



# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

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## Christmas Message from Mr Hulme



Just like that, 2019 comes hurtling to a close and Term 2 is completed at St. Paul's. It has been another action packed term, full of knowledge, learning and laughter.

September seems like a distant memory. It has been a long and busy Autumn Term packed with activities, visitors into school, educational visits outside of school and of course our annual visit to Kingswood. This has all been in addition to the children and staff working extremely hard to cover the curriculum and to ensure our children all fulfil their potential.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, generosity and faith in us to do the very best for your children. They really are wonderful and the opportunity to share their joy of learning is one that we don't take for granted. The whole staff team would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

As the third anniversary of my time at St. Paul's approaches, I look back with pride at what we have achieved together. The school goes from strength to strength with committed staff, engaged parents and excited children. The learning environment is the envy of other local schools and recent results puts us as the top performing school in Swanley during 2018/19. I pray for and wish everyone peace and happiness for all homes and families during this holiday season – may we all be safe and keep healthy.

## PTA Christmas Fair

On Friday, the PTA held their fantastic Christmas Fair at school. There was much excitement and amazing prizes in the raffle and a number of other wonderful stalls for everyone to enjoy. Huge thanks to the PTA for their weeks of hard work and all the parent helpers that supported this.



## Governor Day

On Thursday, seven Governors came into school to see the day-to-day running of what we do and to speak to some children about life at St. Paul's. The children were a credit to themselves and the school. The spoke eloquently and confidently about a range of issues from curriculum, maths and safeguarding. Some feedback from Governors can be seen below:



***'Each and every child spoke so confidently and passionately about their school and their learning; I was incredibly impressed! I particularly loved***

***looking at their books and hearing about the exciting learning they have been doing. You should be very proud of the children at St Paul's, I am indeed proud to be a governor.'***

***'It was so nice having the opportunity to spend time in each of the classrooms and engage with the children. They were full of enthusiasm and excitement about their learning and it was a pleasure to listen to them talk about their work.'***

## Peter Pan Pantomime

On Monday afternoon, the whole school travelled to The Orchard Theatre. This is always a highlight of the Christmas festivities and this year didn't disappoint! Peter Pan was full of excitement, singing, dancing and a massive crocodile that came out into the audience. Tia, Logan and William had the opportunity to go up onto the stage and speak to 'Smee'! Thanks to all adults that attended and to the PTA for contributing to the cost of the coaches.



## Christmas Dinner and Festival of Six Lessons and Carols

Today the children will enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch with all of the trimmings. It's a time for the children to enjoy celebrating the festivities with their St. Paul's friends. The afternoon will be an opportunity for us to celebrate Christmas and what it truly represents at St. Paul's Church, culminating in a festival of Six Lessons and Carols.

## Olympian Jack Green

Back in January 2019, Coach James entered the school into a competition to win a visit from an Olympian and St. Paul's won! On Tuesday last week, Olympian Jack Green spent the morning doing the Daily Mile with Birch and Oak and a Question and Answer session. Jack is a British sprint athlete who specialises in the 400m distance, along with the hurdles and the 4 x 400 m relay. He competed for the Great Britain team at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London and at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. We had a wonderful time with him.



## Events

6.1.2020	First day of Term 3.
9.1.2020	Final New Entrants Open Morning.
10.1.2020	Clarinet Lessons Beech Class
17.1.2020	PTA Movie Night

Value of the Term: Wisdom

'Life in all its fullness' John (10:10)