



# St Paul's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

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## **Message from the Headteacher**

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you had a restful Christmas and managed to spend some time together. I am very grateful for all the many cards and gifts that I received in the run up to Christmas – thank you.

Last term was an incredibly busy term with many highlights. It is impossible to list them all, but the news section of the school's website captures many of the most memorable activities and events. If you haven't visited it recently, please follow this link:

<http://www.stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk/index.php/news>

This term will be just as exciting, with lots to look forward to. Over the next few days, the teachers will send home details of the curriculum for each class this term, please look out for it in your child's bookbag or on the class page of the school website.

## **Staffing Updates**

At the end of last term we said goodbye to a number of staff. Mrs Pearce has relocated to Somerset to be closer to family and to enjoy village life. Mrs Stewart-Duncan, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Barcik have left the school meal team. Miss Aarons has left the learning support team. Miss MacDougal and Miss Brand left the auxiliary teaching team earlier in the term. Miss Bennett, who had been supporting Special Needs Provision in the school, left after supporting Mrs Lee in her new role. Mrs Roaf left the aftercare team. I am very grateful for all the work that these members of staff have done in the school and wish them well as they move on.

Also in the autumn term we welcomed a number of new staff to the school. Mrs Elby, Ms Farah and Mrs Kuo have joined the school's meal team and Mr Roy has joined the school office team. I am delighted to welcome them to the team. We are currently advertising for more lunchtime supervisors and I will update you once those appointments are completed.

In December, Miss James, one of our teachers, returned from maternity leave. Mrs Lonsdale, one of our teachers, brought her baby daughter who was born in August in to school to meet the staff and pupils. Mrs Cornish, one of our school meals team, gave birth to a boy in October.

During the autumn term a number of staff members suffered significant illness. Mrs Hellyer, our caretaker, remains off work following a significant illness earlier in the year. She is recovering, but remains unwell. Miss Lloyd, one of our teaching assistants, has also been unwell since September. She is managing her condition and hopes to return to school once she has recovered her health. Miss Wood, one of our teachers, has returned to work following a long absence in the autumn term having recovered her health.

## **Curriculum Enrichment Day – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

We are planning a special curriculum enrichment day for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January. For Nursery and Junior children this will involve an animal experience workshop and for the Reception and Infant classes there will be a circus workshop. We will also have a special lunch, a themed non-uniform day and other activities. More details will be circulated shortly.

### **Extra Curriculum Activities**

As well as the clubs organised by the school we have a couple of private providers who offer clubs and activities in the school. Last term we started a cookery club, which is being repeated again this term – a flier advertising this club went home at the end of last term. We also have Jolie Ronde, who provide French lessons to Infant children. Details of their offer this term can be found in the community section at the end of this newsletter.

### **PE Kits**

Physical Education takes place throughout the school year. During the colder months, pupils may wear black jogging bottoms and a plain, dark sweatshirt for PE lessons. It is essential that children do not wear earrings on the days that they have PE. If your child wears earrings, please remember to remove them on the day that they have PE. Class timetables can be found in the class newsletters.

### **Pupil Premium**

Pupil premium is a scheme that provides additional funds for pupils whose families receive specific benefits or tax credits. In order to qualify, parents must make an application for free school meals (whatever year group your child is in). We use these funds to offer additional support to pupil premium children. There are full details of what we use the pupil premium funding for on the 'pupil premium' page of the school website:

<http://www.stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk/index.php/pupil-premium>

If you think your family may qualify for this additional funding, please do speak with a member of the school office team.

### **Uniform**

We have a smart and practical uniform. Full information of the uniform requirements can be found on the school's website. Hair accessories should be in school colours.

In colder weather girls should wear tights to keep them warm. Lycra shorts are not part of the uniform for girls and should not be worn.

### **Concerns/problems**

From time to time concerns or problems arise. In the first instance these should be directed to the class teacher. If the teacher is unable to resolve the issue, please make contact with a member of the school's leadership team.

The leadership team are on the gates at the start and end of the school day to help with most queries and concerns. The school's complaints policy is available on the website and a hard copy can be requested from the school office.

## Coming Up...

I have attached to this newsletter a copy of the school's term dates for 2017-18 and updated the list of events for this term. The dates are also updated on the website calendar. Copies of the school's term dates can also be downloaded from the school website.

### January 2017

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 Prospective parent tour of the school
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:10 Parents' Curriculum Workshop – AH – KS1 – IT Safety & Curriculum
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 Prospective parent tour of the school
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Reception classes at the Tower of London
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	9:10 Parents' Curriculum Workshop – SPS – KS2 – IT Safety & Curriculum
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Enrichment day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	St Paul's Week – RE focus week
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 St Paul's Day Service in church - Year 2 – all parents welcome
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 Class to St Richard's School for Joint Worship Workshop

### February 2017

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability – TBC
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3 & 4 at Celtic Harmony
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>END OF HALF TERM</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Inset Day – School closed to pupils</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 & 6 at Natural History Museum

### March 2017

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Book Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	5 – 7 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	4 -6:30 Parents' Evening
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 Year 2 & 6 Parents' Assessment meeting
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 Year 3 Easter Church Service – all parents welcome 2pm Reception Church Service – Reception parents welcome
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>1:30 Early Closure</b>

## 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.*

## Jolie Ronde French Lessons

### **FRENCH LESSONS AT ST PAUL'S PRIMARY -**

Welcome to award-winning La Jolie Ronde Languages for Children

*"Learning a foreign language, and the culture that goes with it, is one of the most useful things we can do to broaden the empathy and imaginative sympathy and cultural outlook of children. Language lessons provide your child not only with confidence in another language, but more importantly the ability to embrace with enthusiasm the unlimited learning opportunities which will*

*come their way in the future. As a child progresses through his education it will be the early access to something new and exciting such as a foreign language which will open his mind to learning and that in turn will lead to future academic success". (Education Secretary 2013)*

- Multi award-winning language lessons at St Paul's Primary.
- Fun, sociable and interactive French for Yr 1 – Yr 3 children. Enthusiastic, fully trained and DBS cleared tutor.
- Structured lessons, with games, songs, stories, role-plays and lots of opportunity to hear and speak the target language.
- Registration includes the accompanying full colour work book, Cd and smart nylon book bag.
- For further information and to register your child please visit [www.joyforlanguages.co.uk](http://www.joyforlanguages.co.uk) and click on the tab *Apply Now*.



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