St Hilda's
Church of England Primary School
Trafford

Autumn 2 2023

Message from the Principal

Dear families and community,

The end of the Autumn term is here. All the staff and children have worked exceptionally hard over the past few months and are all looking forward to the festive season and the beginning of a New Year and all that 2024 will bring.

Remembrance Day was acknowledged in school with a minute's silence to remember all those lost in conflict.

The children took part in the annual Children in need, with lots of fun activities and helped to raise £184.48 for this charity.

Y4 went to a concert at Bridgewater Hall to enjoy and gain a further appreciation of music.

A huge thank you to all who supported our school Christmas Disco.

Darker nights can mean more 'online' time for some children, please make sure to look on our website for Parent Advice on safeguarding your children on platforms such as TikTok, Roblox, Snapchat and more Safeguarding - St Hilda's CE Primary School (sthildasprimary.co.uk)

Enjoy the holidays and we will look forwards to welcoming you back on **Thursday 4th January 2024**

Wishing you health and happiness for 2024.

Attendance

Attendance is very important at St Hilda's. We are aiming for at least 96% attendance as a school.

Just a reminder that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they should stay off for **48 hours**. If your child cannot attend school, please call the office, and inform them of the reason.

Pupils will receive attendance certificates for good attendance each half-term.



Car Parking

We ask that you **do not park** on the road in front of school as it makes accessibility very difficult for residents that live on this road. If you park on Rye Bank Road, please **do not** park in front of driveways as this causes problems for residents. Please also **avoid** leaving your engine idling for long periods of time as this can create dangerous fumes for the environment. St Hilda's appreciate your support in keeping our children safe on the road.

It is so important to be an excellent role model for our pupils at all times! We are asking you to support us on this when accessing our playground. Look at the ground rules below:

- **No dogs on the playground**
- **Dismount on the playground**
- **No littering in or around our school**

At St. Hildas we are always conscious of the safety of pupils. Safeguarding is part of keeping children safe and is everyone's responsibility. If you would like to discuss any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of the children you can contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads Miss Plant, Ms Beaumont and Mrs Thomas.

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E-Safety Message from Mr. James:

It is important to remind ourselves and our children to stay safe online. As always, we advise parents and carers to make use of parental controls on your devices. In particular, some social media sites such as TikTok are often unregulated and easy for malicious posts to bypass. Have a wonderful break and stay safe in both the real and virtual worlds!

Please make yourself familiar with the safeguarding section of our website- Safeguarding - St Hilda's CE Primary School (sthildasprimary.co.uk)

If your child uses Tik Tok please click here and if they use Roblox please click here.

NSPCC - https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

NSPCC - Social Media safety https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/

At St Hilda's the children have been using PurpleMash to learn Computing, one of the many brilliant things about PurpleMash is that it can be accessed at home! The children are free to log on anytime and explore the website.

There are opportunities for coding, spreadsheets, animation, art and so much more!

Either find PurpleMash via Google or type in www.purplemash.com/sch/sthildasm16

Mr James - Computing Lead

What have we been up to this term?





Proactive sports came into school to do some taster sessions for our students ahead of their after-school club, next term. The children took part in activities such as glow in the dark dodgeball and archery and all the children had an amazing time.

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The school has also had many visitors in to help us celebrate this special time of year. The Bishop of Manchester came into assembly and conveyed to the children the meaning of the Christmas story. Pastor Chirella explained non-material things are just as important, love, kindness, sharing, compassion and understanding. The Christingle event was well received by all those who attended, again thank you to the choir for



KS1 had a visit from The Littlest Elf who came to update the children on what is happening in Santas workshop this year and how busy all the elves were making and sorting Christmas presents.

Halo, from our weeklong introduction to the Spanish language and culture. The children in Nursery and Year 4 have looked at the artist Gaudi and his expressive art through collage work, making and designing their own pictures. Year 1 read The Hungry Caterpillar in Spanish and created some lovely pictures of their interpretation of this story. Reception class made Flamenco fans watched flamenco dancing and learnt the 'Halo'song.

Year 2 looked at the artist and sculptor Picasso, taking inspiration from his work created colourful and bold pictures. Year 3 investigated the various animals associated with Spain and learnt about the annual La Tomatina fight which takes place every year. Year 5/6 looked at the many countries in the world which have Spanish influences, Chile, Panama, Mexico. The children have studied the populations, foods, flags of these countries and their tourism industry, beaches, climate and attractions. Parents were invited into school to sample some of the produce of Spain, olives, tomatoes, tortilla as well as admire the children's written and creative works.









Y4 this term has attended the Multi Sports festival at Stretford Leisure centre alongside other schools. Enjoyed by all

The Library Leaders went to Stretford Library.



Olaf paid a surprise visit to the children who were overjoyed to see him. Mr James and Olaf







The nursery had a lovely walk to the local post box to send home letters they wrote.





Christmas Crafteroon, making snowmen.



Christmas Angels



Principals for the day assembly.

Principal's message from Miss Otto and Miss Belkhair,

The children are tired after a term of excitement; we had many visitors come in, leading worship and show us their amazing talents – we even got to enjoy hearing one of our school mum's singing!
This term, Year 5/6 have been swimming and enjoyed learning new tricks in the water. They have also had the chance to show off their creativity in making Christmas cards for their friends. In year 4 they have been having fun making and designing their lovely instruments and are often heard singing and having fun in the classroom with Miss Shaw. Year 3 have been getting 'arty' and have used oil pastels to design lovely portraits of flowers, whilst in DT they designed and made marble runs and tested them with reception (they loved it). Key Stage 1 and Reception blew all our socks off in their school nativities. The older children loved seeing them on stage having so much fun. Nursery are always cute and make sure to show us around whenever we go in there for a visit.
Merry Christmas from the Young Principals,

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Although I have been shunned to one side by the new Principals for the Day Award winner…I still wanted to nudge in a small message of thanks and well wishes over the winter period.
Thank you all for being supportive of our school in all parts of school and our wider community life. Our parent sharing events have all been well attended and supported. We didn't even have enough chairs for the parents who came to see the nativities! Christingle was once again a wonderful occasion, connecting our school and church with our walking service. The after-school clubs and activities that have been running this term have been well attended and we will continue to ask the pupils what they would like on offer at our school.
Not usually a newsletter notice, but we are pleased to announce that some of our school toilets have been undergoing a facelift, more are currently under construction. We are excited for the grand opening of these in 2024! (photo below)
As the nights draw darker and the excitement continues to grow, enjoy every minute with these wonderful little people we are proud to call the pupils of St Hilda's. As always, during these times pupils could spend more time online - we have links to online parent support on our website to keep you up to date with the latest 'fads'.
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2024,
Helen Plant
(The original Principal)



After School Clubs

Awesome Arts Club Will be returning after the half term for those children who are already enrolled. Starting 10th January 2024.
https://awesomeartsclub.co.uk/make-a-booking/

Steel Pans will be returning after the half term, every **Monday between 3:30 and 4:30pm**, please ensure if you wish to continue that you enrol on Arbor for **Spring 1 Steel Pans**

Progressive Sports Clubs will be starting after the half term:

Years 1 and 2 will be doing **Football, 3:15-4:15pm on Tuesdays.**

Years 3 and 4 will be doing **Battlefield Archery, 3:15-4:15pm on Wednesday.**

Years 5 and 6 will be doing **Basketball, 3:15- 4:15pm on Thursdays.**

Art Club will be starting for reception and KS1, **3:15-4:15pm on Wednesdays**

Spring Choir will be starting for years 2-6, **3:15-4:15pm on Wednesdays.**

Friends and Family Activities

Every Friday afternoon 2:15pm - 3:15pm we host our **Friends of St Hilda's Coffee Afternoon**. It's a great way to meet other parents/carers, promote a dialogue between parents and school and join in school activities, or just join us for a brew and biscuits! Preschool children are welcome, we have a selection of toys, milk or squash and fruit all provided by school. In previous years we have prepared the courtyard for gardening activities, created backdrops for the KS1 Nativity and planned both the School Disco and the Family Movie Night and the summer fair.
Even if you can't come in person, please follow us on Facebook where you can learn more about what we do.
Friends of St Hilda's Vantage | Stretford | Facebook

Gorse Hill Studios will be hosting Winter Culture Club events from children aged 5 – 16 years of age.

Please contact hello@gorsehillstudios.co.uk to register your interest. **From 3rd – 5th January 2024.**

We look forward to seeing you!

Follow us on social media:

St Hilda's CE Primary School - Vantage Academies | Stretford | Facebook

(1) St.Hilda's Primary (@school_sthildas) / Twitter

www.sthildasprimary.co.uk We have lots of support on there for families with information on wellbeing, support services in the area and an internet safety section.

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Support for families
We understand that times are difficult at the moment, so we have found some information that may be helpful for you.

https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk Provides an update on support available for energy bills, childcare costs, transport costs, discounts, etc

https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/deb t-and-money/get-help-with-the-cost-of-living/ - Outlines what support is available nationally.
https://Britishgasenergytrust.org.uk / independent fuel debt advice- British gas energy Trust.

Manchester City Council:

Cut your costs | Cut your costs | Manchester City Council

Debt advice | Debt advice | Manchester City Council

Help with energy bills | Help with energy bills | Manchester City Council

Trafford Council:

Support with money matters | Trafford Director y

Trafford Assis t

https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/news/articles/2022/20221012-Cost-of-living-support-package-unveiled-in-Trafford.aspx

Supporting your financial wellbeing

Introducing - The Academy of Money. The Open University (OU) has joined forces with MoneySavingExpert (MSE) to produce this new free course to give you the skills and knowledge to master your finances. The course was written by the OU, with MSE providing support and guidance.

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School Direct Teacher Training

Teach North West

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Our Teach North West School Direct course is expanding into Merseyside and East Manchester and we are currently recruiting trainees to begin their teacher training journey from September 2021

Do you know an outstanding candidate looking to begin teacher training?

At Teach North West, training is delivered in school from the very first day.

If you find that you learn best 'on the job' and would prefer to do all of your training and practice at a local school, then our highly nurturing and trainee-focused School Direct course could be the best route for you.






Here's what some of our past trainees have to say about the course:

"The course is a fantastic opportunity to work with talented teachers and see how a classroom works from start to finish. I felt really supported throughout the training and was totally prepared to have my own class in September. I love my job as a Year 2 teacher and I wouldn't have completed my teacher training any other way." Trainee 2018, now employed within a Vantage school

"The School Direct route gave me first-hand experience in the classroom. From the start, I was able to work alongside experienced teachers that offered exceptional support and advice. Teach Bolton fully equipped me with the knowledge and skills I needed in order to progress with my career." Trainee 2020, now employed within an Alliance school.

You can take a look at our website here: www.teachnorthwest.co.uk

Or, to find out more about beginning your teaching journey, contact Christina on 07739364322 or email christina@teachnorthwest.co.uk

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