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Our St Paul's Vision For Our Children:

Love God, Love Themselves, Love Others, Love Learning.

Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God.

Our school Christian values are:

Love, Joy, Perseverance, Forgiveness, Justice, Hope and Respect.

They permeate through everything we do at St Paul's.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week, everyone! I think we've all forgotten that we've had a holiday!

Disco



Thank you to our wonderful Parent, Teacher and Friends Association for organising yet another super disco last night. The children had so much fun, our DJ, Simon, is

just the best at organising a children's disco and he commented on the excellent behaviour of St Paul's children. Well done to the children, Simon and, once again, a big thank you to our hardworking PTFA whose work is much appreciated.

Remembrance Sunday



On Sunday, some of our pupils who attend St Paul's church will be going to the war memorial to lay a wreath. They will be accompanied by Mr Marsden, Chair of Governors, and Mrs Maguire, Year 6 lead teacher, and of course their parents. I am attending a remembrance event in my home town. Well done in advance to our children and thank you to their parents for taking them.

The importance of reading at home



Well done to the majority of parents who hear children read at home and promote a real love of reading which will be the foundation of most other learning in the children's lives. Sadly, we are noting that some parents do not hear their children read or encourage reading at home, giving various excuses as to why their child has read next to nothing at home over a long period of time. We will compensate as best we can in school, but it is unlikely that those children will achieve as well as they could. Please do ensure that your child reads every single day. If they don't read much, they won't enjoy it because they won't progress well and they will be aware of that. Practice makes progress! If your child is a reluctant reader, talk to the class teacher for advice and make sure that you read to them and enjoy books together.

Toilet Training



Unless a child has profound special needs, in which case they should have an Education & Health Care Plan (EHCP) which provides school with funding for the extra staffing needed, all children should come to school already having been fully toilet trained at home. However, we still have several children who are not toilet trained and are showing no signs of being so. It's parents' job to toilet train children, not the teachers' job. If school staff change children, this involves two staff for safeguarding reasons – one member of staff cannot do intimate care alone. That's two staff who are taken away from teaching children multiple times each day. It's therefore not possible and we have to send for parents to change their child, whether they are wet or soiled. If your child has got profound special needs, one would expect this to have been identified at nursery (getting an EHCP is a long and complicated process) but if that has not happened, parents need to be very honest with school straight away so that the process can start. If you need support with toilet training your child, please contact Mrs Entwistle and attend the next school nurse drop in which happens monthly (3rd December is the next one). What won't work is keeping your child in nappies and not trying to toilet train them. Hopefully those parents of children, who have come to school not toilet trained, are working hard on this at home. Thank you as always to all the parents who send their children in school ready.

No phones in school



We have had a longstanding policy in school to have no phones around children. Some of our Upper Key Stage 2 bring a phone so they can contact parents if there's an issue when they walk home after school, but those phones are dropped off at the school office and stay there all day. No adults, staff, parents or visitors, are allowed to use their phone anywhere where there are children in school. They go in a private office if they need to make an urgent personal call.

Why do we have this policy? Quite simply, it's for safeguarding. Safeguarding children – but also protecting adults. We wouldn't want anyone taking photos of

children or showing them something which a child should not see. We also wouldn't want an innocent adult to be accused of doing such a thing. With our no phones policy, there can be no question that anything of that nature has happened. Everyone is safe.

Therefore, please do not be offended if a member of staff asks you to put your phone away. The policy applies to everyone. We've had a chuckle over the years when we've had to be firm with some very important people like senior education authority staff – but our policy is our policy. Those "important people" have always been very gracious and respectful and they appreciate that this is part of our safeguarding policy. So, again, please don't be offended if you're asked to put your phone away. It's the same rule for all.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 6th November – School disco

Tuesday 11th November – Year 3 Blackpool Zoo trip

Thursday 13th November – Open evening for Reception admissions (4-6pm)

Friday 28th November – Christmas Jumper Day (To bring a prize/unwanted gift for Christmas tombola)

Friday 5th December – Christmas Fair

Thursday 18th December – Carol Service

Christmas Performances

EYFS – Thursday 11th December (PM – time to be confirmed)
Year 1 – Tuesday 9th December (PM – time to be confirmed)
Year 2 – Wednesday 10th December (PM – time to be confirmed)

Christmas Parties

EYFS – Wednesday 17th December (AM)
Year 1 – Wednesday 17th December (PM)
Year 2 – Tuesday 16th December (PM)
Year 3 – Thursday 18th December (AM)
Year 4 – Thursday 18th December (AM)
Year 5 – Friday 19th December (AM)
Year 6 – Tuesday 16th December (AM)

Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Wood

Headteacher

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ST PAUL'S CHURCH NEWS.

For any information regarding St Paul's church and what parents and children can access, please get in touch with Revd Guy on 615888 or guyjamieson@btinternet.com or officelittlemarsden@gmail.com or take a look at the parish website: www.nelsonlittlemarsden.org