

Headteacher's Update – 11.10.24

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the end of another wet and windy week. Thank you to all of you who popped in out of the rain to see you children's work on Monday. I hope you were impressed by what you saw. Please make sure you have booked a parent's evening slot for next Wednesday or Thursday.

Year 2 History Workshop

This week, Year 2 had their Great Fire of London day to celebrate their current history topic. I hear they had a great morning baking buns similar to those that would have been made in the bakery in Pudding Lane and taking part in a hilarious workshop with a special visitor who made learning about the fire active, engaging and fun. They finished their day by starting their new art project where they will be creating a print of the Great Fire of London.



Be Bright be seen 17.10.24

We know that there have been some concerns over the policy for children to wear dark coats to school. Whilst they are smart and fair to all children we do recognise the need to children to be seen on their way to and from school. We highly recommend high-viz jacket or reflective belts which can be worn over the top of their coats and then stowed in their bags during the day, just as our playground pals do.

On Thursday 17th October, children can wear bright adornments to their usual school uniform to promote the safety message of being bright to be seen. This might be high-vis jackets and reflective belts, or bright coloured socks or hair bands (please see the attached letter).

Black History Month/ Wear Red Day 18.10.24

Although we aim to make our curriculum as diverse and inclusive as possible all year round, we still think it is essential for our pupils to learn more about Black history. The theme for Black History Month 2024 is 'Reclaiming Narratives'. Each class will be looking at a person of influence such as Ken Wilson-Max - Author of children's books including 'Astro Girl', Stella Dadzie - British writer, activist and historian and Lord Bill Morris, a British influential leader.

It is also the 10th anniversary of 'Wear Red Day' for Show Racism The Red Card. On Friday 18th October, children can embellish their normal uniform with something red (socks, hair band etc) to show that racism is not welcome in our school.

PTA



Thank you to all those who attended our PTA AGM last night. Our PTA work so hard to raise funds for the school to buy things that enhance your children's learning. Most recently they have bought us some recorders, to be used within our music lessons. As always, any events happening take a lot of planning but most importantly, we need volunteers to promote and help with these events. Therefore, this year we are looking for each class to have a PTA class representative. This person or group of people agree to attend our meetings and then feedback to each class. This will ensure we can have volunteers and messages are communicated to you. If this is something you think you would be able to help with please email: pta@stlouisrcc.bucks.sch.uk.

Cashpot for schools

I know you recently received a letter about this scheme from our PTA Chair; we are really trying to avail of this opportunity. Thank you to all the parents who have signed up so far. If you have not managed to sign up to it yet, can you please before the end of November. We get £1 each time people opt into the scheme. I have added the link for you to check it out:

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>



Football news

Well done to the footballers who competed in our cup game this week against Whitchurch School. The boys played some excellent football and thanks to a hat trick from Noah and a wonder goal from Finley, the team won 4-2 and progressed to the next round. It was a brilliant team performance and Mr Wassell was impressed with the effort level shown by all, especially as we did not have any substitutes available.



School's Mass

Today, Miss Sitkowski and I were very proud to take some representatives from our Liturgy team to a mass in Northampton for all the schools in the Diocese. The children were respectful and prayerful and brilliant ambassadors for the school.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Nursery

We have been beginning to work in our key groups, revisiting our nursery expectations and talking about different types of animals.

You can help at home by: talking with your child about the different animals you see over the weekend.

Reception

We have been learning: how to be a good friend and we celebrated our buddy assembly.

You can help at home by: getting your child to sing 'He's got the whole world in His hands.'

Year 1

We have been learning: about the seasons in the year.

You can help at home by: going for a walk and spotting signs of Autumn.

Year 2

We have been learning: about the connection between addition and subtraction in maths.

You can help at home by: writing addition and subtraction families e.g. $6+5=11$, $11-5=6$, $11-6=5$

Year 3

We have been learning: how to write a non-chronological report.

You can help at home by: asking your child to name some of the features of a non-chronological report.

Year 4

We have been learning: about the continents of the world.

You can help at home by: asking what the seven continents are.

Year 5

We have been learning: about fractions.

You can help at home by: asking your child how to find a fraction of a number e.g. $\frac{5}{8}$ of 272kg.

Year 6

We have been learning: how to multiply and divide decimal numbers by 10, 100 and 1000.

You can help at home by: asking your child to show you how it's done.