

Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first week into the new half term has been one filled with hope. The news that all pupils can return to School on Monday 8th March 2021 has given everyone much to be optimistic about. In School, our staff are busily preparing the classrooms ready for the return of our pupils. We are working on plans to ensure that the return of all our children, in just over one week's time, enables everyone in our School family to feel safe and confident as we enter the next phase of the pandemic. Your contributions as Parents and Carers have been greatly appreciated. Our pupils would not have been able to succeed during the past seven weeks without your help and support. Thank you so much. As we do shift our focus on returning to School, it is perfectly normal to be feeling anxious and concerned about the next stage. Please be reassured that we are working to support your child/ren on their return. If you need to contact us about any queries or worries about your child/ren returning to School, please get in touch. We are here for you. We will be sending out further details about the return to School for all pupils next week. We are able to share with you that, when we return, we will be reintroducing the staggered start and end times to the School day. Some children may be in a different group to last time and we politely request that families keep to their allotted times in order to maintain safe social distancing and movement around School.

Captain Sir Tom Moore Tribute Fundraiser

Thank you for your amazing contributions towards our 'Five Laps for Five Days' in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore. The photos of the pupils completing their laps were fantastic and it was great to see the efforts that had gone into this tribute. We are delighted to announce that we raised an amazing amount of £325.66. The money raised will make a huge difference to the staff and patients at the Children's Wards at James Cook University Hospital. We are certain that Captain Sir Tom's legacy will continue to blossom throughout the time to come.

World Book Day 2021

We love to celebrate World Book Day at St Paulinus. It is a long-standing tradition where we celebrate our love of reading and of books. Please find attached, to this email, the information regarding this year's World Book Day. We must acknowledge that we cannot celebrate it in the usual manner but we can still have a great deal of fun. Each child will receive their World Book Day token upon returning to School during the week beginning Monday 8th March 2021.

School Council Drawing Competition

The School Council members from Year Six met remotely to discuss some exciting plans for a drawing and colouring in competition for the boys and girls in our School. During today's Celebration Assembly, members of the School Council will be launching the competition and details will be shared via your child's Google Classroom later today. It is hoped that the competition will help pupils to prepare and get excited about coming back to School. We would like to thank our School Council for their dedication in being the pupil leaders of our School community.

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PTFA Update

The PTFA would like to share an update with you all:

This term we won't be able to hold the usual Easter Fair but we are planning an Easter raffle! Tickets will be sold online as we did at Christmas. However, at this stage we are looking for prizes...If you're able to donate a prize that would be wonderful.... we are looking for Easter Eggs/wine/vouchers/gifts that would be suitable.... Or if you know of a company that would be willing to participate please send us the details. You can always contact the PTFA through the PTFA Facebook page or by emailing stpaulinusptfa@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support
St Paulinus PTFA

Lent

As we approach the Second Sunday of Lent, may we remind you about some wonderful resources which Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust have put together to help us all journey through this time to prepare for Easter. The weekly family prayer resource can be found by clicking on the link:

https://npcat.org.uk/family-prayer/

This Sunday's Gospel reading is Mark 9:2-10. In this passage, The Transfiguration, the disciples saw Jesus' body radiant with glory and splendour; they received a glimpse of the new creation to be brought about after Jesus rose from the dead. We can look to this reading as a moment of hopefulness for us all. As we enter a new journey on this very turbulent road, knowing that the glory of God has been revealed through Jesus can help to soothe and heal our wounds; both the inner and outer ones. May we finish this week's newsletter with the words from Jeremiah (17:14):

"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed, save me and I shall be saved, for you are the one I praise"

Thank you for your continued support. We hope that the sun continues to shine on us all over the forthcoming weeks and months ahead. Even if it doesn't, we are in this together and we are here for you.

Love and best wishes,

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