## NEWSLETTER

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## **New Year, New Vision!**

Happy New Year to you, I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break, despite the ongoing issues with the pandemic. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school, they have settled quickly and are now working hard and enjoying their learning.

After much talk, deliberation and consultation with all stakeholders, I would like to share with you our new school vision – a vision that has been systematically planned in order to steer, guide and influence decision making relating to all aspects of school life. This vision will be the driving force at St Paul's CE Primary School. Loving relationships, excellent behaviour, motivated children and high expectations for our community, underpinned by our Christian values, are key features of the school and enable our community to flourish in all aspects of life. Our new vision is distinctive, rooted in scripture, summarised by a short, easily remembered strapline and is unique to our school. It is based on the Biblical narrative *St Paul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9 v1-19). We* have incorporated within it all the elements that were identified by children, staff, parents, governors and clergy which epitomise the school. Our new vision is: -

"Our school is one family, united in love and deeply rooted in our Christian values, where together on life's journey, we flourish, striving for excellence in all that we do. Inspired by the transformation of St Paul, and enlightened by the glory of God, we will shine like stars to make the world a better place."

The strapline summarising this vision is taken from Philippians 2:15

"Shine like stars in the world."

Philippians 2:15

The Vision evening attended by parents was very helpful in identifying areas which we can work on to improve as a school. Topics such as the level of challenge in the curriculum and the school communication with parents were examples of some of the themes that could be developed. We continue to reflect on this feedback. We have looked at ways to simplify communication between home and school with new systems being developed. We are also in the process of developing a completely new website to provide better quality information. We are continuously reviewing our curriculum and pedagogy to ensure there is a high level of challenge. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in the children's education.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to devising the new vision and strapline – especially the Vision Group, who met on many occasions and spent considerable time in discussion. I hope you will agree with me that our new vision perfectly reflects our wonderful school and will guide us for many years to come.

With my best wishes,

Suzanne Batsford

Faith

This half term our school value is Faith.

"Have faith in God," Jesus answered them.

Mark11:22



## Vision Launch Service

On Tuesday 25 January we are celebrating the launch of our new vision to coincide with the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. We have a special church service planned, during which we will be processing class banners designed by the children to reflect the vision, singing our new vision song written by one of our governors, sharing the story of St Paul on the road to Damascus, written by the children and saying our new school prayer together for the first time. Due to the current circumstances we have unfortunately had to take the decision to limit the number of parents attending the service to members of FOSPS (who have led or assisted in an event over the past year) and the class representatives. We look forward to sharing our vison work with the wider school community as soon as we are able.



## Covid-19 Update

Thank you for all your support during this tricky time. We know there are cases of COVID in our community and we hope that those who are unwell are recovering and their symptoms are mild.

A reminder about testing and self-isolation:

1. From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

- 2. Anyone aged 5 upwards must take tests daily for 7 days if they are in close proximity to someone who is positive.
- 3. Under 5s should have limited contact with anyone who is positive.
- 4.5-11 year olds at clinical risk or living with someone at risk will be offered vaccines.
- 5. From 11 January those who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19. Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed. If a child develops Covid-19 symptoms at school, however mild, they will be sent home and public health advice should be followed – see p 12 Schools COVID-19 operational guidance January

**Arts Week** 

We are very much looking forward to Arts Week which takes place 4-11 February. This is such a wonderful week where the children are given a range of opportunities to develop their artistic skills. Please make sure your child has an art apron in school. Thank you to Miss Patsalis for her time and hard work in organising the week.



### Edible Garder

Please let me know if you are able to spare some time helping in the Edible Garden. We are very lucky to have this area in school. During this time of year, it needs some upkeep in preparation for the Spring.



## FOSPS – Mother Goose **Pantomime**

Thank you to everyone who has been working so hard in getting the pantomime ready. As you will be aware it has been decided to postpone the Mother Goose performances until March when the situation should have improved. Please see details sent out previously from FOSPS for more information.

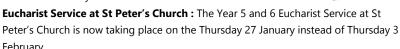
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## **Change of Dates**

Some of our Class Collective Worship dates have had to be amended. Please see the revised dates below:

Class 2P: Tuesday 18 January Class 1SA: Tuesday 1 March Class 4D: Tuesday 8 March Class 3M: Tuesday 15 March





## **House Points**

7 January 2022	
Compton	104
Radcliffe	75
Ringwood	73
Sherbrook	72
14 January 2022	
Ringwood	164
Compton	160
Radcliffe	156
Sherbrook	145

## Toy fun in Year 1

Year 1 started the new year learning about toys in a Toy Workshop. They spent time learning about toys from the past and carefully handled a range of special toys. The children uncovered some interesting artefacts just like archaeologists in a big dig activity. The afternoon was spent making traditional toys from a range of materials.









# Learning history through art in Year 3

Last week, Year 3 completed their 'Prehistoric Art' work. The children learnt about the type of natural materials which were used to create 'paint' thousands of years ago. In class, they explored using spices (paprika and cumin), flour, grass, sticks and leaves to create different types of colours. The pupils also used lentils and couscous to create a realistic 'cave wall'. We are very proud of their final masterpieces!





## Mr Timbrell's Book Recommendations

REC - Hug Me by Simona Ciraolo

Y1 - Chocolate Cake by Michael Rosen

Y2 - The Green Ship by Quentin Blake

Y3 - The Giggler Treatment by Roddy Doyle

Y4 - The Journey by Francesca Sanna

Y5 - I Am Not a Label by Cerrie Burnell

Y6 - Where Once We Stood by Christopher Riley

### **FOSPS News**

#### **The FOSPS Panto**

Our FOSPS Panto 'Mother Goose' has been moved to the 24th, 25th and 26th of March. We're hopeful that things will be closer to 'normality' by then and everyone will be able to enjoy the show with a full cast and a packed audience!

We are currently transferring tickets over; all existing ticket holders will receive an email with the updated performance date ie. a ticket for Thursday 13th January, 7:30pm will automatically transfer to Thursday 24th March, 7:30pm. Once you have received an email please get in touch if you're unable to make the new date and we can either a) transfer your ticket to a different show (please note seats may differ) or b) process a refund. Emails to change a date or request a refund can be sent to <a href="mailto:madeo.gomes@gmail.com">madeo.gomes@gmail.com</a>.

As soon as this has been completed, we will open up the booking system again. We expect this to be towards the end of January and will send out an email.

#### **Panto Painting weekend**

As part of the lead up to our Panto show, we will be holding the traditional painting weekend at school to create all the sets and props for the show. This is a fantastic weekend of fun and creativity, with everyone welcome to join. This year the painting weekend will be held on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 March. More details to follow nearer the time, so for now mark the dates in your diary.

#### 200 Club

The 200 Club is back for 2022, with the first draw taking place at the end of January.

What is The 200 Club we hear some of you ask? There are 200 numbers and each month\* three winning numbers are drawn with the following prizes up for grabs:

1st Prize - £50 2nd Prize - £20 3rd Prize - £10

\*There is no draw in August due to the summer holidays, so we have two in December.

It costs just £10 to have a number for the whole year and registration is quick and easy - just fill in a form using the link below.

#### https://forms.gle/fcNqHrXb5dUVo7uP6

We can randomly select you a number, however if you have a preference or any questions at all please email - madeogomes@gmail.com.

Bank details to transfer £10 per number are as follows:

Natwest

Friends of St Paul's School Winchmore Hill Sort code: 60-07-38

Account number: 58577769

Don't delay, grab your lucky number today!

#### **Easy Fundraising**

If you're doing some sale shopping online please remember to sign up to Easy Fundraising. It only takes a couple of minutes and there are over 4,300 shops who will donate to us (for free) every time you shop with them!

Visit: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpaulswinchmorehill/payments/64/

#### **AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping App**

We also receive donations from AmazonSmile. Sign up is simple - there are three easy steps to follow to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations:

- 1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device
- 2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'
- 3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process

Once AmazonSmile has been activated in the app every eligible purchase will automatically generate a donation for the school.

Shop on AmazonSmile at <a href="https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/281060-0">https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/281060-0</a> and Amazon donates at no cost to you.