



# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

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## Anti-Bullying Week

This week, each class has been looking at Anti-Bullying



to coincide with Anti-Bullying week. Anti-Bullying Week is aimed at sending a clear and positive message that bullying is neither acceptable nor inevitable in our schools and communities. For Anti-Bullying Week, it's important to discuss with children what bullying

actually is. This way they can identify it if it happens in class and everyday life, and understand why it is wrong.

Bullying is any deliberate behaviour that is done to hurt or upset someone over an ongoing period of time. As such, it can happen anywhere that there are people, such as schools and places of work. Bullying can be done by an individual or a group of people in many different ways. This includes verbal bullying, whereby someone is hurt through vicious words, name-calling or statements.

In contrast, cyberbullying is one of the most challenging forms to see and prevent. When occurring through the Internet, smartphones and social media, perpetrators can remain anonymous, whilst victims could suffer in silence. Cyber-bullying has no fixed location, but instead could occur anywhere, from school property, to a child's home. In a world where social media and the use of smartphones is ever-increasing, cyberbullying deems particular importance, for the protection and wellbeing of young children.

## Online Safety – Among Us



We understand that a number of children are playing a new game called 'Among Us'. Among Us is one of the most popular games of 2020. A space-themed 'social deduction game' where 4-10 players take on the guise of Crewmates, who must complete various tasks around their spaceship, while randomly selected Imposters must try their hardest to sabotage the others' efforts. The Imposters have to remain undetected through rounds of voting to win. While Among Us is a largely safe game, it's still prudent to be aware of any

potential risks young ones might encounter when playing. There are some risks that parents need to be aware of such as mild violence, inappropriate chat, in-app purchases and a risk of hacking. There is an information sheet available on the school website for anyone looking for further details. We are looking at developing our online safety information for parents/carers, including training and more opportunities for your children to give you the information you need! If you are interested in any training, please do let the school office know!

## PTA Events

Once again, our PTA is going above and beyond to ensure that your children enjoy some normality of Christmas festivities. Between them, Vikki Watts and Tracey McCartney have purchased and wrapped all Secret Gift Day presents and prepared them to be given to the children. In addition to this, they have organised the upcoming Movie Nights for all children. Thank you!

## Spotlight on Governors

*'My name is Becky Parker. I was a parent at St.*



*Paul's when I became a parent governor, before becoming the Local Authority Governor. I work at a local primary school as the Business Manager, where I am also a staff Governor and have a degree in Primary Education. Before I worked in Education, I used to work in Financial Services. I am passionate*

*about education, as I believe children only get one chance at this and we need to give them the best opportunities available, whilst they are in our care. I really enjoy being a Governor and working with such a great team of staff and governors at the school. Outside of work and being a Governor, I have two teenage girls who keep me extremely busy and I love to run!'*

## Ask your child

We know how frustrating it can be when you ask your child what they have done at school today or this week and they reply with 'can't remember' or 'don't know'.



We'd love to hear any responses you get through Twitter, Facebook or Schoolcomms!

<b>Birch</b>	How many tens and ones are in the number 20?
<b>Oak</b>	How do Christian's Celebrate Christmas?
<b>Beech</b>	How do seeds disperse?
<b>Maple</b>	What is free verse poetry?

Value of the Term: Wisdom

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