



Weekly Newsletter - Friday 29th January - Spring Term

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Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a bit cold starting with the snow last weekend. What joy for those who could get out and enjoy this seasonal fun though! We need these variations of activities to ring out the changes as the difficult and sad times continue. If you have a photograph of your snow works of art, please send them into Ms Nicol for display on the website. Please do not send any with people included but remember to add the artist's name. This will provide something to cheer us all up!

Sadly, we continue to have a number of staff still quite unwell and a group who haven't been able to return back to school since the Christmas break. Please keep them in your thoughts and ongoing prayers. For some year groups this has impacted on the efficiency of responding to Home Learning although we have been doing our best to deploy staff safely across year groups.

We all keep our eye on the government announcements and look forward to the day when we are all in school again. Hopefully this will come soon.

Continue to take care and look after each other.



To remember in our prayers for Father Paul.

Home Learning is provided through Google Classroom. Should you have a problem connecting please contact your class teacher for support.

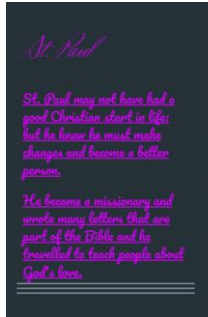
For your convenience, further information regarding expectations and how to use gaming devices to access the site can be located in Parents and Carers Classroom.

Spirituality

Sunday 31st January - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 25th January was the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and the end of the week of prayer for Christian unity. Some of the Y6 Faith in Action participants have been reflecting on St. Paul: who he was and what his example teaches us.

Their thoughts are being shared with the pupils in school via the screen in the dining room at the Junior School and that in the computer suite in the Infants School. We'd like to share a few examples with you here.



St. Paul

Fact NO:1 St Paul wrote many letters to many cities to encourage their faith in God.

Fact NO:2 St Paul did not hide the fact that he needed the help of other people.

Fact NO:3 St Paul risked his life on dangerous journeys to spread God's love.

Fact NO:4 St Paul stayed faithful to Jesus.

Fact NO:5 St Paul learned from his mistakes and changed. His real name was Saul.

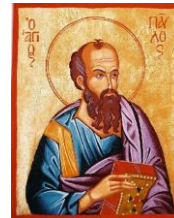
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White Hat Facts:

Did he change his name? It has been popularly assumed that Saul changed his name when he became a follower of Jesus Christ, but that is not the case. His Jewish name was "Saul". As he was a Roman citizen, he also bore the Latin name of "Paul", which is essentially a Latin approximation of Saul.

Was he always a Christian? No. Paul was not a follower of Jesus. His conversion occurred after Jesus's crucifixion. Before his conversion, Paul was a Pharisee, who intensely persecuted the followers of Jesus.

Did he travel extensively? Yes, he did. He had 3 missionary journeys which brought him to many places throughout Asia Minor and Greece.



New Testament: 14 of the 27 books of the New Testament have been attributed to Paul. They are called "Letters of Paul".

Conversion of Paul: Paul was not an early follower of Jesus and did not know him before his crucifixion. Paul's conversion occurred after Jesus's crucifixion.

This Sunday is **Racial Justice Sunday**, and this year's theme is: **A TIME TO ACT.**



Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Racial Justice writes, "It is not enough to simply denounce racism. This is a time to act. In the words of the Holy Father: *'This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities — what we value, what we want, what we seek — and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of. God asks us to dare to create something new.'*

Lord Jesus Christ, in your ministry you were approached by people of many different nations and cultures. You listened to their cry for help, treated them with love and compassion, and brought them healing and wholeness. In our own time may we provide to all those who are suffering the help that they need and the care that they require. May we respond to the invitation of the Holy Spirit to dream of a world made new where the poor are not forgotten but are given the opportunity to live and flourish with good health and equal prospects. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Foodbank

Sadly, we are hearing of an increasing number of families who are struggling during this difficult time. As a school we are delivering food parcels each week. If you have spare items of food that are securely packaged we would welcome for these to be dropped off at the infant school (between 9am and 4 pm) should you be passing on your daily walk. You are always brilliant at supporting and caring for each other. Huge appreciative thanks for the donations already dropped at school. Thank you.

News for the week

Guidance update:

Sutton is in: **National Lockdown**. For further guidance please click on this link

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

Home Learning Links

Remote Education: Information for Parents -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q7PcU2HJKw5P7aY7SfJP1j6ZEP8TXRkf/view?usp=sharing>

Websites to support online learning -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1goQHN324bRrJCGvTsv_rCrXYSW2FEFvT/view?usp=sharing

Online Registration & Reflection -

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1IrgOiYrLV3TgIhExvuxGv67z1V7WNJFB6Ks-pVH97Ss/edit?usp=sharing>

Home Learning

As promised we have continued to review the remote activities - rolling out to all year groups this week the "Register and Reflect" sessions, staggering times to allow siblings to take part. We are also trialling more recorded lessons and pupils in years 3 & 6 will have an opportunity to witness this over the next week. However, we are still conscious that some families are having some difficulties in accessing the remote learning due to limited Wi Fi connections and availability of devices within the family group. We continue to be committed to plan a range of activities for you to engage in. Can we politely remind you all to make use of the remote teaching protocol that can be viewed on the school Google site.

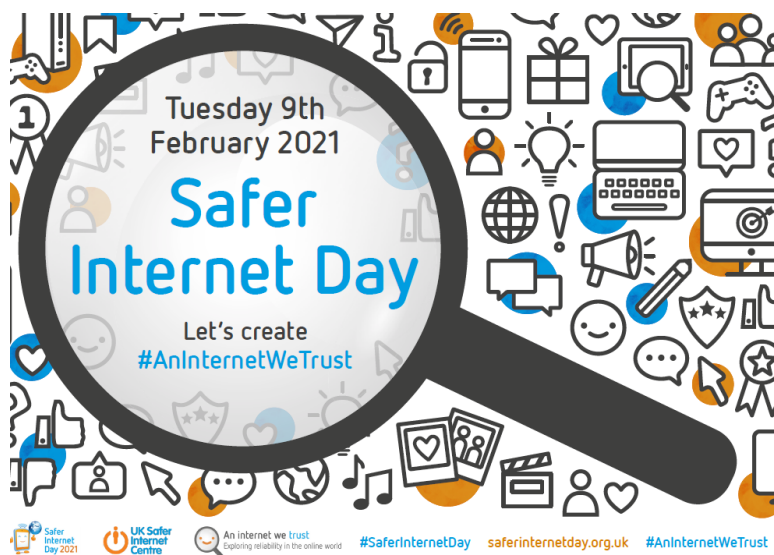
Thank you for supporting the learning at home- it must be really difficult to do this with the family and to be engaged in your own work too. Well done! We may get some well needed new teachers in the profession after this.

PE and Physical Activity

I hope you have all enjoyed having a go at 'Real PE at Home'. Lots of the challenges on there are fun for the whole family! Children from Y1 upwards may also have recognised a familiar face on their Google Classroom streams as Coach Niall has created some more lockdown videos! The first one went out this week and there will be one a week. These are not mandatory at all but some fun to help our children to keep developing their PE skills at home.

Please find attached this week's challenge from The Daily Mile: https://thedailymile.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/DailyMileAtHome_PrintOut_WK2-2.pdf

Best wishes, Mrs Birch



Activities will be available on the children's learning grids from the 8th February 2021.