



St Paul's CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching. Our Year 6 pupils have just over a week left in school, before they move on to their high schools. Last week we met many of the parents of pupils who will be starting in Reception and Nursery classes in September 2019.

The start of this academic year seems so long ago but as I browse the news events on the school's website and look back at the many exciting and enjoyable events of the year, I am reminded of what a good year it has been. I would like to thank you all for your enthusiasm and support for the school and our pupils. I would also like to thank the PTFA for their work in the school this year, organising 'old favourite' events as well as introducing new events, such as the bake off. Working on the PTFA is never easy, but the support it brings to the school community is great. I am sure tomorrow's summer fair will be a huge success, as much work has gone into organising it.

I hope that whatever plans your family has for the summer, you will have some time to relax and spend time together. With luck there will be some good weather that we can all enjoy. For those leaving us, I wish you all the very best of luck. For those staying with us, I look forward to welcoming you all back after the holidays.

Annual Reports

Your child's annual report was sent home in their book bags yesterday. Do please look out for the report if you have not already seen it.

Staffing Update

During the summer term we have been joined by two new staff members. Mrs Akilla Gaziza joins the Learning Support team and Mrs Dina Narotomo joins the school's lunchtime supervisor team. I am pleased to welcome them both onto the staff team.

At the end of this term a number of staff will be leaving us. Mrs Lynda Yates and Mrs Susan Handley, both very longstanding members of our Early Years staff, will leave the school. Mrs Yates is retiring and Mrs Handley and her husband are moving out of London. Mrs Sushila Wakefield, one of our Higher Level Teaching Assistants, is moving overseas. The contracts for Miss Gayle Hill, currently teaching in our Nursery and Miss Kaitlyn Kidd, currently covering maternity leave in Reception class, come to an end at the end of this term. Mr Lee Ferguson, one of our Learning Support team, moves on to high school with a child he is supporting. Miss Linda Asante, one of our lunchtime supervisors, is leaving to take up a new Teaching Assistant post at a local school in September 2019. All of the staff have shown much dedication and commitment to the school and our pupils, some over generations. I am sure that you would like to join me in thanking them for their service to our school and wish them every success as they take the next steps in their lives.

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Little is expecting a child and we anticipate her taking her maternity leave in December this year. Again, I know that you would like to join me in congratulating her and wishing her well as her pregnancy progresses. I am also pleased to announce that Mrs Jacqueline Lewis has successfully completed her teacher training and will become a fulltime teacher in our school from September 2019. Miss Morgan will get married over the summer and will be known in school as Mrs Pape from September. Again, I know you will want to join me in wishing her the very best of luck.

In September we shall be welcoming a number of new staff to the school. Miss Sarah Browne, a very experienced teacher, will be joining the school to teach the nursery and provide cover in other classes. Mrs Yagana Ezame will be joining the Early Years team as an Early Years Practitioner, Ms Girija Shettar will be joining the learning support team. Ms Lina Kassim will be joining the lunchtime supervisor team. Do look out for these new staff members when the new school year starts. Also at the start of the academic year Mrs Louisa Riley rejoins the school staff following her maternity leave.

Class Placements for September 2019

Please find below details of the class placements for September 2019. We shall be reconfiguring the Year 2 classes as they move up to Year 3 and I have written a separate letter to parents in Year 2 with further details.

2019-20	Teacher	Class Succession	Classroom location <i>SPS= St Paul's Site</i> <i>AH= Alexandra House site</i>
Nursery	Miss S Browne		SPS - Nursery
Reception B	Mrs C Barry		SPS - Current RR
Reception L	Mrs N Lonsdale		SPS - Current RB
Year 1S	Miss A Scott	RR	AH - Current 1S
Year 1B	Mrs C Bradley	RB	AH - Current 1B
Year 2K	Mr M Kearney	1S	AH - Current 2K
Year 2V	Miss S Vanos	1B	AH - Current 2V
Year 3R	Mrs L Riley	Rebalance	SPS - Current 3CM
Year 3M	Miss N Mayor	Rebalance	SPS - Current 3NM
Year 4J	Miss S James	3NM	SPS - Current 4SJ
Year 4L	Mrs J Lewis	3CM	SPS - Current 4DJ
Year 5J	Mr D Johnston	4SJ	AH - Current 5L
Year 5P	Ms C Pape	4DJ	AH - Current 6KL
Year 6L	Mr T Lacy	5	AH - Current 6TL

Next Tuesday morning the children will all get a chance to meet their new teacher in their new classrooms, in readiness for the new academic year.

Parents' Celebration Evening – Monday 15th July 5-7pm

On Monday we shall hold our final parents' evening of the academic year. This is slightly different from the previous parents' evenings. You do not need to make an appointment, simply come in to school. You can come and visit your child's current teacher and classroom to look at their books and celebrate their achievements this year and then move on to meet

the new teacher in readiness for next year. The doors close at 7pm, so please arrive with sufficient time to meet the teachers.

PTFA Summer Fair – Saturday 13th July 12-3pm – SPS site

Tomorrow we shall be holding the PTFA summer fair. As ever, there will be lots on, some well-loved stalls and a few new events. Pick your side for the Miss Vanos v. Mr Kearney gunge event! Gates open at 12pm on the St Paul's site. Do come down, join in, have fun and support our PTFA.

Year 4 Recorder Concert – Tuesday 16th July, 2pm – SPS Hall

Each year, our Year 4 pupils are taught to play the recorder by a specialist teacher. This year has been no different and the pupils are almost ready to perform a concert for parents and relatives. The concert starts at 2pm, do please come and watch if you can.

Year 6 Leavers' Service, Team Game and Barbeque - Thursday 18th July 2019, 2pm – St Paul's Church

Our Year 6 Leavers' service starts at 2pm on Thursday 18th July. Parents, friends and relatives are welcome to come and join us. After the service, once the school day has ended, we hold a team game in the park – adults vs. Year 6. Please do join us. We then have a barbeque in the St Paul's playground for Year 6 pupils and their families.

Swimming Lessons

Next term, Year 5 pupils will have swimming lessons at the local swimming pool. If your child is in Year 5, please look out for further information as the new term starts.

Last Day of Term – Tuesday 23rd July – 1:30pm

The final day of the school year is Tuesday 23rd July. Please be aware that school closes at 1:30pm on this day.

Start of the New Academic Year – 2019-20

The academic year starts on Wednesday 4th September 2019