



Paulton Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Only two weeks left of term. The children are beginning to get very excited about Christmas—looking for mischievous elves and talking about their Advent Calendars.

Celebration Assembly

This weeks Stars of the week are:

Ruby Class: Kelsie for singing the nativity songs and doing the actions with enthusiasm and gusto.

Opal Class: Well done to Jack for amazing independent caption writing! Amazing Sapphire gem power - staying focussed on the task!

Jade Class: Sophie for a super retelling of the Christmas story and drawing her own illustrations to create a Christmas Story book.

Diamond Class: Lottie for creating her amazing poster and fact writing about Samuel Pepys.

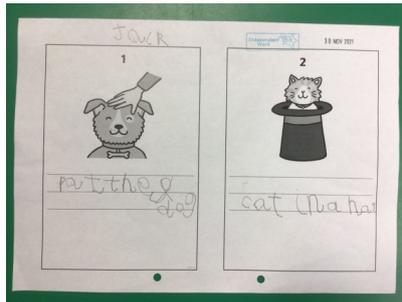
Emerald Class: Darcie for showing excellent effort in all of her learning this week!

Topaz Class: Maia B and Anna T for being excellent reporters in our drama in which we were news reporters at the scene of the fire of London.

Amethyst Class: Jack M for super effort with his home learning of a Great fire of London scene.

Sapphire Class: Alice for super use of conjunctions in her writing this week.

Congratulations to all these children for going above and beyond in their learning.



Poppy Appeal

Just to let you know we raised an amazing £279.93 this year, an increase from £167.00 last year. Many thanks to all those that contributed!



Medical Tracker:

We are introducing Medical Tracker on 13th December this term. This will replace the current 'red paper slip' system which I know that some of you find a bit tiresome. Medical Tracker is an online school software that manages reporting injuries and other medical needs. It is the UK's leading cloud-based system for student and staff health management and has a range of functions such as the ability to manage and record lateral flow tests, illnesses, injuries, medication and medical conditions in a centralised online system with the ability to notify parents/carers and staff. You will now receive an email that notifies you at the time of the incident that has taken place. If the incident is serious we will follow this up with a phone call to check that you have received the text or email. Please contact the office if you would like any further information.

Staffing changes:

Due to Mrs Tanner working part time from January, we are very pleased to share with you the return of Mrs Kendrew who will become the other class teacher on Thursdays and Fridays

from January in Amethyst Class. Mrs Kendrew has, as you may know, worked at our school previously and has been supporting us with extra tutoring this term.

We have sadly had to say good bye to Miss Brown as she has decided to pursue a career in a publishing company for children's books as an illustrator. We are currently recruiting for her role.

There will be a few new faces from January as we have recruited the following Teaching Assistants and Apprentice Teaching Assistants: Mrs Cann and Miss Burfield in Topaz Class, Miss Baxter in Ruby Class, Mrs Clark in Jade Class and Miss Godfrey in Amethyst Class. I am sure that you will join me by welcoming them to our school in January.

Nativity Back Drop

Our EYFS Classes have worked together to create the most beautiful back drop to the nativity that we will be filming next week. I would like to thank all those that took part in creating this beautiful scene.



Vacancies

We are desperate to recruit a Part time Caretaker (shared on our Facebook page and the Vacancies section on the school website). If you know of anyone who might be interested in helping for a couple of hours in the day please share this opportunity with them.

Covid

I know that some parents are planning some trips abroad. Please can I remind you of the latest guidelines due to the identification of the new Covid Omicron Strain:

All travellers arriving into the UK will need to isolate and get a PCR test by 'day two' after arrival. They may end their isolation once they receive a negative result. If the result is positive, they should continue to isolate and follow rules on isolation following a positive test. Unvaccinated arrivals aged over 18 will follow the existing, more onerous, testing and isolation regime. All Red list arrivals will enter quarantine. Also, I would also urge all that are eligible to take part in the Covid vaccination Booster Jab to do so.

Please 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

Lastly, if you would like to speak to me at anytime—please feel free to catch me at the front of the school or call the school office to arrange an appointment.

Have a lovely weekend,
Emily Omell

