



St Paul's CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

The first half of the summer term has flown by. The children are all coming to the end of their current year groups and preparing with their teachers for the move to a new year group in September. This half term has seen many curriculum activities, class trips and sports competitions and I am sure that both the pupils and staff are ready for the half term break.

Alexandra House – building works

The building works at Alexandra House are reaching a final phase. The project is being completed on a phased basis. The first phase of works, on the northern end of the building is due to complete at the end of June. The second phase of the building, to the southern end will complete in July. The project will end with the redevelopment of the external areas. The building team should complete the project 4 weeks behind the original schedule set last autumn. Given the size and complexity of the refurbishment the delay, which came about at the start of the project with the preparatory works, is not too great and I am pleased that the rest of the works have remained on deadline.

Alexandra House – Arrangements for September 2015

We are currently devising the arrangements for class allocations and daily routines across both sites for next September. Next half term we will share the plans with you all.

Road Closure Consultation

Earlier this week the Local Authority opened a consultation on proposals to create a road closure on Albany Road. In effect this would create a route between the St Paul's site and the Alexandra House site without a road crossing. For local residents it should also reduce traffic flows on Albany Road and make the gate to the St Paul's play area in the park much safer. I have attached the consultation letter and plan to this newsletter.

Please do send a response to the local authority as it will help to build a case for introducing this closure. The more responses the authority get, the more likely the scheme will go ahead.

Day of Sport – June 16th

On Tuesday 16th June we shall be holding our second 'Day of Sport'. Children will come to school in their PE kits on 16th. The purpose of the day is to promote healthy living and active lifestyles. The children will take part in a range of sports and physical activities over the day, including making fruit smoothies on a 'smoothie bike'. Last year's event was great fun and I am sure that this year will be even better. Details of how to follow up with these activities and to join local clubs will be shared on the day.

Our traditional sports days will be held later in the term as usual.

Parentpay

Parentpay is now operational. I am very grateful to you all for working with us on the introduction of this electronic payment system and I hope that you are finding it easy to use. The school's office team are happy to resolve any problems or to give mini-tutorials for anybody having difficulty with the system. Please drop in to the office if you are finding the system difficult to use.

Gardening Competition

Our gardening competition started at the beginning of this half term. Throughout the schools window ledges and sun spots have been filled with seed trays. Some classes have even managed to start planting their gardens in the main playground. Do have a look at them over the next few weeks as they begin to flourish and flower.

Reception Transition

It has been great to see the Reception classes coming in to the playground unaccompanied in the mornings. Thank you all for your support in this. We shall be holding a transition meeting for parents of children currently in Reception on Thursday 25th June at 3:45 in school. During the meeting we shall outline some of the differences between Reception class and Year 1 and share ways of helping your child to manage the transition effectively.

Staffing

Mrs McConnell should be setting up home in France as I write. We are delighted to welcome Miss Milne to the school for the rest of this term. Miss Milne is teaching Mrs McConnell's lessons across the school.

Mrs McGovern our Special Educational Needs Coordinator will be taking up a new role as part of the senior leadership team at a school in Hammersmith and Fulham in September. She has been with us for ten years and has made an outstanding contribution to the school. The new role is a great opportunity for her to further her career and we all wish her well. She will be much missed by us all and we are currently seeking to recruit a new SENCO for next year.

Holiday Club

Earlier this term we launched a consultation on a potential holiday club. The outcomes of the consultation are listed below. Under the present club structure it may not be viable for Tinies to run the club, although they are exploring different configurations. We may also explore other providers to see if we can set up a club on lower numbers. I will update you further when we have more information.

	Easter		Summer	
Year Group	Weekly usage	Daily Usage	Weekly usage	Daily Usage
N				
R	5	2	7	5
Y1	2	1	2	3
Y2	5	2	6	2
Y3	2	1	3	2
Y4	1	2	2	2
Y5		1		3
Y6	1		1	
Total	16	9	21	17

Seaside Visit – St Paul’s at Littlehampton

The seaside trip to Littlehampton is selling our fast with almost 100 people signed up to go. If you are keen to go and have not yet signed up, please let the office know as soon as possible. The original details of the trip are below.

We have organised a day trip to the seaside (Littlehampton) for the families and friends of St Paul’s School on Saturday 20th June 2015. The aim of the trip is to have a day of seaside fun together. We will travel by coach leaving from and returning to the school. The governors have agreed to contribute to the visit, meaning that tickets can be £12 per passenger.

The trip is for families and friends of the school. All children must travel with their family and will be the responsibility of their family. Spaces are limited.

Further information for those attending this trip will be circulated next half term.

Walk to School Week/Punctuality

This week we have had our Walk to School and Punctuality Week. It is lovely to see so many families at the gates as they open. The cumulative punctuality totals for the end of this week are below:

Rec S	Rec W	Year 1	Class 2J	Class 2L	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
78%	83%	90%	88%	95%	95%	97%	94%	86%

Well done Year 4! The certificates will be distributed for this week after the holiday.

Be Wise on Wheels Day

Today we had our first ‘Be Wise on Wheels day’. The children have been making advertisements for their bikes and scooters promoting the health and environmental benefits of riding to school. We had over 160 bikes and scooters in school today. Thanks for your support.

Key Stage 2 SATs

Year 6 sat the national assessments a few weeks ago. The papers have been sent off for marking and we shall have the results ready for the end of year reports. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard over the year. I am sure that they all gave their best efforts to these assessments.

Next academic year the assessment framework will change. More details of the 2016 assessments will be shared in the autumn term.

Coming Up...

The school’s calendar is regularly updated on the school website

June 2015

Monday 1 st	Return to school
Monday 1 st	Year 5 & 6 at Kew Gardens
Tuesday 2 nd	Reception hearing tests in school
Tuesday 2 nd	Years 5 & 6 – Girls’ Cricket – group from school to attend

Tuesday 9 th	Years 5 & 6 – Quadkids competition – group from the school to attend
Wednesday 10 th	Year 6 – Basketball competition – group from the school to attend
Friday 12 th	Year 5 project day with Brentford School for Girls
Monday 15th	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 16 th	Sports Activity Day
Friday 19 th	Year 5 at Acton High School for workshop
Friday 19 th	3:30pm PFA Summer Picnic
Monday 22 nd	Years 5 & 6 Tri-golf competition – group from school to attend
Tuesday 23 rd	Nursery & Reception class at Marwell Zoo
Wednesday 24 th	Years 3 & 4 Tennis Festival – group from the school to attend
Thursday 25 th	3:45 Year 1 transition meeting for Reception class parents
Friday 26 th	TFL in school for workshop with Year 6
Monday 29 th	Junior Sports Morning – weather permitting
Tuesday 30 th	Infant Sports Morning – weather permitting PM – Years 3 & 4 – Quadkids competition – group from the school to attend

July 2015

Thursday 2 nd	Year 5 Technology Day at Chiswick School
Wednesday 8 th	Year 5 at Brentford Football Club – event 27 workshop
Wednesday 8 th	Whole school Circus day - TBC
Friday 10 th	2pm Recorder concert (Year 4/5 families and friends) 3:45pm PFA Summer Party – venue tbc
Monday 13 th	5-7pm Parents' celebration evening – no appointments needed
Friday 17 th	2:30pm – Year 6 Leavers Service & Barbecue (Y6 families and friends)
Monday 20 th	Final day of school year– EARLY CLOSURE 1:30pm

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.

Supercamps – Holiday playscheme – PDF flier attached to the email with this newsletter.