



# St Paul's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014

## **Message from the Headteacher**

We had a lovely Easter service in church this morning, thanks to the efforts of Year 3 and Year 4. It was good to see how hard the children and staff had worked and how much fun was had in retelling the story of the resurrection at Easter. It was good to see the church so full. We are coming to the end of yet another busy term and thankfully the weather is improving. I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break and are able to spend some time together with your families. We are back to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

## **Buildings Update**

The final ridge tiles have been delivered and fixed in place on the roof. The vast majority of the scaffolding has been removed and the contractors working on the internal refurbishment are hard at work. The plumbers have been re-routing heating pipes and re-hanging radiators in new locations. Some of the new walls and doorways have been installed to instate the new floor plan. Internal plastering and initial painting is also underway.

Over the Easter holidays, the contractors will install a new load bearing steel in to the wall along the back of the school hall. This will allow the folding doors to be fitted, by redistributing the structural load. A similar operation will take place in May half term to put a structural beam in above the servery hatch in the hall. The contractors are completing this work in the holidays to minimise noise and disruption to learning. In the week immediately after the may half term, we will have packed lunch style lunches from our caterers, as the servery will be out of use. With luck the weather will be good and we can make the most of the opportunity to have a picnic lunch together.

## **School Meals Revolution**

Thank you to all the parents who have come forward to support our school meals project. We have such a rich pool of talent amongst our parents and the catering sub-committee team have been so impressed by the response to date. We have been consulting the pupils, through the school council, on potential changes to the school meals to make them better.

We shall keep you informed as the project progresses. We really want the food we serve in our school to be 'best in the borough'.

## **Road Layout Changes**

The road layout works on Back Lane have just finished. As a result of the layout change, I am going to propose a change to the arrangements for morning drop off. I propose using the Back Lane Gate – behind the new benches for Years 1 – 6 to come in to school. There is much more pavement space here now. Reception class will enter by the main school gate on St Paul's Road and Nursery would continue to use their normal gate.

Pick up arrangements would remain as they are now. By making this change, I hope we can help to keep both pupils and parents safer.

### **Sunflower Challenge**

Your child should have come home with a sunflower seed and a compost pellet. I hope that they enjoy having a go at planting and growing a sunflower. We will ask them to bring them in after the holidays (I'll inform you when) so that we can brighten up the grass area by the Back Lane gates.

### **Sponsored Walk**

I am sure that you will all remember the fantastic fundraising event organised by Sam Tomkins (an ex-parent of the school) last October, in response to the fire. We raised just over £1700. At the time it was decided to spend the money on something special for the children, whilst they worked around the inconvenience of the fire recovery work. We are working on a very special day for the children in June. It is not all arranged yet, but we have some very exciting plans that I hope to share with you after the holiday – watch this space.

### **School Council**

Over the last few weeks, the children have elected new school councilors to re-establish the school council. We had a very busy and interesting meeting last week and the councilors received badges and recording books this week. The elected councilors for this year are:

<b>Class</b>	<b>School Council Members</b>
1W	Caiden Elby Annalise Murray
1B	Ruby Wright Abeneza Flate
2	Harry Devine Yasmin Shamsse
3	Mia Ryan
4	Anusha Allyvierra
5	Joshua Greta
6	Madeline Tom

I look forward to working with them to drive forward improvements to the school.

### **Goodbye and Good Luck**

Today is the final day for Mrs Crutcher, one of the SMSA and breakfast club team. She leaves us for a job with more paid hours in the kitchens of a school in Kew. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her luck as she moves on.

We shall induct a new member of staff in the first couple of weeks of next term.

### **Coming Up...**

Whole school events this month.

## April

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> –return to school

## May

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – St Paul's 'Get Active' Morning

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> –May Day –school closed

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> onwards –KS 2 SAT's week

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> –Inset days

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> –Half term