



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

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Assessment Week

Children across the school have been taking assessment in reading, maths and grammar, punctuation and spelling. As a school, we do these three times a year, so that we can track academic progress. The children have worked so hard and tried their very best for each test. Interim reports will be shared with you before Christmas, which will allow you to see how the children have performed in their assessments, alongside information about what they mean.



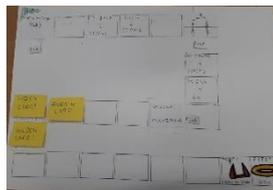
This, as well as the recent parent consultation, should give you a clear idea of how your children have performed, since the start of this academic year!

DT Week

This week, each class has been looking at studying a Design and Technology project, with a focus on Sliders and Leavers. Each class has looked at different mechanisms; Birch have been creating window flaps, Oak have been making levers in cards, Beech have been studying different pop up techniques within the context of Christmas cards and Maple have been thinking about applying different



mechanical techniques in a final product design of their choice. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the creativity of their projects, looking at different products before creating their own.



Please look on our Twitter page, to see some photographs of the children's work from this week!

Online Safety – TikTok

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android, which lets users create, share, and view user created videos in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. Its main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-synching and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it sky-



rocketed in popularity. Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million to 1 billion monthly active users worldwide. We have been made aware that there is a new viral on TikTok called 'Missing Like Megan', this is a very disturbing horror film with a lot of inappropriate content. Common Sense Media recommends users should be 16+, due to the mature content of this app and do not recommend its use for primary aged children.

Spotlight on Governors

'My name is David and I have over 25 years' experience of being a school governor. I have been with St. Paul's as Chair of Governors since 2008, when my eldest daughter Phoebe joined the school. My experience also includes being Chair of Governors at Wilmington Grammar School for Boys and I'm a trustee of the Endeavour Multi Academy Trust. I am fortunate enough to have my own local Chartered Accountancy practice, which gives me the flexibility and the time to serve the school communities. Both of my children attended St. Paul's, which they thoroughly enjoyed. This has driven my desire to ensure that all children attending the school get the best education possible and the skills required to prepare them for the next stage in their education. I thoroughly enjoy working with Mr Hulme, the staff, and other Governors. We have a great team in place!'

COVID-Update

Thank you to those parents that have contacted us with their positive words and praise for how the school has performed during the current pandemic and this week



following a confirmed COVID case. As has always been the case, we are following all Public Health England and Government guidance on school opening, cleaning and operations. Decisions are not made on a whim or without consultation – they are made with the safety of the community at the heart of what we do.

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!



Birch	What is fiction and non-fiction?
Oak	What is a lever?
Beech	What is the difference between a fixed and loose pivot?
Maple	Name a country where a slum is.

Value of the Term: Wisdom

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