



Christmas procedures

You will have all received a letter this week detailing procedures for reporting Covid symptoms and test results over Christmas.

Please use

covidnotifications@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk to report these. It is vitally important that you contact us if your child develops symptoms before 3:15pm on Thursday 24 December. Please also make us aware of any Covid test results during the Christmas holidays so we can record these.

We are very proud (and relieved) that all bubbles have remained open this term. This is down to the hard work of staff, parents and children. Thank you for following the guidelines and working so sensibly alongside us.

School closes next Tuesday and reopens on Wednesday 6 January. Have a wonderful Christmas. God bless you all.

Bake Off

Thank you to everyone who entered our bake off competition: we had over 40 entries. Hopefully next year we will be able to taste some of them!

KS1: 1st place Charlie S

2nd place: Reggie W

3rd place: Henry and Annabelle W

KS2: 1st place Evie E (and siblings!)

2nd place: Will J

3rd place: Maya/Manon/Melodie M

The winners can buy something up to the value of £10 and the PTA will reimburse for this. Runners up receive a bag of sweets.

Happy Christmas



Crib Service

4pm Christmas Eve at St Paul's

Interactive fun version of the story of the very first Christmas - for primary aged children. Come dressed for a nativity if you wish!

Please email stpaulschurchcaton@gmail.com if you would like to come as we need to book you in - face masks for all adults please.

Lost Property

We have a dusky pink girls coat age 9-10 years in our lost property box. We have shown it to all children but no takers, if you know your child has lost their coat please come to the office to collect it.



Fundraising

A huge thank you to everyone who has been involved in our charitable giving drive this term.

The total raised for the PTA has been around £1500. From this money, the PTA have donated £900 for KS1 reading books and have also bought a class set of Bibles.

The total raised for St John's Hospice is around £1250.

We also have 10 boxes of food for the foodbank. If you would still like to donate please bring in on Monday morning as the Foodbank will be coming on collect on that day.

We are still adding up how much our enterprise week raised for classes to spend on resources.

At this difficult time for many people, we are very grateful for all your donations. Thank you!

Blended Learning

Our blended learning plan is now uploaded onto our school website: - <https://catonstpauls.com/school-information/coronavirus/> This details how learning will take place in the event of a bubble closure.

School Uniform

The Uniform and Leisurewear Shop at Morecambe is now closed until Monday 4th January but parents can still order online at ualonline.com but any orders placed on line after the 17 December will be picked once we reopen. We will then be closed 5, 6 and 7 January. Open Friday 8 January 9.30am to 4.30pm. Saturday 9 January closed.

VIPs

A massive CSP well done to all our super VIPS this week. They have all shown Courage in their everyday lives

Diamond – Emma for settling in so well.

Ruby – Holly for excellent ideas and thinking in PHSE (and using them in her baking creations).

Topaz – Isaac for wonderful maths and outstanding improvement with handwriting.

Emerald – Joshua for being hardworking, kind, thorough and generally awesome!

Sapphire – Jamie for working really hard on his handwriting and being a good friend to others.

Amethyst – Jake for making good progress in class and for always behaving in a sensible and mature way.

VIP hoodies are taken home by a staff member to be washed over the weekend. These are then returned on Monday for the new VIPs to wear for the week.

PSHE policy

After consultation with teachers, parents and Governors, our PSHE policy is now on the school website. This includes our statutory RSE update and in which year groups elements of this will be taught. Please email any comments to head@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk

Primary school applications

Don't forget, the closing date for primary school applications is **15 January 2021**. Even if you already have siblings at our school you do still need to apply.

If you would like to view our school to help you make your mind up, please call 01524 770241 for a Covid-safe viewing.



A Christmas message from our wonderful PTA:

WOW, what a fantastic amount of money we have made over the last 8 weeks and that's all down to Parents, Family, Friends, Children, Local Businesses, Governors, Teachers, Staff and the PTA Board. I just want to say a great big thank you to each and everyone of you and please pass the same on to any friends that won't receive the newsletter.

We had an Art competition and it was my privilege to be one of the judges, which enabled me to see first hand all the lovely work done by the children. On Wednesday, I was at school again to judge the cake competition: lovely! Unfortunately I couldn't consume any of the fantastic looking goodies that were made – thanks to all the children for making such an effort.

This year we also ran a Christmas gift project, where the children did some brilliant work that was then imprinted onto numerous gifts of choice that you ordered, such as Christmas cards, mugs, tree decorations, water bottles and fridge magnets. Hopefully everyone that has been the recipient of the gifts has enjoyed them.

And of course the Christmas Raffle. I think we received the best prizes ever - they were fantastic. Thank you so much to everyone who donated a prize, they have all been very well received. A great big thank you to all for donating, buying, selling the tickets and Mrs Glennon and Mrs Preece for helping collect the money and distribute the prizes – not to mention Mr Gittins and Miss Sanderson who did a sterling job last Friday drawing the raffle tickets (think they may be head hunted for the movies!) Not to forget mufti day either.

Lots of hard work has gone into making the above happen and because everyone got involved we have made £1,582 that will benefit the children and the school. A fantastic amount under the circumstances this year.

On behalf of the PTA Board I would like to wish you all a very Peaceful, Safe, Merry Christmas and hope and pray that we can all look forward to a wonderful 2021.

Take care.

Julie Pearson, Chair, Caton St Paul's PTA