



## PAULTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024



#### Our Paulton Junior School 6R Values

RESPECT RESOURCEFUL RESILIENCE REASONING RESPONSIBILITY REFLECTIVE



#### Diary Dates

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Inset Day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Start of Term 3

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Year 6 Camp Skern Lodge

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – End of Term 3

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Inset Day

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Start of Term 4

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Young Voices

#### Deputy Headteacher

We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Langan has been appointed as the permanent Deputy Headteacher of Paulton Junior School. She has been at the school since 2009 as a class teacher, Senior Leader and for the last few years the Acting Deputy Headteacher.

#### Return to work

Miss Russett has returned back to work, after having her maternity leave. She will be working on a Thursday and Friday. On Thursday she will be teaching 4F and Friday PPA cover.

#### Year group Christmas assemblies

All of our children have been busy practising songs to perform in their year group assemblies and it has already been a joy for the Year 3 and Year 4 to share these with so many parents, carers and extended family members. We look forward to being entertained with Year 5 and 6 next week. Thank you all once again for supporting your children as young performers. The enthusiasm our children have for singing has been so prevalent throughout the term and it has been a delight to watch them prepare and perform.



#### Rocksteady Rocks the Stage!

On Tuesday, 10th December, our talented young musicians took to the stage for an unforgettable Rocksteady concert. The energy in the room was electric as each band delivered truly epic performances, showcasing the incredible progress they've made. From powerful drumbeats to sensational singing, it was clear that their hard work and dedication have paid off. A huge thank you to all the parents whose unwavering support has helped our young rockers to thrive. A special shout out goes to band leader Alex, whose passion and guidance continue to inspire and empower our budding musicians. Well done, everyone – you rocked it!



## PTA Events

### Christmas Fair

WOW! What an incredible Christmas Fair. Last Friday both the Infant and Junior School halls were packed out with families supporting the event. There were numerous stalls: Christmas themed games, tombolas, visit Santa, buy gifts and art work, cake stall. **The PTA organised a wonderful event and raised £1342.**

### Christmas Cards

Every child in the school created five printed cards that were beautifully packaged and sold on. We are delighted that the children learnt a creative art printing process and have been able to contribute their own work to raise funds for forest school

### School Discos

The Junior school children had a wonderful time at the after-school discos; for some children it was the first time they had been to a disco. They were able to dance to the DJ sounds, enjoyed having snacks and using their glow sticks. Thanks to the teachers and parent volunteers, this was a great success and the children were very happy with the event. **This event has raised £787.**

### Swimming Challenge

**Caspar Clements** has raised an incredible £745 for the Forest School, by completing his Swimming Challenge. Over 24 days (with only 4 rest days), 18 hours of pool time, 7 intense club training sessions, 12 x 6am swims, 1352 lengths, 33,797 meters, **21 miles.**

Casper has swam the equivalent distance of the English Channel and all with a smile on his face! He has hit his target well before the Christmas deadline

What an achievement at 10 years old. We are super proud of his determination and dedication.

### Open Door Friday

Open Door Friday is an opportunity for all parents/ carers to come into school to look at your child's learning. Once the children come out of school to greet you, please come into the classroom and celebrate and share the work that your child has been doing.





### 'The Very Merry Mile'

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December we all took part in the 'Very Merry Mile' to raise money for our **Forest School renovation work**. The children had a wonderful time completing laps of the track dressed up in Christmas jumpers and tinsel headbands. They completed activities including; the 'elf hoopla', 'chimney hop' and 'puddings and pies', as they've paced around track. There was plenty of festive cheer and smiles throughout the morning.



A huge thank you to our School Council members for preparing activities and making this such a fun festive event and to you all for your support in raising sponsorship money for this event.



Sponsorship money is due in by 20<sup>th</sup> December so there is still time to donate or send sponsorship forms in to school.

### Girls Football Tournament

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November the Paulton Junior School Girl's Football team took part in a tournament at Norton Hill. The team played exceptionally well, won all the games in the group stage, and went straight through to the semi-finals. The semi-final was a close game again St John's which was 1-1 at full time and after extra time so it was down to the penalty shoot-out. The girls stepped up and kept their nerve to secure the win. In the Final, the girls played exceptionally well but unfortunately, they lost to St Vigor and St John's.

### Year 4 and 5 Cross Country

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 11 x year 4 and 5 children took part in a Cross Country event at Downside school. They ran a 1200m course and did amazingly well with many of the children securing a top 10 position including Tega coming away with a bronze medal. Paulton Junior School are very proud of their achievements.

### MSN Schools' Swimming Gala

On Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December we competed at a swimming gala at South Wansdyke swimming pool.

#### THE COMPETITION

There were 9 school swimming teams and 3 heats in each race. First was the girls relay competing were Lillie-Rose, Alice B, Rosie W and Phoebe F. Soon after was the boys relay competing in this were Joe B, Henry C, Charlie C and Casper C

25m freestyle girls- Phoebe F

25m freestyle boys- Joe B

50m freestyle girls- Alice B

50m freestyle boys- Casper C

25m butterfly girls- Phoebe F

25m butterfly boys- Casper C

25m breaststroke girls- Lillie-Rose D

25m breaststroke boys- Henry C

25m backstroke girls- Rosie W

25m backstroke boys- Charlie C

We also did a mixed cannon and medley relays

### **THE RESULTS**

After 14 races and a lot of epic swims from everyone. Overall we came 2<sup>nd</sup> with 92 points 10 points of St Vigar who had 102 points.

By Charlie, Henry and Casper

### **Mobile phones and Smart devices**

This is a reminder to everyone that personal smart devices- mobile phones, fitbit step trackers, watches that have any smart technology are **NOT** allowed in school. Please be mindful when pupils return to school after the Christmas holidays, that such presents / belongings will not be permitted in school. Thank you for supporting our decision and school policy to keep everyone safe.

### **Gift Donation**



This week, Bath Stone Property delivered some art resources to school. This was part of their community initiative '12 Days of Christmas'. The company chose 12 schools within the area to donate a gift. Thankyou from the pupils and staff at PJS.



### **Governor Recruitment**

Paulton Junior School is a maintained school, currently looking for **new governors** from within our local community, to join our Governing Body. Our school governors are volunteers from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience who all share a common interest in striving for the best possible education, for the children in our school.

You may be a parent, a relative, a friend/ neighbour who lives in the community or retired and wants to give back and volunteer. If you have skills in HR, finance, business, teaching, administration or other experience please get in contact to find out about the role and how you can make a positive impact as a governor.

Governors work collaboratively with the school to support the school in achieving the very best. It helps to set out strategic direction and the school development plan. The role also involves monitoring activity as well as preparing and attending some governor meetings. There is training and support to new and existing governors.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a governor of the school please email the Chair of Governors Simon Memory [chair.governor@paultonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:chair.governor@paultonjuniorschool.co.uk) Contact the school 01761 418137 for a recruitment pack.

