



# Paulton Infant School

## Newsletter No. 8: 14th January 2022



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### Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to one and all! What a fabulous start we have had to school as the children have been really enjoying their learning and seeing each other after the holidays.

### Celebration Assembly

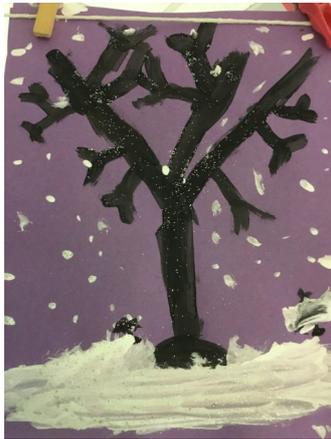
This weeks Stars of the week are:

**Opal Class: Ella** for amazing colourful semantics writing! Ella had a go at using finger spaces and kept her writing really neat. Well done, Ella!

**Jade Class: Rafe** for great attitude to learning with excellent effort in his independent writing.

**Emerald Class: Arabella** for amazing reading resilience and trying really hard with her sight reading.

**Ruby Class: Violet** for really focusing on her painting of a winter tree to include detail.



**Diamond Class: Thea** for using her Diamond power to work independently in writing and maths!

**Topaz Class: Nate** for a brilliant understanding of < > = signs in maths.

**Amethyst Class: Ada** for working incredibly hard, with impressive determination to improve the presentation of her work, producing some beautiful handwriting.

**Sapphire Class: Joseph** for being an amazing writer and using interesting vocabulary from our focus story to describe the fierce looking T-Rex in the story. Well done Joseph!

### New Staff Members:

I thought it might be helpful to recap and of course welcome the new members of staff that have joined us this term or are due to join us within the next few weeks:

Mrs Kendrew: Amethyst Class Teacher (Thursday and Friday)

Miss Burfield (TA Topaz Class)

Mrs Cann (SEND TA Topaz Class)

Miss Godfrey (TA Amethyst Class)

Mrs Down (SEND TA Emerald Class)

Miss Baxter (TA Ruby Class)

Miss Clark (TA Jade Class)

Mrs Chis (SMSA)

Mrs Baruta (SMSA)

### Forest School

Just a reminder that on Forest School days, please can children wear coats that can get muddy. We do ask the children to put the Forest School waterproof coats on, on top of their school coat, but sometimes due to coat length and sleeves etc, they still get muddy.

### Cold Weather

Due to the recent spell of cold weather and the need to ventilate class rooms, please ensure that your child wears extra layers beneath their school uniform. Please ensure that your child also has track suit bottoms and tops to wear over their PE kit to keep them warm when they do PE.

### Staff Absence

We are experiencing quite a bit of staff absence as all schools around the country are currently also experiencing. Sometimes we are not aware of this until the actual day. I apologise for any late notice that may occur and the impact this may have on both Swimming and Forest School. We are looking into different options with our swimming program so that it becomes more viable and fair to all concerned. I understand that as a parent staff absence may concern you, but we are ensuring that every child's needs are still met although there may be changes of faces during this uncertain time. I thank you for your patience and understanding with this.

### Covid

Thank you for your continued support with following the Covid Guidelines recently with regards to face mask wearing and drop off and pick up arrangements. I would also urge all that are eligible to take part in the Covid vaccination booster jab to do so. Please continue with regular LFD testing and arrange a PCR test if your child displays any of the three main symptoms below:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

### Parent/Carer/Grandparent Volunteers needed (especially for reading).

If you would like to support with reading (or any other volunteer work in school, please ask at the school office for a volunteer application pack.

As always, please feel free to arrange an appointment or come and see me at drop off or pick up times if you would like to discuss any issues.

Many thanks. *Emily Omell*



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