



St Paul's CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you had a good Christmas and New Year. It is lovely to have the children back in school and raring to go for another busy term. The last term ended with a wonderful nativity performance from Year 1 and the Nursery and a number of performances around the local community by our school choir.

I know from speaking to the teachers that there are lots of exciting plans for this term too. Please look out for a newsletter and overview from your child's class teacher. These are also uploaded to the school website – on the year group page, under the 'learning' tab.

Staff Updates

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Little gave birth to her daughter last week. Both mum and baby are doing well. Mrs Roffe left us at the end of last term to start her maternity leave and we await news of the birth of her child.

Last term, the following staff left the school: Mrs Bozena Lozynska (catering & cleaning team) went to a new role in a nursery school, Mrs Violeta Elby (lunchtime supervision) now has a relief contract with the catering team, Ms Lina Kassim (lunchtime supervision) has a job closer to her home and Miss Charlotte Handley (lunchtime supervision) moved out of London. I would like to thank all these staff for their hard work.

During the autumn term, the following staff joined us: Mrs Helen Dickinson, Mrs Cynthia Akeju and Mrs Binafsha Akbari have all joined the lunchtime supervision team. Miss Keeley Weeks has joined us as an Early Years Practitioner in the nursery. Mrs Husna Muller has joined the special needs team and Miss Rebecca Jenner has joined the school catering team. I am sure that you will join me in wanting to welcome them to the school team.

PTFA Christmas Disco

In the final weeks of last term we had another very successful PTFA disco. I know that the children really enjoyed it. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTFA committee for organising this event.

The PTFA are always keen to have more volunteers and willing pairs of hands for their events. Please look out for future events and volunteer if you can.

Curriculum Enrichment Day – Thursday 16th January 2020

Our fourth Curriculum Enrichment day takes place this Thursday. As in previous years, we use the day to experience some of the wider aspects of education. This year we shall have Indian drumming for the Foundation stage and Infant children and Chinese Dance for the junior children.

Each class will participate in a workshop run by an expert and consolidate their work in class during the day.

As in previous years, we shall have a special celebratory school lunch. A letter went home about this last week. If your child usually has a school meal and you would like them to participate in our curriculum enrichment day meal, please contact the school office.

Again, as in previous years, we shall have a non-uniform day on Curriculum enrichment day. Please make sure that your child wears appropriate clothing as there will be playtimes as usual.

St Paul's Week

Monday 20th January sees the start of St Paul's week. During this week classes will learn about the life of St Paul. Year 2 will share the life of St Paul in their worship session on Thursday 23rd January at 10am. All families and friends are welcome to join us in the church for this service.

Internet Safety Workshops for Parents

Tuesday 28th January @ 3:45pm & Wednesday 29th January @ 9:15

Mr Johnston, our Computing subject leader, will be running two workshops on internet safety for parents. Internet safety is a significant issue in our school and I am seeing increasing numbers of problems arising out of the inappropriate use of internet enabled devices in our school community. Please make every effort to attend one of these workshops.

Internet Safety Day- Tuesday 11th February

On Tuesday 11th February we shall be marking Internet Safety Day. Pupils will explore internet safety in class with their teachers.

Year 6 Bikeability – Wednesday 29th – Friday 31st January 2020

Our Year 6 children have the opportunity to develop safe cycling skills as part of the Bikeability programme. This training will take place later this month. If you have a child in year 6 and would like them to take part, please look out for the information or contact the school office for more details.

See more from our classes...

Over the last few months, more and more news from each class has been uploaded to the school website. Do take a look at the homepage (<https://www.stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk/>) and the news pages of the school website and you will find out more about your child's school day.

Mobile Phones

We shall be changing the school rules on mobile phones from Tuesday 25th February 2020, once we return from the half term break.

Internet enabled phones (smartphones) and other internet enabled devices (smart watches and other wearable technology) **will no longer be allowed in school**. These devices are not necessary for communication and are being used poorly by some members of the school community.

A traditional 'brick' style mobile phone will still be allowed for children in Years 5 and 6 only. Children in younger year groups are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school. This type of phone is the most basic mobile phone which can be used to telephone and text, but without the ability to use the internet. An example of this type of phone is: Nokia 3310.

We will permit these phones so that pupils can contact their parents if they are travelling to and from school alone. Mobile phones are not permitted to be on or used during the school day. Children will still be expected to turn their phone off at the start of the school day, store their phone in their bag during the school day and then turn it on as they leave the school premises. The school cannot be responsible for the safe keeping of mobile phones during the school day.

Changing our rules in this way brings us into line with many of the high schools in the locality. It also means that children are not carrying very expensive devices which can be lost or which can put them at risk of being mugged.

If a child is found to have a smartphone or other internet enabled device or is found to be using a basic mobile phone during the school day, we shall confiscate it and will only return it to the parent of the child.

Appointments during school time

Medical appointments during the school day can be very disruptive for the school and for children's learning. Please arrange for all routine appointments for doctors and dentists to take place after the school day or during the school holidays.

Absence for passport applications and other types of appointment are not authorised during the school day. Again, appointments for these activities should be organised at the end of the school day or during holiday periods.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2020

Later this term we shall be marking World Book Day with a number of special activities in school. Children will be encouraged to come to school in a costume influenced by a favourite book or character. There will be more details of this event nearer the time.

Driving to and From School

Where at all possible we encourage our families to walk, scoot, cycle or use public transport to get to school. Many of our families do so and I am very grateful for this. It is good for the local environment and therefore good for our school. However, I appreciate that for some families driving to or from school may be the only way they travel to school.

If you have to drive to school please avoid driving down Albany Road. The road closure at the end of Albany Road makes turning a car at drop off or pick up time a very difficult and dangerous operation. Albany Road also gets very congested and so traffic to our school can disrupt our near neighbours – something we wish to avoid.

Similarly, please do not pull up at any of the school gates and drop your child from the car door. This causes congestion and can be very dangerous.

Many parents use the Morrisons car park and then walk their children to the school gate. Customers of the store get up to 2 hours free parking in the car park. The parking bays on Latewood Road are part of the local controlled parking zone, but do not operate until 10am (10am-12pm & 6pm – 8pm), so you can park without restriction in the CPZ to drop off and pick up your child. Please, if you drive to school, park your car safely and make the final few metres of your journey on foot for the safety and wellbeing of the whole school and our local community.

Coming Up...

Below I have listed the school's term dates and a list of planned events for the school year. In each newsletter I include updates to the list of dates. The dates are also updated on the website calendar. Copies of the school's term dates can also be downloaded from the school website.

I also attach to this newsletter a copy of the term dates for the 2019-20 academic year.

St Paul's School Calendar 2019-20

Dates for Parents

January 2020

Monday 6 th	Return to school
Friday 10 th	9:30 Prospective Parents' Tour
Thursday 16 th	Curriculum Enrichment Day
Monday 20 th	St Paul's Week
Thursday 23 rd	10:00 Year 2 St Paul's Service – All welcome
Tuesday 28 th	3:45 Parent's workshop – Internet Safety (CT)
Wednesday 29 th	Year 6 Bikeability starts (see letters to enrol) 9:15am Parents' workshop – Internet safety (AH)
Friday 31 st	9:30 Prospective Parents' Tour

February 2020

Tuesday 11 th	Internet Safety Day
Friday 14 th	Mufti day for school funds
Monday 17 th – 21 st	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 24 th	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 25 th	Return to school

March 2020

Thursday 5 th	World Book Day
Friday 6 th	9:30 Prospective Parents' Tour
Monday 16 th	5-7:30pm Parents' Evening (AHS)
Tuesday 17 th	4-6:30pm Parents' Evening (AHS)

April 2020

Thursday 2 nd	10am Year 3 Easter Service (Y2-6) – All welcome 2pm Reception Service (Y1 to watch) – Reception parents only
Friday 3 rd	Last day of school term 1:30 Early closure
Monday 6 th – Friday 17 th	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 20 th	Return to school
Friday 24 th	9:30 Prospective Parents' Tour
Monday 27 th	2:30pm Year 2 & Year 6 Assessment meeting for parents (SPS Hall)

May 2020

Friday 8 th	Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th	Year 6 SATS Assessments
Tuesday 12 th	Year 6 SATS Assessments

Wednesday 13 th	Year 6 SATS Assessments
Thursday 14 th	Year 6 SATS Assessments
Monday 18 th	Walk to school & Punctuality week
Tuesday 19 th	Be Wise on Wheels day
Thursday 21 st	10:00 Year 4 Pentecost service – All welcome
Friday 22 nd	Mufti day for school funds
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY

June 2020

Monday 1 st	Return to school Class Photographs
Saturday 6 th	Annual Seaside Day trip
Friday 12 th	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 rd	9:30 Infant Sports Morning
Wednesday 24 th	9:30 Junior Sports Morning

July 2020

Wednesday 1 st	9:30 New Reception Parents' meeting (SPS Hall) 10:30 New Nursery Parents' meeting (SPS Hall)
Thursday 9 th	3:45 Reception to Year 1 transition meeting AHS
Thursday 16 th	2pm Year 6 leavers' service and BBQ
Tuesday 21 st	Last day of term 1:30 Early closure