

# Newsletter – 26 January 2024

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# Reading Corner

#### Amethyst Book Recommendations

#### The Lost Bear by Elodie

I think it is good because it makes you want to read and read. It's a real page turner. I recommend it to people that love animals, like adventures and sad but also happy stories. What I like about it is it involves lots of adventures and sneaking around helping animals. There are three main characters the bear, a little girl and her dad.

#### Horrible Histories – Vile Victorians by Roisin

I recommend this book because it is fun, humorous and teaches you in a way you won't realise and you get a fun quiz at the end. You learn the horrid ways that used to happen.

## Admissions consultation

This is your last chance to comment on our proposed admissions policy – we are consulting on this as it is 7 years since the last consultation. <u>Click here</u> to view the policy and emails <u>head@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk</u> if you have any comments.

## Family worship

Reverend Helen is joining us to lead family worship this afternoon. You are welcome to come to school for 2:30pm to enjoy family worship with us.

# Sporty stuff

It's been a busy sporting week in school with 37 children representing school at athletics over 3 events.

On Tuesday, our Y5/6 indoor athletics competed brilliantly to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in the large school qualifier. This event is open to all large schools in the Morecambe and Heysham area so we are thrilled to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in this.

On Thursday, we took a team of Y3/4 athletes to Lancaster and Morecambe College for our first ever league event at this age group. The children were fantastic and showed bravery and sportsmanship on the evening. We ended up first on the night which is a fantastic achievement.

Tonight, our Y5/6 athletics team compete in the third event of their league – we are currently 4<sup>th</sup> in the league and look forward to consolidating this tonight.

# KS1 guided reading books

We are very grateful for a donation of £300 that has enabled us to replenish our KS1 guided reading books. School have also invested money in this and we are awaiting delivery of lots of shiny, new books.

We are still reorganizing the KS1 reading scheme to ensure it matches the progression of our phonics scheme. This is a mammoth task so bear with us – there will sometimes be an odd word in your child's reading book that contains a sound they haven't yet met.



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#### Coniston

We are pleased to confirm the return of our residential ever-popular Coniston on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 June. This is a fantastic trip where children: climb Coniston Old Man, orienteer, sleep in tents, ghyll scramble, kayak and much more. We use our PE money to heavily subsidise this trip and it will remain at £60 per child – this covers coach, activities. supervision, food and accommodation, drink. Letters will be out shortly detailing payment plans - if you need financial assistance, please contact Mr Gittins

## **Plastic recycling**

We are still collecting CLEAN plastic bottle tops to deliver to a recycling company in Morecambe. They invest their profits into the local community.

We are also collecting big empty chocolate tubs as well. Send these in with your children or bring them to the office by Monday morning for the last collection date.

#### VIPs

A massive CSP well done to all our super VIPS this week.

**Diamond** - Ava W for working very hard in all areas of learning, well done!

**Ruby** – Rose for being a wonderful friend to all and for gaining confidence with answering questions in class.

**Topaz** – Penny for giving thoughtful and creative answers in English and always showing enthusiasm for all her learning.

**Emerald** - Zara for showing amazing progress with her writing and using subordinating conjunctions consistently.

**Sapphire** – Harvey for being very enthusiastic and contributing brilliantly in class.

**Amethyst** – Elodie for being a hard-working and conscientious member of our class – thank you.