



St Paul's CE Primary School Newsletter

11th July 2014

Message from the Headteacher

It really doesn't feel as though a whole school year has passed and yet we are almost at the end of term. I have really enjoyed my first year at St Paul's and would like to thank all the pupils, parents, staff and governors for their phenomenal support in a very unusual year. We finish the term as we started with much to look forward to and a whole host of successes to celebrate.

It was very special to see the entire school board coaches and set off together for Hollycombe. I know from the many messages from parents and from speaking to the staff and children that this was a special day for us all. The sports days earlier this month were also great.

There is much, much more to read about in the newsletter below. I hope that you all have a wonderful summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming you all back to the new academic year. For those children and families leaving us, I wish you every success in your new schools. Do come and let us know how you are getting on.

Buildings Update

The final element of this phase of renovation will be complete by the start of the autumn term. The temporary classroom blocks will be emptied and removed by the start of the summer holidays, starting next week. This will enable the contractors to complete the internal and external repairs.

The old classrooms will be reinstated in September, with a class using the new room on the Mezzanine and a class using the studio room next to the hall. These new spaces have been created through the remodeling plan proposed by the London Diocesan Board's Buildings Officer, Mr White, last spring.

The main playground will have a restored surface. There will be a planted section and a hard standing playground. The infant playground will be resurfaced with a 'soft pour' surface – the soft springy surface that you find around play equipment in a public playground.

On the first day back to school in September (Wednesday 3rd September) the staff will be at the gates and in the playground to direct children to their new classrooms.

We are also hoping to open our new school kitchen in September. More details about meals can be found below.

A final phase of work will need to be completed once Alexandra House is ready for occupancy. These works are minor (largely creating access between the two sites) and will not affect our use of the site.

On Thursday 25th September 2014 we shall be holding a rededication service for the school following the rebuild and reoccupation. Bishop Paul, the Bishop of the Kensington Area, will be joining us. All current pupils, parents, governors and friends as well as past pupils, families and staff will be welcome to join us. The service will be followed by refreshments.

Staffing for 2014-15

At the end of this term we shall be saying goodbye to Mrs Pettavel. She is taking a new direction, setting up her own business. We wish her all the very best of luck and are grateful for her work over the years. Mrs Riley will be starting her maternity leave and will not be in school for at least the first term. Mrs O'Sullivan will not be working in breakfast club, in order to see her own daughter to high school in the mornings!

We are delighted to be welcoming two new teachers Mrs Little and Miss Jones to the school. In addition Miss Winter and Miss Punwani will join the breakfast and aftercare team as well as the midday meal supervision team. Miss Apperley will be teaching the nursery class, providing maternity cover for Mrs Riley. We are really excited to welcome Mrs Sinclair who joins the school as our school meals chef. She will be supported in the kitchen by Miss Harrison and Miss Raines, who currently serve our school meals.

The teaching team for 2014-15 is as follows:

Nursery:	Miss M Apperley (and following maternity leave, Mrs L Riley) with Mrs L Yates as her Early Years Practitioner.
Reception	RS – Miss H Smith with Mrs M Taylor as her Early Years Practitioner.
Reception	RW – Miss A Wilkins with Mrs S Handley as her Early Years Practitioner.
Year 1	Mrs C Bradley
Year 2	2J – Mr D Johnston (currently class 1B)
Year 2	2L – Mr T Lacy (currently class 1W)
Year 3	Mrs K Little
Year 4	Mrs N Lonsdale
Year 5	Miss S James
Year 6	Miss S Jones

The teaching team will be assisted by the school's teaching assistants throughout the year.

School Meals Update

As I am sure you are aware, there is a huge change to the national arrangements for school meals, which come into effect from September 2014. The Universal Free School Meal (UFSM) offer was announced as a government policy last autumn. Under this policy all children in Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. The implications of this policy for schools across the country are huge. Many schools, ours

included, do not have a full kitchen. In addition, the school meals provider that most schools in Hounslow currently use, again including us, is ceasing business at the end of this academic year.

In previous newsletters I have outlined the plans we have in school for our new meals service. We are delighted to announce that the new kitchen has been designed and ordered in consultation with our catering consultant. We have also recruited a new chef, Mrs Sinclair. Our provision of meals will come entirely in-house from September. This will give us so much more control over the quality of food and the menu design.

The final installation of the kitchen is reliant on a new and enlarged electricity supply to the school, to supply sufficient power to run the appliances. This new connection has been ordered and we hope it will be in place by September. We are making a contingency plan for the temporary use of the church kitchens and dining space, should the kitchen supply and installation not be in place for the start of the new academic year.

We will write shortly to ask all parents with pupils eligible for UFSM to sign up for the new meals. Parents with junior aged children who wish to order school meals will also be sent details for the new meal service shortly. This is a really exciting development for us and our school will be almost unique in West London, serving its own meals from its own kitchen. We are sure that we will develop a truly ground breaking school meals service.

Uniform for September

We currently have a good selection of all sizes in sweatshirts (£12) and cardigans (£14). We are open for business during celebration evening and up until 4pm on Wednesday 16th July. It will then be packed away for moving.

Parent Prayer Group

Next Tuesday (15/07) sees the first of our Prayer and Worship meetings. This is the 'bigger' version of the weekly parent prayer group. There will be an opportunity for prayer and reflection, worship and refreshments. Please do join us after drop off.

End of Year Reports and Celebration Evening – Monday 14th July 5pm – 6:45pm

End of year reports went home yesterday. It was good to read of the many successes across the classes in the reports. If you haven't seen your child's report, please check their bag. We are holding our annual celebration evening on Monday, please come and join us if you can.

Final Day at School

The final of school for **Nursery children** will be Friday 18th July. The final day at school for **Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 children** will be Tuesday 22nd July. Please note that we shall close at 1:30pm on Tuesday 22nd July.

And finally...

As the school year draws to an end I want to thank all of you for your amazing support and resilience in this most extraordinary year. The successes of the year are in large part down to the staff, pupils and parents of the school, I cannot think of another school community that would have responded so effectively. I hope that you all have a wonderful summer.

Coming Up...

Whole school events this month.

July

Friday 11th – PFA Summer Fair 3:30pm

Monday 14th –Parents celebration evening -5-6:45pm

Monday 21st-Leavers Service -2.30pm

Tuesday 22nd –End of term – **School closes at 1:30pm**

September 2014

Monday 1st – School closed to pupils – INSET

Tuesday 2nd – School closed to pupils – INSET

Wednesday 3rd – First day back for pupils Y1-6 - School starts 8:55am

Community Noticeboard

From time to time we are asked to share details of services and events in the local area by families or friends of the school. These we include within the 'Community Noticeboard' section of the Newsletter. None of these services or events are endorsed by the school and those interested in pursuing them should assure themselves of their quality/authenticity etc. before engaging the service.

Local nanny – 12 years experience, looking for a full time nanny position. Contact:
m.root38@gmail.com or 07432627760