short story writing competition!



We are now encouraging parents to also take part in this exciting event.

Where you and your child can both be involved in writing short narrative stories in no more than 501 words.

Each story should contain characters who show 'Positive Values' such as some of those relating to the Fruits of the Spirit:

Eg Love, kindness, Joy, Peace, Self-Control, Patience, Goodness, Gentleness.

There will be four categories:

Reception and KS1, LKS2, UKS2 and now parent/carers.

All entries should be handwritten for originality.

Closing date: Friday 26th April (after Easter)

URGENT MESSAGE FROM MRS BROWN IN THE OFFICE. - Please will you check school has your current email address, as we will require this for setting up parentpay. We are concerned some parents are ot receiving messages. Please check!

Immediate Future Dates:

- Tuesday 26th March – Netball Competition – The Armitage Sports Centre
- Wednesday 27th March – Year 5 Careers Fair at Mahdlo – morning only.
- Thursday 28th – Football Competition- 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- Friday 29th March – Reception assembly linked to Mothering Sunday 9:15 a.m. Parents welcome.

NEXT WEEK IS BOOK FAIR WEEK!

- Monday 1st April – LKS2 production for the school
- Tuesday 2nd April – Keyboards playing in assembly 10:15 Parents welcome.
- Tuesday 2nd April – LKS2 200:p.m. production for parents
- Tuesday 2nd April – Yr 1 and 2 Football competition OAN 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 3rd April - Year 2 trip to Park Bridge
- Wednesday 3rd April production for parents 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday 4th April Lower KS2 trip - Julia Donaldson.
- Tuesday 9th April – Easter Service at St. Paul's Church – Parents Welcome.

Tuesday 9th April 3:15 p.m. closed for Easter
Tuesday 23rd April Summer Term commences