



St Paul's CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

This term has really got off to a flying start. The Christmas break seems so long ago already. There is much news to tell, so please read on to find out more.

St Paul's Week

Last week we marked the life and work of St Paul, the patronal saint for our school. Each class took a different approach to the life of St Paul with Year 2 leading the school service on Friday. The Year 2 classes helped to explain how Paul's transformation had been a pivotal moment in the growth of the early Christian church. Year 4 went to St Paul's Cathedral and met St Paul! There is more about our celebrations on display around the school and on the school's website in the news section.

500 Words

Yesterday the children in Key Stages 1 and 2 participated in the BBC Radio 2 500 Word story writing competition. The day was spent discussing, planning and writing short stories. There is more about this event on the school's website.

School Meals

At the beginning of the month we were finally in a position to introduce true family service. Since then the meals have been placed in serving dishes on each table for children to help themselves. I know that on some occasions since September some children have wanted more to eat. Family service enables the children to regulate their own portions. Clearly there is a balance to be struck between eating enough and eating more than is healthy. The catering team work to ensure that children are able to have a little more if they want it. Please do continue to feedback to us as the meals service continues to evolve.

Alexandra House

As many of you will have seen the contractors (Ash) at Alexandra House have really got to work on the renovations. The first priority in the project is to remove materials that were left in the building and to locate and map the services and any asbestos. A considerable amount of asbestos has been discovered and is being removed or encased by a specialist contractor. This work needs to be completed before the internal remodeling and construction work can be started. Whilst the internal areas are being cleared of asbestos, the external work is being brought forward.

New School Website

If you haven't yet seen our new website, do please visit it at: www.stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk. There is a lot of background information about the school as well as diary dates and news and pictures of recent events in school.

Parents' Prayer Group

The Parents' Prayer group meets in the church every Tuesday after drop-off. In December, the school choir joined the group to share and enjoy Christmas songs and carols and to consider the relevance of advent and Christmas. Last week, year 3 joined the group to consider what they might want to say to St Paul if they were able to speak with him. We hope to hold a drama event for the Early Years children and the parent prayer group in March. More details will follow.

Please do drop in and join the prayer group any Tuesday morning after drop-off.

Church Sunday

On Sunday 1st March, the school pupils, staff and governors are invited to join the congregation of our church for their Sunday service at 10am. Some of the families in our school are members of the congregation. If you are not, please do come and join us on 1st March for this special service.

The church was central to the development of universal education in Britain in the 19th century. We are proud to have such a long history, thanks to the wisdom of parishioners over 140 years ago.

Staffing

At the end of this half term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Cynthia Joseph, one of our lunchtime assistants. She has given over seven years service to the school and we all wish her well.

After half term we welcome Miss Emma Jane Hassan to Reception S class. She will be joining us as the Early Years Practitioner in place of Mrs Taylor. Mrs Taylor is taking up a part-time role as a teaching assistant in Year 4. She will still be in school to share her experience.

Years 1 & 2 Scooter Training

Last Wednesday the school playground was full of scooters. Children from years 1 and 2 brought their scooters to school to participate in Scooter training. They learnt how to use their scooters safely and responsibly.

Dogs

A number of parents bring their dog with them as they drop off or collect their child. I am very grateful to them for waiting outside the school gate with the dog. I know that your dogs all seem placid and gentle, but to a young child they can still seem very scary. If you do bring your dog to the school gate, please stand with your dog firmly between you and the wall and on a very short lead. Some of our younger children are walking out into the road to keep away from a dog. Clearly this is very dangerous. None of us want a child to be hurt.

Birthday Celebrations

Celebrating birthdays is really important, however we have a number of rules in place to ensure that learning isn't impacted and that the children are kept safe. A number of children at the school have significant allergies and I know that none of us would want to endanger them on a day of celebration.

Pupils are permitted to bring in a few sweets, a wrapped chocolate bars or a small bag of sweets for each child, to give out at the end of the day. Please be careful not to choose

sweets containing nuts or gelatine. Cakes and other treats should not be brought in to school. Any cakes or treats will be returned at the end of the day if they are brought in.

Parent Feedback

Last term, you may remember completing a parental feedback form and returning it at parents' evening. I am very grateful to you all for doing this. We have spent a considerable amount of time collating the results and identifying how we can develop our school further as a result. Please find attached to the email circulating this newsletter two PDF documents: one of the statistical presentation of data, the second is the analysis and feedback section. These documents will also go up on the school website.

Coming Up...

February 2015

Wednesday 4 th	Year 5 at Natural History Museum
Thursday 5 th	3-5 Year 5/6 Boys Football competition
Friday 6 th	8pm PFA Quiz night
Tuesday 10 th	Year 2 Primary sports day – group from school to attend
Thursday 12 th	Junior Netball competition
Friday 13 th	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
16 th – 20 th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 23 rd	Return to school

March 2015

SUNDAY 1 st	School Sunday – service for our school at St Paul's church
Monday 2 nd	5-7:30 Spring term Parents' Evening
Tuesday 3 rd	Years 3 & 4 Celtic Harmony Warrior day workshop in school
	4-6:30 Spring term Parents' Evening
Monday 9 th – 13 th	Year 5 playground based cycle training
Wednesday 18 th	Year 1 & 2 Trip to the Tower of London
Friday 20 th	9:30 Tour of school for prospective families – please reserve a place through the school office
Wednesday 25 th	Year 5/6 Basket ball competition – group from school to attend
Thursday 26 th	10:00 School Service – Easter – Years 3 & 4 (friends and families welcome)
Friday 27 th	Final day of term– EARLY CLOSURE 1:30pm 1:30 pm PFA Easter Picnic – St Paul's Park

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.

Childcare for 2 Year Olds

*The following information was sent to us by the Local Authority:
Free childcare and early learning for 2 year olds*

Do you have a 2 year old?

If you can answer yes to any of the questions below then you may be eligible for up to 15 hours free childcare and early learning each week for your two year old child.

Do you receive working tax credit and earn less than £16,190?

Do you receive one of the following?

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.

Or does your child:

- have a current statement of Special Educational Needs or an Education, Health and Care plan?
- receive Disability Living Allowance?

Or:

- is your child looked after by the local authority?
- has your child left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangement order or adoption order?

Free childcare can support your child's learning and development. Your child will be able to learn to share and socialise which may help them to be ready to start school.

It is also good because it can give you a bit more time to do other things and maybe even take up a college course.

You can check your child's eligibility up to three months before his/her second birthday by either:

- completing an on line application form which can be found on www.hounslow.gov.uk/2y
- telephoning the Early Years and Childcare Service on 020 8583 6421 or 020 8583 2635
- emailing 2y@hounslow.gov.uk

Half Term Opportunities

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A Holiday playscheme in the local area:

Date: 16th-20th February

Time: 8.30-5.30

Activities and day trips out, includes lunch and snacks, fresh fruit and drinks.

Schedule Mon: Museums

Tues: Animal antics bedfont lakes

Wed: Cultivate london

Thurs: Heathrow training day

Fri: Party day movie and popcorn.
Cost is £15 per day all inclusive.
Contact Rachel 07861733220 or Natalie 07939225754
2cool4schoolas@gmail.com

3 Day Cycle Club for 10y+

There are some spaces left for the LB of Hounslow funded 3 day Cycle Club, during the half-term break, week commencing 16th February 2015. The current venue for the club will be Cranford Community College. A flyer with more information is attached to the email with this newsletter.

Bookings Close Monday 9th February 2015, www.cycleexperience.com/holidaycourses