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A final message from Mrs Batsford

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you for the many cards and messages you have sent me and for my beautiful, leaving gift - it is absolutely stunning and will always remind me of St Paul's. Thank you very, very much. On Wednesday the children presented the most wonderful assembly, singing, reading and speaking brilliantly, as they always do. It will stay with me as a special and treasured memory forever.

I firmly believe - in fact, I know that St Paul's is a wonderful school. It has been a major part of my life for many years and it has been both a privilege and an honour to serve the school. The children here are simply fantastic, they are articulate, well mannered, keen to learn and great fun to be with, they epitomise our vision and values in all that they do - I will miss them very much.

I would like to thank you for your on-going support of the school, particularly through the work of the Friends of St Paul's School - FOSPS. They are an essential part of our school community and their funding raising helps us to provide the very best learning resources and opportunities for the children. I would also like to thank our staff team. They are an extremely hard-working and dedicated group of people who are totally committed to providing a high quality and exciting primary education for our pupils. They give of their time generously both in class time but also through sporting events, productions, clubs, music, trips and exceptional pastoral care.

Over the years, there have been many changes in education and the school looks very different today from the one I first knew in 1994 when my son started in Reception. Not everything has changed though. Most importantly the Christian heartbeat of the school and the dynamics of the people remain the same. To me it has always felt like one big family, indeed our new vision begins with the words, 'Our school is one family,' a family that loves and cares for each other. When I think of leaving, this quote from Winnie the Pooh sums up how I feel as I write this final newsletter, *'How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard!'*

I shall greatly miss St Paul's; the school will always have a special place in my heart. As my life takes a different direction, I wish the children and parents, staff and governors continued success and happiness in the future. As our school hymn says: -

'Long live St Paul's! God please bless our school, we pray!'



Gayler Awards

Congratulations to those children who achieved the Gayler award this term.

RB	Oscar	RP	Aayra
1N	Amelia	1SA	Orla
2P	Beatrice	2S	Ezekiel
3B	Alexa	3M	Dylan
4D	George	4W	Matthew
5BH	Mehmet	5C	Frankie
6T	Ruby	6TN	Harry

Goodbye to our Leavers

The last week of the summer term belongs to our Year 6 children. This is an emotional time for the children, parents and staff as we say farewell. On Tuesday we had the Year 6 Leavers' Service at church, thank you to Fr Daniel for this lovely service and Mr Johnson for his wonderful presentation, as the last of his children leave the school. Today we have had the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly; thank you to the staff who worked so hard to make sure these last events went well and to the Governors who came to both the Service and the Assembly.

Our Year 6 have been a fabulous year group and we wish them continued success as they move on to their secondary schools. We hope that they will keep in touch with us and with each other. A list of their destinations is below:

School	Number allocated
Ark John Keats Academy	1
Ashmole Academy	2
Belmont	1
Birkenhead Academy	1
Dame Alice Owen	6
Forest	1
Highlands	4
Mount House	4
St. Anne's School for Girls	2
St Ignatius	1
St John's	1
The Latymer	2
Winchmore	16
Wren Academy Enfield	17
Total	59

Thank you FOSPS

At their last meeting the FOSPS agreed to purchase a new lighting desk for our productions. A future project will be a new sound system for the hall which we anticipate being upgraded in the autumn term.



House Points

The winners for this term week and term is **Radcliffe!**
Congratulations!



Farewell...

Farewell to Mr McLean, Mrs Smith, Mrs Brown and Mrs Meller as they leave the school today.

Mr McLean has worked as our LDBS adviser since 2016 and this year he has been our Consultant Headteacher. It has been wonderful getting to know Mr McLean, his wisdom and knowledge of education has certainly enriched the life of the school. His legacy has to be the amazing upgrade of our IT equipment which the children are now enjoying and the launch of our fabulous new website. Mr McLean is moving on to be the Director of Education at the Enfield Learning Trust and we wish him every success and happiness in his new role.

Mrs Smith joined us in 2002 having trained as a teacher at St Paul's. Since taking on the role of our music lead, Mrs Smith has given the children at St Paul's so many wonderful opportunities to develop their musical skills, whether it has been as part of the choir or orchestra, learning to play an instrument in class, taking part in a production or in Proms Praise.

The standard of performances led by Mrs Smith never cease to amaze and her talent always shines through. The children have benefited hugely from Mrs Smith's skills and passion for music. Her legacy will continue in school when we sing the school hymn which she composed. We will miss Mrs Smith a great deal and would like to thank her for her wonderful contribution to the school.

Mrs Brown joined St Paul's as a Reception teacher in 2012. Children under her care have started their journey at the school believing they can achieve anything and through Mrs Brown's encouragement and guidance during their Reception year have formed friendships and become confident pupils as they progress through the school.

Mrs Brown has been our RE lead for a number of years. During this time she has helped to develop the new school vision, worked with a number of different clergy members and used her amazing knowledge to support staff with their teaching of RE. Mrs Brown has also supported the choir and Mrs Smith, attending rehearsals, church services and concerts. We are very grateful for everything Mrs Brown has done during her time at St Paul's. She will be greatly missed by us all.

Mrs Meller is also leaving us this term as she is planning to move out of the area. Mrs Meller became our Welfare Assistant in 2015. Mrs Meller's kindness and compassion are just the tonic when children are feeling unwell or have had an injury in the playground. We wish her well with her move and look forward to her visiting us in the future.



Congratulations to **Miss Wicks** who will be getting married in July and will be known as Mrs Ramage in September.



Mr Timbrell's Book Corner

Enjoy a lovely summer of reading and getting lost in books! We look forward to hearing all about your choices in September. It has been great hearing the children's feedback on the recommendations I have suggested through the year.

Photos

The school photos of Mary Poppins can be found at: - <http://www.pret-a-portrait.net> using the SittingID: SPCE1001CDQ

Our Whole School Photograph is ready for you to view and order via the following link: <https://http.st/540849-292WSG>

For any assistance required, please call Tempest Photography on 01736 752411 - Option 3 to place an order or Option 5 for Customer Service.

Farewell

Farewell and thank you to two of our long-standing governors, Mrs Sarah Lawrence and Mr Tas Kyprianou as they come to the end of their term of office. As Chair of Governors, Mrs Sarah Lawrence has voluntarily served the school over many years, offering her time and experience, always with a commitment to ensuring the best for St Paul's.



Thank You

KS2 SATs results 2022

The top figure is the school % with the national % below. The children have done exceptionally well as these results follow 2 years of disrupted learning due to the pandemic! The tests returned this year without any adaptations – using the same consistent approach as in 2019. We are delighted with the results, particularly the number of pupils achieving the Greater Depth Standard.

	Writing	SPG* test	Reading test	Maths test
School - % of children working at the expected standard	93%	90%	92%	86%
National - % of children working at the expected standard	69%	72%	74%	71%
School - % of children working at greater depth standard	51%	69%	66%	53%

*SPG – spelling, punctuation and grammar

Mary Poppins

The school production of “Mary Poppins” was amazing! The children worked extremely hard, they put so much effort and energy into learning their lines, the songs, practising their dances and working as a team to pull it all together in a very short space of time and in very warm weather.

This year's play was wonderfully directed by Miss Wicks and Mrs Smith once again ensured the music was of the highest standard. Once again, St Paul's staff have selflessly given up their time and used their talents to come together as a whole staff, in preparation for an event that the children look forward to every year. Every member of staff has been involved in one way or another and I am so fortunate to have such a dedicated team. The school is also very grateful for the support and help that many parents have given, a special mention must be made to Zoe Hewitt, Nicola Gossip, Andrew Meyer who spent many a rehearsal working with Year 6. Thanks to Amy Reeves and the parent volunteers who painted the back drops and also the FOSPS team behind the bar. Thank you, parents, for supplying the costumes and helping your children to learn their lines and coming to be part of a great audience. The school production remains one of St Paul's main events; it is a wonderful example of the community coming together to create something special of which we can all be very proud.

Gardening club

Last week we took Gardening club on a special trip to see the 'Superbloom' at the Tower of London. We had a wonderful day; we walked through the moat of beautiful flowers and we also saw the Crown Jewels. The children were a real pleasure to be with. I would like to thank the gardening club and those who have gone above and beyond in tending our garden for all their hard work. Mrs Groves and I have really enjoyed our Thursday afternoons with you.

We hope, Year 6, that your enjoyment of gardening continues.

Mrs Naylor



FOSPS News

200 Club Winners

The 200 Club winners for July are as follows:

£50 - 106 Sam Hine)

£20 - 92 (Paul Boffey)

£10 - 165 (Laura Storey)

Congratulations to our winners. We still have some numbers available, so it's not too late to register. It only costs £10 to have a number and registration is quick and easy - just fill in the form using the following link: <https://forms.gle/fcNqHrXb5dUVo7uP6>

Break the rules day

Thank you to everyone who supported our 'Break the rules' day this week. The children seemed to have a fantastic time, in spite of the heat! There were lots of very colourful hair styles walking into school on Monday morning! We managed to raise around £1,275 which is amazing! Thank you for all your support.

Easy Fundraising

If you're stocking up online for holiday essentials or 'boredom busters' for the kids 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.easypfundraising.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 <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/281060-0> and Amazon donates at no cost to you.

Match Funding

Don't forget that many companies offer employees a chance to boost their fundraising by matching the money they've raised at events. This can really help our efforts, so if you've got any queries please don't hesitate to contact FOSPS to find out more.

AUTUMN TERM - SAVE THE DATE!!!

Without wanting to wish the summer holidays away, please make a note of the following dates for the Autumn term:

- Outdoor cinema - Friday 16 September
- Disco - Friday 14 October
- Christmas Market - Saturday 3 December

Lots more details to follow after the holidays!

Thank you

As a slightly more 'normal' year comes to an end, we just wanted to pass on our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their support. From the donations for the Christmas market to the children choosing their special Mother's and Father's Day gifts. The audience all booing and cheering our panto heroes and the laughter and excitement of the children once again enjoying the summer fete. It has been a fantastic year that's been made possible thanks to the ongoing support of everyone in the school community. Thank you for all your help in making these events such fun, memorable moments for the children (and parents!) - whether you volunteer or simply turn up to the events, we couldn't do it without you. So thank you.

We wish you a very happy and relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you all back in September!

Take care - FOSPS x