



# St Paul's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> November 2013

## **Message from the Headteacher**

Here at St Paul's School we marked Remembrance Day with a two-minute silence at 11am yesterday. It was very moving to see the whole school pause for this event and consider the sacrifice of so many unknown people in our name. Thanks to you all for supporting the Poppy appeal so generously. Once the funds are counted by the Royal British Legion, I'll let you know how much we raised.

## **Operation Christmas Child - Samaritan Purse**

The children took home a leaflet for the Samaritan Purse appeal on Monday. We have already received some lovely gift boxes that will be very gratefully received by impoverished children across the world. Please do send in gifts or a gift box for this appeal by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Full details can be found in the leaflet or on the Samaritan Purse website: <http://operationchristmaschild.org.uk/landing.asp>

## **Parent Governor Vacancy**

I hope that you have all received the details of the Parent Governor vacancy and are considering nominations. Please do speak to Mrs Lepsky or Mrs Ward about being a parent governor if you are interested.

## **Children in Need – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

This Friday is the annual Children in Need appeal run by the BBC. I recognise that you have supported a number of charitable appeals in school since September. I also appreciate that there is a lot of excitement and interest amongst the children regarding Children in Need.

Children may come to school on Friday dressed in their own clothes with a Pudsey Bear/Children in Need item of clothing/accessory (these are available in major supermarkets etc). In the past we have had a pyjama day on Children in Need day. Children may choose to come to school on Friday wearing pyjamas over their own clothes. Friday will be a normal school day, so children will need to wear clothes suitable for school. Children should not wear make up or jewelry.

On arrival on Friday morning we shall have a couple of buckets on the gate for donations to the Children in Need appeal if you wish to make a donation.

## **Parent and Friends Meeting**

Just a reminder that the Parent and Friends association will be meeting this evening at 8pm at Time Café, Brentford Lock. The PFA arrange social/community events for the school and raise funds to enhance the curriculum and environment of the school. Supporting the PFA is great fun and a good way to get to know other parents in the school.

## **Punctuality and Appointments in School Hours**

Please ensure that your child is in school by 8:55am. Children arriving after the gate has been locked arrive late in to class and have a significant impact on the start of lessons.

In addition, please arrange medical and dental appointments outside school hours wherever possible. As a result of the fire, the school site is now divided into two. Collecting children for an appointment in school hours is much more of a challenge than before and has an impact on lessons and administration within the school.

## **Coming Up...**

Whole school events this month.

### November

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Family & Individual photographs

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Years 3,4 to Science Museum

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> –Phonics and Homework workshop

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> –Activity Day - postponed

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> –Open morning for prospective parents for N/R

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> –Years 5,6 to HMS Belfast

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Cycle training for year 6

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> –Open morning for prospective parents for N/R

### December

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> –Globe players theatre group for Years 3-6

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> –Junior parties

Wednesday -18<sup>th</sup> –Christmas Service –Year 1 -10am  
-pm –Foundation parties

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> –Infant parties

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> –End of term – Early closure 1:30pm