



# St Paul's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

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## **Message from the Headteacher**

The spring term has passed so quickly this year and Easter seems very close. The children in Year 3 are practising for their Easter performance in church at 10am on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. I hope that you are able to join us for this special service. A glance at the website will show you the many different events trips and activities that have happened over this term. It has been a very successful term and I wish you all a safe and relaxing break when the holidays start.

## **Staffing Updates**

After more than 29 years of service to the school Mrs Karen Smith is retiring at Easter. Mrs Smith has held a number of roles in the school, most recently school cleaner. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her years of service and wish her well in her retirement.

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Lonsdale is expecting her second child and will be taking her maternity leave at the end of the school year. We are currently recruiting a teacher for Miss James' class when she leaves us at Easter to have her baby.

This term we have welcomed a number of new staff on to the team. Mrs Manjit Sekhon has joined the kitchen team, Ms Rasha Rafat, Miss Sharon Kelly and Mrs Savita Singh have joined us as a School Midday meal supervisors, Mrs Ranjit Pooney has joined the aftercare team, Ms Andreia Neves Gomes and Ms Monika Barcik have joined the Dining Hall assistant team. Miss Wellington and Miss Reeves have joined the breakfast club team. Mrs Judy Jennings has joined the cleaning team. Ms Sam McDougal has joined the teaching team in Reception and Mr Alex Borbely has joined to support English language teaching for pupils whose first language is not English.

## **Staffing vacancies**

We shall be advertising for staff on the Hounslow website later this month. We are looking for a cleaner.

## **Tami Akeju**

It was wonderful to welcome Tami back to school after the February half term. I know that so many of you have had Tami and his family in your prayers. I know that we are all delighted to have him back in school. Please continue to pray for his continued recovery.

## **New School Governors**

At our last governing body meeting earlier in the month, we welcomed two new governors: Miss Laura Elliot (parent governor) and Ms Carmen Parfenie (Local Authority Governor).

## **Holiday Club Consultation**

Thank you to everyone who returned the recent holiday club consultation form. As you may know Tinies, a local provider of childcare, operate a holiday club out of the school for the children of Glaxo employees. I have been asked a club for our own children. The details of the consultation are set out below:

Mar-16	<b>Easter</b>		<b>Summer</b>	
Year Group	Weekly usage	Daily Usage	Weekly usage	Daily Usage
N				
R	1		1	
Y1	3	1	4	2
Y2		1		1
Y3	3		3	
Y4	1	1	1	2
Y5	1	1	1	1
Y6		1		1
Total	9	5	10	7

I have sent the outcomes of the consultation to Tinies. At present, there doesn't appear to be sufficient demand to make a holiday club viable in the school.

### **Parents' Evenings**

It was great to see so many of you at parents' evenings earlier this month. We are currently processing the results of the parent survey and will share them with you all once they are completed.

### **Supervision in St Paul's Park**

As the weather improves the urge to visit the park will increase. Can I ask that all parents ensure that there is adequate supervision of their child in the park. There have been a few issues in the last few months involving children who are unsupervised at the end of the day. Obviously the park is a public space and there is no supervision available.

### **Parking at Pick up and Drop off**

I sent an email last week to all families regarding parking in Albany Road and around the Berkeley Court flats. With the road closure in place, Albany Road is not a safe place to turn at drop off and pick up. I would appreciate it if you could avoid using Albany Road for drop off or pick up.

### **Sports Relief**

This Friday we shall be raising money for Sports Relief and walking a mile or half mile in the park. Children may wear their sports clothes for the day and put a pound in the bucket on their arrival at school.

### **Parents' Prayer Group**

The parents' prayer group meet each Monday after drop off on the Alexandra House site. The group meets and prays for the school, its pupils and families. The group is small and friendly. All parents are welcome to join either for a one-off or as a regular member of the group. Do look out for Mrs Benson, Mother of Joshua (Y2) and Noah (Y6) after morning drop off at the

Alexandra House site. If you would like to be included in the groups prayers, please let Mrs Benson know.

### **World Book Day 2016**

The World Book day celebrations were some of the best yet. The costumes were of a very high standard and both staff and children seemed to enjoy the day. Pictures of the event can be found on the school website. I would like to thank to the PFA, who agreed to fund a selection of books for each class, which were then hidden around the school. The children really enjoyed the book hunt on the day, with older children pairing up with younger children to complete the hunt.

### **School Term Dates – 2016-17**

I have attached a copy of the agreed term dates for 2016-17. These dates are also available on the school website. Please note the INSET days, which may be slightly different from other schools locally.

### **School Sports and PE**

I know that many of you have commented on the increase in sports and PE provision over the last few years. Miss James, working closely with Clare King from Sports Impact, has worked really hard to drive this increase in provision.

Miss James has sent me a number of updates on sports and PE for this newsletter:

#### **Kit Sponsorship**

We are keen to purchase a St Paul's Primary sports kit for the pupils to wear when they represent the school at local and regional fixtures. We are offering anyone who would like to sponsor the kit a chance to have their company logo on the front of the new kit and a chance to support and promote active, healthy lifestyles in our pupils. If you are interested or know a local business who may be please contact the school office.

#### **Success of the after school clubs**

Football club is at maximum capacity and running into its second term for years 1,2,3 and 4. Dance club is also at capacity and running into a second term. Pupils are getting into the groove and preparing for an upcoming dance competition. We are launching a Cricket club this half term with opportunities to train in the club, compete for the school and visit Lords. Year 2 Change for Life Club is taking place during lunchtimes. The club is run by Year 5 and 6 Sports Leaders with the aim of promoting healthy eating and active lifestyles.

#### **Upcoming events**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March Primary Dance Festival- 4-7pm Venue to be confirmed.  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 3v3 Basketball (Years 5&6)- Lampton School 1-4pm  
Day of Sport 14<sup>th</sup> June- Visit from Olympic Para Olympian- Ian Rose

#### **Sports Council**

A few of the Sports Leaders have received specific training to enable them to become Change for Life Champions and Sports Ambassadors. Their roles involve spreading the healthy, active lifestyle messages across the school, updating the sports noticeboards, and running the Change for Life Clubs. The sports council is also keen to listen to the pupil voice to ensure there are opportunities for everyone to be active.

## **Boot Bank**

If you have any old football boots, shin pads and goalkeeper gloves we would welcome any donations to the school.

## **School News, Diary and Information**

Much of the news and information about the school is published on our website. If you have not seen it, or looked at it recently, please do spend a moment browsing through it. The address is: [www.stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk](http://www.stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk)

## **Coming Up...**

### **Diary dates:**

#### March 2016

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	4:00 – 6:30 - Parents' evening (by appointment)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 SPS - Prospective parent tour of school
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 1 visit to Kew Gardens
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 visit to Brentford School for Girls – Buggy Malone performance
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 - Year 3 Easter Service in church (all welcome)
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5/6 Basketball team competition
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 – Early closure to pupils

#### April 2016

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Playground based cycle training (letter with details to follow)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 SPS - Prospective parent tour of school

#### May 2016

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photographs
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Elections – Nursery Closed
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Assessment Week
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Mixed Kwik Cricket competition
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3&4 visit to Odd's Farm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Choir at Cambridge Theatre – Matilda
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tri-golf competition
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Walk to school and punctuality week
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Be Wise on Wheels day
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Sports competition
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 – Year 4 Christian Figure service in church (all welcome)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	– HALF TERM

## **Community Noticeboard**

*On occasion we are informed of events and activities planned in the area, which may be of interest to our families. We do not endorse any of the notices below nor can we guarantee the quality of them.*

### **London Marathon – Fundraiser**

Hi, I am Alison, Naomi's mum in reception RV. I'm attempting to run the London Marathon in April, despite never having run more than for a bus before in my life. It is madness... But for a very good cause: a charity called The Choir With No Name, who run choirs for the homeless

and people on the fringes. Choirs provide places where they can belong, have a shares meal, grow in confidence, make friends and of course have a good sing!

I'm having a curry night to raise some funds for the marathon on Thursday 14th April at Samis Spice at 7.30pm. Cost is £15 which includes curry, naan, rice, poppadums and a £5 donation to the cause. It should be a great night out!

If you'd like to come please let me know, [amdraper@gmail.com](mailto:amdraper@gmail.com) by 11th April.

More information about the charity is on my fundraising page:

[UK.virginmoneygiving.com/Alisontsang](http://UK.virginmoneygiving.com/Alisontsang)

Thank you!

### **Friday Fun**

Friday Fun is a stories and rhyme time session on a Friday for preschoolers, to ensure there are free places for parents and carers to meet locally. Details of Friday Fun are attached to this newsletter.