



St Paul's CE Primary School

Newsletter

14th October 2014

Message from the Headteacher

The last few weeks have been packed with amazing events. Last Thursday's Harvest service was very well attended and I heard that Year 5 were amazing. Thank you all for the harvest gifts that you sent in. They will shortly be distributed amongst the needy and vulnerable in our local community. The rededication at the end of September was another great event. It was really nice to throw open the doors and share what has been achieved in school. The service was very well attended and those who took a tour around the school seemed very happy with the rebuild.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month. During Black History month there is a focus on the culture and history of Africa and its diaspora and how it has shaped the society we live in today. There are events across the UK to mark and celebrate Black History Month. The website <http://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk> gives much more information and details.

As part of our contribution to Black History Month in school we shall hold *Oware* workshops in school for our junior children on Monday 20th October. If you are a keen *Oware* player and would like to come and support the day, please contact the school office. We should shortly be able to confirm a booking in November for a story teller to come and work with the Early Years and Key Stage 1 children to share some oral trickster tales, including some of the Anansi tales. The storyteller will share the origins of the tales as well as the tales themselves.

There will also be a Black History Month twist to some of the menu next week. There are many more events across Hounslow, London and the rest of the country. Why not check the listings page of the Black History Month website for more details?

Parents' Evening

The booking letters for parents' evening will go home this evening. Please do sign up for an appointment. On Friday we shall send home a pack of associated paperwork. This will include a new copy of the 'home-school' agreement, details of the Governors' maintenance fund and a parent questionnaire. I would be very grateful if you could complete the relevant documents and bring them to school when you come for parents' evening.

Talk Time

You may remember that one of the areas of focus for us this year is on improving writing. To be an effective writer, you need to be an effective talker. In other words you need to have something to say and be able to say it clearly!

This year we shall be welcoming a speech and language therapist in to work with the children in Nursery and Reception class, up until Christmas. The therapist will work with the teachers to provide a range of effective speaking and listening activities to help the children develop

good speaking and listening. The programme will develop towards the end of the autumn term to allow the speech and language therapist to work with smaller groups of children who may need a bit more support.

This support is in addition to the speech and language provision already made for pupils with particular needs elsewhere in the school.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

The department for education has a scheme to release additional funding to schools to support education provision for pupils of families in greater economic need. This scheme is known as the Pupil Premium. At St Paul's we use the additional funding to provide extra teaching and support staff, additional teaching resources and to reduce costs of educational visits.

Any pupil receiving free school meals currently or who has received free school meals in the last six years is eligible for this additional funding. The introduction of the Universal Free School Meal offer for Infant and Reception class pupils has complicated this system. If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and receive one or more of the following, you may qualify for Pupil Premium funding:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided the parents are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax credit
- Universal Credit

To release the funding you **must make an application for free school meals**, even though you will receive the meal automatically. Please speak to Mrs Churcher or Mrs Pearce if you think you may qualify for the Pupil Premium, so that we can help you complete an application. This additional funding really can help to make a difference.

Is your child ill?

Thank you to you all for working with us so well when your child is ill. Clearly when a child has been sick, has a raised temperature, has diarrhea or has an infectious disease, they should not be in school. In most of those cases your GP will advise on treatment and when it would be appropriate to return to school. If you are at all unsure, please do phone the school office and ask. We have the guidelines from the Health Protection Agency and will be able to advise accordingly.

If your child has started a course of antibiotics or other medication, they can usually return to school once the medicine has started to clear up the symptoms. In these cases our welfare assistant, Mrs Richardson, can administer the medication in school. There is a medication form available in these circumstances.

Mrs Richardson is also in school to look after children who may become ill or sustain an injury during the school day. On occasion we may need to call and ask you to collect your child. We use our judgement on whether or not to call you and will always try to keep a child in school until the end of the day. We appreciate that these calls can be disruptive and try to keep them to a minimum, however we will always put the child's interests first.

If a child has had an injury in school we may call you if we think that they may need to consult a doctor or need an X-ray. This is often just to ensure that they are alright and nothing is missed. Again, we try to keep these calls to a minimum. If there is a serious injury or accident that needs immediate attention, we will call an ambulance and inform you as soon as possible of the details. Thankfully these sort of injuries are very rare in school.

Your child may have a common medical condition such as asthma, hay fever or eczema, which in most cases causes discomfort and irritation but can be managed through an inhaler, medicine or cream. Please do speak to Mrs Richardson if your child has a condition such as this, so that she can support them in school.

Mrs Richardson is always in the playground in the mornings before school and can be contacted via the school office if you are unable to come to school in the morning.

Children in Need

The annual Children in Need appeal is on Friday 14th November this year. The children may come to school in their own clothes, adding Pudsey accessories if they wish. We will ask for a contribution of a £1 or more, which we will collect on the gates on the day.

Rededication News

On the day of the rededication service, we were fortunate to have a photographer and a crew from Chiswick Buzz with us. As a result, the rededication has been reported in The Hounslow Chronicle and on the Chiswick Buzz website. Please follow these links to find read and watch:

<http://www.chiswickbuzz.net/community/community-reports/80-community/341-st-paul-s-c-of-e-primary-school-rededication>

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Situations Vacant

Due to the success of the school meals provision and the expansion of the school, we are currently advertising a number of roles. Please find details of the various posts on offer below. The advertisements will appear on the Hounslow website (link below) this week and next.

Playcare leader - aftercare
Teaching assistant
SMSA - class based
Dining room assistant
General kitchen assistant
Cook

https://lbhouli.webitrent.com/lbhouli_webrecruitment/wrd/run/etrec105gf.open?wvid=64487200ZM

Coming Up...

October 2014

Monday 20 th	Oware Day for Juniors
Monday 20 th	5-7:30 Autumn term Parents' Evening
Tuesday 21 st	4-6:30 Autumn term Parents' Evening
Thursday 23 rd	3:45 Year 6 parents' meeting re: Sayers Croft
27 th – 31 st	HALF TERM HOLIDAY

November 2014

Monday 3 rd	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Monday 10 th	School Photographs – Individuals and families in school
Tuesday 11 th	3:40 Parents' curriculum support workshop – details to follow
Tuesday 18 th	Year 3 & 4 visit to British Museum
Monday 24 th – 28 th	Year 6 Residential visit to Sayers Croft

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.

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A Holiday playscheme in the local area:

Date: [27-31 October 2014](#)

Venue: Ealing Baptist church, Ealing Rd, Brentford.

Time: [8.30-5.30](#)

Contact Rachel [07861733220](tel:07861733220) or Natalie [07939225754](tel:07939225754)

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20% discount for full week bookings