



St Paul's CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Thursday 21st December 2017

Message from the Headteacher

The school term draws to a close on Friday and the pre-Christmas celebrations are well under way. It was lovely to hear the choir singing at church last Thursday. This has been their busiest Christmas with bookings at the Stroke club, Morrisons, Lambert Lodge and before the school at church. It was encouraging to see so many pupils in the choir. My thanks go to Mrs Little and Mrs Lonsdale who run the club throughout the year.

The year has been a busy one with successful outcomes from both our OFSTED and SIAMS inspections in 2017 and many exciting curriculum events and activities. Despite challenges with recruitment and in the school budget we have had a very successful year. The PFA have held a number of excellent events, most recently the Christmas Disco.

I hope that whatever you are doing this Christmas and New Year, you and your family have a safe and restful time together. 2018 looks set to be another busy year with much still ahead of her.

Staffing Updates

At the end of this term, Miss Chen, who has been teaching class 3C will leave us. Miss Mayor, who has been working with class 3L during the autumn term will teach 3C from January. Mrs McLellan, one of our year 5 teachers will also be leaving at the end of this term. She and her husband are moving to Nigeria to take up a new role there in the New Year. I would like to thank these members of staff for their work at the school and wish them well as they move on.

Earlier this half term we welcomed Mr Giannantoni to the school. He joins Mr Riley on the premises team, working in the afternoons. Miss James, one of our teachers, will return from her maternity leave in the Spring term.

Many of you will remember Mrs Beverley Hellyer, our caretaker for many years. Sadly she fell ill in May 2015 and was unable to return to work. At the end of last month she officially retired. I know that many generations of the school's community would like to join me in thanking her for her work over the years. We hope to invite her back in to school in the new year.

Staffing vacancies

We have a couple of TA roles and an SMSA role that we shall shortly be advertising for. Our advertisements will go up on the Hounslow jobs site:

https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20003/jobs_careers_and_adult_learning

Please do pass on the details to anyone who may be interested.

Curriculum Enrichment Day – Thursday 18th January 2018

Following the success of last year's curriculum enrichment day, we shall be repeating it again this year on Thursday 18th January. Most classes who last year met the animals will participate in the circus skills workshop and those who took part in the circus workshop will meet the animals.

We shall have a themed mufti-day, with contributions on the gate to the school's fund. We shall have an extra special lunch, chosen by the pupils, that will be offered to all packed lunch children to purchase – do look out for the letters in the new year.

St Paul's Week Service – Thursday 25th January 2018

Our annual St Paul's week events will take place in the week beginning 22nd January, shortly after our return to school. Year 2 will be leading our special service to which all families and friends are invited on Thursday 25th January at 10 am in the church.

Drop off and Collection Arrangements

Over the last few months we have become aware of increasing difficulties with cars at drop off and pick up. I know that we all want to ensure the safety of all the pupils and families at the school and good relations with our neighbours. There is plenty of parking available in the Morrisons car park and within the CPZ on Latewood Road. The CPZ is not operational during drop off and collection times, so parents can leave their cars safely in these areas to walk their children up to the school gates. The closure at the end of Albany Road makes using the road very dangerous, as any vehicle needs to turn in order to leave the road. With infant and pre-school children at the gate, any turn at the end of the road is very dangerous. I would ask all families not to bring their cars down Albany Road for that reason. Similarly I would be grateful if parents didn't drop their children from the car at the gates to the St Site, but instead parked their cars and walked the children the final part to the gate. This is the best way to keep all children and families safe as well as keeping a safe flow of traffic around the gates at these busy times of the day. If you currently use Albany Road or drop at the gates, please consider my request as a New Years' resolution!

We also have some crowding by the Year 1 gate at collection time. Sadly the positioning of the playground gate means that we have to keep a clearway between the gate and the classroom for older children and families to pass through. If you are a Year 1 parent and arrive once the gate has opened and families have started to wait in line with the gate, please go around and wait behind them for release. If you wish to speak with one of the Year 1 staff, please wait until all the children have been collected, so that the staff can dismiss smoothly and promptly.

I appreciate that drop off and collection times can sometimes be quite fraught, but together we can make them as smooth as possible.

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

Coming Up...

Diary dates:

January 2018

Monday 8 th	RETURN TO SCHOOL
Friday 12 th	Prospective parent tour of school
Thursday 18 th	Curriculum Enrichment Day
Monday 22 nd	ST PAULS'S WEEK
Thursday 25 th	10:00 St Paul's Day service – Year 2 – all welcome

February 2018

Thursday 1 st	9:10 Parents' Internet Safety Workshop – SPS Hall
Friday 2 nd	9:30 Prospective Parents' tour of the school
Tuesday 6 th	Internet Safety day
Thursday 8 th	END OF HALF TERM
Friday 9 th	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Monday 19 th	Pupils return to school

March 2018

Thursday 1 st	World Book day
Friday 2 nd	Prospective parent tour of school

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.

Indoor Tennis Coaching – January 2018

Sports Hive are pleased to announce that they will be offering INDOOR Winter Tennis on Saturday mornings from the 6th January 2018 at Actonians Sports Club.

All ages and abilities for 3 – 8 years old.

For more information, please see the attached flier.