

Headteacher



Dear Parents & Guardians,

I write to share news from the month of October and of a busy half-term ahead as we celebrate the season of **Advent**.

Advent comes from the word Adventus, which means 'coming'. The waiting and anticipation undertaken during Advent symbolise not only the waiting for Christ's birth but also for his final return. Details of our Advent Service for KS2 and Nativity Service for KS1 will be issued soon.

Our worship value this half term is 'Trust' and children will develop their spirituality around this important Christian theme by engaging, responding and reflecting during whole-school and class workshops.



Forest School Update

Year 1 and Year 4 continue to thrive in the outdoors during some particularly wet sessions but that didn't spoil the fun as they embraced the conditions. The new mound and tunnel (provided by the £500 grant we received from the Tesco fund—thank you to the FOSPS team for organising this) has gone down a storm. Already we are seeing improved resilience, communication, problem solving and creative skills and qualities from our pupils talking part. A big thank you to all our parents and carers for providing the necessary equipment and for coping with the extra dirty items in the wash! Mrs Parker, Mrs Almond and Mrs Braddock are using all their new skills to provide exciting and engaging forest school sessions—Thank you.



Yoga

On Monday all classes enjoyed a yoga session in the school hall provided by the Yogi Group from Preston. This is part of our mental health and wellbeing programme we provide for our pupils. The qualified instructor really engaged the pupils and they commented on how they felt calm and relaxed afterwards—encourage your child/ren to practise at home. Cosmic Kids Yoga is a good, free online resource suitable for children.

[Cosmic Kids Yoga - YouTube](#)

Remembrance Service

We welcome Michael Turner from The Royal British Legion to our school to lead our worship on Monday morning. He will talk to the children about the organisation and how it sup-

ports families from victims of war. We have also received large donations to the charity as the children have been donating to receive a zip-pull, wrist band or poppy reflector. Thank you for supporting this important charity and to Year 5 pupils for organising during break times.

Football/Rugby leagues

Well done to all the Y5/6 boys who represented school in the competition over 3 weeks. They finished a commendable tenth out of fifteen teams and enjoyed some good victories. Following on from the football, the Y6 boys and girls tag rugby league started this week with friendly games. The real competition begins next week—good luck everyone!

Staffing update

We are currently in the process of recruiting for the teaching position in our Reception class and shortly for the maternity cover in Year 5. I will inform you as soon as we have made the appointments.

Bonfire Night Safety competition

Well done to Pippa W in our Reception class who won the South Ribble competition for her poster design. She has received tickets for the Worden Park bonfire on Saturday and to attend a special presentation evening at Leyland Fire station. Congratulations Pippa!

In worship today, the children shared safety messages ahead of the weekends events—I was very pleased with how much they knew about being safe at bonfire night.

Polite reminder

The vast majority of our pupils come dressed beautifully in our school uniform wearing shoes, the correct PE kit, hair bands and studded earrings. Just recently, we have seen an increase in pupils wearing trainers which are not part of the uniform. If there is a reason your child/ren needs to wear other footwear then please let the class teacher know. The children pride themselves on looking smart and representing St. Paul's both in and out of school. Thanks for cooperation.

Finally, if you have any queries or concerns do please get in touch with the office, your class teacher or myself.

Let us all continue to '**Thrive in the Gift of Life**' at St. Paul's.

Best wishes

Mr J Eccleston

Head Teacher