



# St Paul's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

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## **Message from the Headteacher**

I sit surrounded by cards and gifts on the last day of term writing this end of year newsletter. It has been a long and very successful autumn term. Whilst the weather is similar to that in September, much else has changed.

Alexandra House feels very much part of the school. It is hard to think that we only started using the building in September. Years 1,2,5 and 6 have settled in well.

I would like to thank you all for your support of the school in 2015 and I hope that you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## **Staffing Updates**

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Wakefield gave birth to a lovely baby girl earlier in the term. Miss James is expecting her first child and is due to take her maternity leave in the Summer term.

As we expand, we are recruiting new staff. We have some staff moving to enhanced roles and will be welcoming new people to the school in January. The kitchen team will expand with Ms Manjit Sekhon and Ms Carly Cornish joining as kitchen assistants. Joining the dining hall staff we welcome Ms Andreia Gomes and Ms Monika Barcik. The lunchtime supervisors team will also welcome new staff, Ms Rasha Rafat and Ms Sanja Ghosh (relief).

Due to increased demand, we are seeking to expand the number of places available in aftercare. We hope to do this during the spring term. In readiness, the aftercare team will welcome Ms Ranjit Pooney and Ms Tiffany Wellington.

I am sure that these new staff members will quickly become part of the St Paul's team.

## **Staffing vacancies**

We are advertising for staff on the Hounslow website later this month and in early January. We are looking for a playcare assistant for breakfast club, SMSA's and a cleaner for mornings and or afternoons.

## **Tami Akeju**

Many of you will know that Tami, a pupil in Year 3, had a heart attack in April this year. In the months following this he has made amazing progress in his recovery. In August he moved from hospital to The Children's Trust in Tadworth. This is a centre for children with brain injuries. He has continued to make amazing progress in his recovery at Tadworth and his stay at the centre has been extended into the New Year.

Tami and his family have been at the centre of our thoughts and prayers since April and earlier this half term a small group of pupils went down to Tadworth to spend some time with him in preparation for his return to school.

Yesterday the school choir sang for the shoppers in Morrisons. This was their final engagement of the season and they were keen to do something amazing. The children chose to raise money to support the work of the The Children's Trust. In an hour's singing they managed to raise £272. It is a testament to the pupils' care and support for one another that they chose to raise this money and they send it with their love for Tami.

### **Mathematics Workshop for Parents**

Last week we postponed the Key Stage 1 mathematics workshop as we had too few participants. It was a practical workshop, requiring a number of resources. We shall re-arrange it for the new year. If you are interested in participating in the new year, please sign up once the new date is announced.

### **PFA Christmas Disco**

The Christmas disco was a great success and I would like to thank all the parents and staff who volunteered for making the event so successful.

We have been exploring possible ways of spending the monies raised to date by the PFA in school. We are researching the viability of installing sunshades in the playground on St Paul's site and possible development of the external spaces on the Alexandra House site. These options may require planning permission. More details of this will follow once we have completed our research.

### **Parent Governor Vacancy**

The school's governing board has been reconstituted in line with new statutory regulations. As a result there is a further parent governor position, which is currently vacant. We will be holding elections in the Spring term. School governance is an involved but interesting role and we are keen to extend the skill set and abilities on our governing board. Please look out for more details in the spring term.

### **School News, Diary and Information**

Much of the news and information about the school is published on our website. If you have not seen it, or looked at it recently, please do spend a moment browsing through it. The address is: [www.stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk](http://www.stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk)

## **Coming Up...**

### **Diary dates:**

#### January 2016

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 SPS - Prospective parent tour of school
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AH - KS1 Parents' curriculum workshop (English) & classroom workshop
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 SPS - KS1 Parents' curriculum workshop (Mathematics) & classroom workshop
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 – Year 2 St Paul's Day Service in church (all welcome)

## February 2016

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET DAY – School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Return to school
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 – 7:30 - Parents' evening (by appointment)

### **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.*

### **GET ACTIVE, GET CYCLING IN 2016**

Riding to a bike is a great way to get out, about and active. Whether you're 6, 16 or 60 it's never too late to learn to cycle or brush up your cycling skills. What's more, whatever your age or ability there's a wide range of cycling activities on offer right here in Hounslow. We have friendly and experienced instructors at all of our courses and sessions. They're keen to help develop your cycling skills, confidence and fitness – whatever your ability So what are you waiting for? Come along, give cycling a go and gear yourself up for a wheely spoketacular start to the New Year!

#### **CHILDREN'S LEARN TO BALANCE & RIDE**

These fun indoor four-week courses for 3-10 year olds help your child to develop their balance, coordination and learn to ride a bike.

Mondays at The Green School, TW7 5BB & Tuesdays at Cranford Community College, TW5 9PD. Courses start from 11 January 2016 and cost just £3.00 per session (£12.00 per course)

- 3-5 year olds - 16:30-17:25
- 6-10 year olds – 17:30-18:25

#### **WOMEN'S BIKE CLUB**

Our brand new women-only cycling club is a supportive, social and fun environment. We meet at Hounslow Civic Centre every Wednesday evening and every other Saturday morning. Our friendly and experienced team of instructors are on hand to help develop your cycling skills, confidence and fitness - regardless of ability. It's the perfect way to get out in the fresh air and get active this New Year.

- Every Wednesday from 5th January, 18:00-20:00 and every other Saturday from 16th January, 10:00-12:00
- Open to women age 14+ who live, work or study in Hounslow
- Complete beginners and experienced cyclists are welcome
- Just £3.00 per session – book online in advance
- Bike hire available

#### **ADULT CYCLE TRAINING**

Our adult group cycling sessions are the ideal place to learn to ride or improve your cycling skills in a group of like-minded people. We meet at Hounslow Civic Centre every other Saturday morning. It's the perfect way to get out in the fresh air and get active this New Year.

- Every other Saturday from 9th Jan
- § Complete Beginners – 09:00-10:30  
§ Confidence Booster (off road cycling skills) – 09:00-11:00

§ Confidence Booster (on road cycling skills) – 11:00-13:00

§ Confident Rider (advanced on road cycling skills) – 11:00-13:00

- Open to adults age 18+ who live, work or study in Hounslow
- Complete beginners and experienced cyclists are all welcome
- Just £3.00 per session – book online in advance
- Bike hire available

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or call 0330 024 1783 (Monday-Friday 09:00-17:30)