

Paulton Junior School Newsletter



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Our Legendary Chair of Governors steps aside

Mr Jim Crouch, who has been our Chair of Governors for over 15 years, has decided to stand down as Chair (but I am delighted to say that he will remain on the board). Jim has been a

wonderfully loyal and dedicated servant to the children of Paulton; he has actually been a member of the governing body for nearly 20 years. During his tenure he has overseen three OUTSTANDING Ofsted Inspections. (There would only be a small handful of Chairs nationwide who could claim that!); he has also been an integral part of the expansion of the school and, as Headteacher, I can say that he has been invaluable in the level of support and guidance that he has given to me. It must also be remembered that he has a family, three children, a full time job and YET he has VOLUNTEERED his own time to make sure that all of the children in Paulton get the best education possible. He is the sort of person who should have been recognised on The Queen's New Year's Honours list - he would certainly get a knighthood from me. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him publically on behalf of the thousands of children, parents and staff that have been part of the school during the last 20 years. His hard work behind the scenes has been quite incredible. His legacy will live on for future generations and because of his commitment to the school we are in a really strong place to continue to give an outstanding education to the children of Paulton. Thank you, **Sir Jim**.

Shakespeare Writing Awards

Twice a year we hand out the coveted Shakespeare awards to either the most improved writer or the best writer. After our BIG WRITE in December which was inspired by a very strange event in school; someone or something had come in and damaged our Christmas tree. From the writing which followed we had to try and choose the winners (which was almost impossible). They are as follows:

Handwriting Awards

Year 3 winner - **Lillian Laver 3S**,
Year 4 winner - **Florence Tugwell 4R**,
Year 5 winner - **Bobby Rawlings 5R**,
Year 6 winner - **Zara Latkovic 6L**.

Writing Awards

Year 3 winner - **Albie Slocombe 3CW**,
Year 4 winner - **Nelly Copsey 4PM**,
Year 5 winner - **Gracie Young 5RG**,
Year 6 winner - **Ben James 6L**.

All the work of our winners and runners-up are available to view in a special book located in the office. Please pop in and take a look at the extremely high standard.

Future Dates for your Diary

See the calendar on the home page of our website for more events happening soon.

Mon 14th Jan. All clubs start this week. Unpaid run x4 weeks. Paid run x5 weeks.

Mon 11th - Fri 15th Feb. Year 6 at Skern Lodge.

Fri 15th Feb. Term 3 ends

Eight Qualify for the National Finals

Thomas Williams, Hannah Dando, Zara Latkovic, Archie Alexander, Marley Baggaley, Serenna Brodrick, Jack Manfield and Stanley Nowell have qualified for the National Biathlon Championships in London in March. All eight of them had to swim (50m) and run (400m) their way through a very tough qualifying group at Bath University. The whole school is proud to know that we have 8 children from our school at a National Final. We look forward to hearing how they get on. Good luck.

Student Honours Board

It was an absolute pleasure to present our top two awards to two very worthy recipients at the end of term. They are both from Y6 and both fully deserving of the recognition.

Ben James - Student of the Term

Grace Rogerson - Spirit of the School

Reminders: 1. **Food Bank Vouchers** are available from the school office. All requests will be treated confidentially. Please come in and enquire.

2. **PE Days** Year 5 PE - 5RG Tuesday and Thursday
5B & 5R Monday and Thursday

Year 4 PE- Friday and Wednesday (swimming)

Year 3 and Year 6 remain the same.

And Finally...

- This term there will be an assembly by Julian house to share the work that they do with the homeless. Pupils may wish to join our 10th Big Bath Sleep-Out. A fundraising event happening on Friday 8th March in Alice Park. Details can be found at www.bigbathsleepout.co.uk/
- Thank you to everyone who attended our Special Christmas Assemblies just before the holiday. The children were incredible; they sang, spoke and performed to an amazing standard. My thanks go to **Mr Smith** (his recreation of Bohemian Rhapsody will go down in Paulton folklore) and to our staff team for all of their hard work to make the shows such a success.
- I extend a warm welcome to **Mr Simon Memory** who was voted in as our new Chair of Governors at our last meeting. More from Simon in our next newsletter.

