



# St Paul's CE Primary School

# Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014

## **Message from the Headteacher**

As I sit and write to you we are now into our third full week of the term. It has literally flown by. The Nursery and Reception children are now in school and beginning to settle in to the new routines. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families.

## **School Meals**

We have been delighted by the response to our new meals service. The catering team have been overwhelmed by the uptake in meals. Last July we were serving approximately 80 school meals a day. Last week we were just short of 200 school meals a day!

We appreciate that the system isn't quite right yet. Some meals have been very popular and children in the later sittings haven't always had the full choice, portion sizes have varied a little and some sittings have run late. The catering and the school leadership team are continually reviewing the service in order to iron out some of our teething problems.

At present the children eat in three sittings, with the very youngest children in the first sitting. We are currently serving a 'plated' meal to every child. We aim to offer true 'family service' to sittings 2 and 3 shortly. This will mean that the children in sittings 2 and 3 will be able to help themselves to food at their table, regulating their own choices. In order to achieve this, we have ordered new round tables and chairs. This will give us space in the middle of the table to put serving dishes. We have also ordered new serving dishes and utensils to support the move to family service. Once the new furniture and cutlery is in school we will introduce the new systems. This should help with timings and to create a calmer eating environment.

We will also alternate the second and third sitting each half term.

We are delighted to be offering far better food and are working hard to resolve the teething issues which we have experienced.

## **School Rededication Service – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

Don't forget, we shall be holding a rededication service for the refurbished school on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm. The service will be held in the church with refreshments after the service and a chance to see some of the new building. Bishop Paul of the Kensington Area will be joining us for the service. In addition a number of guests connected to the recovery of the building after the fire and local community figures will be joining us. Most importantly you, our families and friends are most welcome to join us.

The church will be open from 1:45, with the service starting promptly at 2pm. The service will be followed by an act of dedication in the school playground (weather permitting) and light refreshment for all visitors, families and friends in the school hall. The children will have

their refreshments in their classrooms. There will be an opportunity to tour the new school from 3pm.

I very much hope that you are able to join us on the day.

### **Physical Education Lessons**

A number of parents have asked about earrings on PE days. For the safety of the children I would like all earrings to be removed on their PE day. Sticking plaster is not sufficient therefore please do not send your child to school with earrings on the day that they have PE.

### **Change of Collection**

Please notify the school office if a new/different adult is due to collect your child. Children from Nursery to Year 4 are dismissed by their class teacher. The teacher will only dismiss the child if they know the adult who is due to collect. It is important for the welfare of the children that we are made aware of changes to your normal routine.

### **Coming Up...**

#### September 2014

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

2pm Rededication Service for the refurbished school (friends and families welcome).

#### October 2014

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

10:00am School service – Harvest – Year 5 (friends and families welcome)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

5-7:30 Autumn term Parents' Evening

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

4-6:30 Autumn term Parents' Evening

27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

HALF TERM HOLIDAY