



St Paul's CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

The Easter Holidays will start at the end of this week bringing to an end another very successful term in the school. It was lovely to see so many of you attending the spring term parents' evenings. We are processing all the parent questionnaires and will be sharing the outcomes with you in the summer term.

Walking around the school and dropping into lessons, I am very impressed with the focus and engagement of our pupils in their learning. It is pleasing to see their commitment and enjoyment of school. I hope that you all have a very restful Easter holiday, when it comes.

Staffing Updates

At the end of April we shall be saying goodbye to Mrs Singh, one of our lunchtime supervisors who is leaving us to join a local nursery. Mrs Lloyd will also be starting her maternity leave after the Easter holidays. I know that you will join me in wishing them both well.

When we return to school after Easter we will be welcoming Mrs Habiba Husein, Ms Waheeda Hayat and Mrs Zaferina Akioya to the lunchtime supervisor team. Miss Wellington will be joining the administrative team.

During the spring term a number of staff members have continued to suffer significant illness. Mrs Hellyer, our caretaker, remains off work following a significant illness earlier in the year. She is recovering, but remains unwell. Mrs Yates, our Early Years Practitioner in Nursery class, broke her wrist in January and remains off work as she recovers.

Easter Experience and School Service

Last week pupils from the school visited the *Easter Experience* at our church. At short notice, we needed some additional parental help and I am very grateful to those parents and carers who stepped forward to support. The *Easter Experience* was an excellent event which pupils, staff and parents all found very informative and enjoyed. I would like to thank Oli Douglas-Pennant and the team at St Paul's Church for putting on such a great experience for our pupils.

The Year 3 children will be marking Easter through their special service at 10:00 on Thursday 30th April in St Paul's Church. All families and friends of the school are welcome to attend the service, please do come if you can.

In the afternoon of Thursday 30th March, the Reception classes will hold a special Easter service for Reception class parents only at 2pm in St Paul's church.

Let's Talk PANTS – NSPCC Campaign

In the first half of the summer term we shall be running the NSPCC Let's Talk PANTS campaign with pupils in year 1 and 2. Talking PANTS teaches children important messages, such as their body belongs to them and they should tell an adult if they're upset or worried.

More details of the project will be sent out shortly. In the meantime, you may wish to view the resources on the NSPCC website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

Lent Appeal

This year we have been raising money to twin our school toilets with communities in other parts of the world who don't have safe toilet facilities. The twinning helps each community to build clean and safe toilet facilities. This then reduces illness and other associated dangers that a lack of sanitary facilities can present. Please return the toilet twinning money boxes at the end of the term, so that the collections can be put towards the appeal. We shall also hold a non-uniform day on Friday 31st March in support of the toilet twinning charity. Children can wear non-uniform for a contribution of £1. We shall collect all contributions in the buckets as usual at the start of the school day on Friday.

For more details on toilet twinning, do visit the website: <http://www.toilettwinning.org/>

Service for Revd. Simpson

Revd. Simpson, our longstanding team rector, has been on a sabbatical since January. At the end of his sabbatical, he will take up a new post in Thirsk, North Yorkshire. Revd. Simpson has worked in the parish for many years and to mark his contribution, the church are organising a special service for him on Thursday 27th April 2017. This service will be open to all members of the school community, including parents. We shall send further details of this service once we know them.

Morrisons Site Development

Revised plans for the Morrisons site have been submitted to planning and the deadline for submission of comments is today. The proposal will then be put before the planning committee in April. I will update you as things evolve.

Super Active Schools

St Paul's is one of ten schools in the borough to have been selected to participate in a *Super Active Schools* pilot project. The project aims to address the worrying rise in childhood obesity, seeking to engage all young people in 60 minutes or more physical activity a day.

We are organising a series of activities and events in addition to our usual sport and PE provision to help achieve this target. Please look out for further details over the next few months.

Bicycles and Scooters

With the warmer weather coming it is great to see so many children coming to school on bikes and scooters. We have had a couple of bikes and scooters stolen from the cycle racks overnight. Ideally I would encourage all parents to take their child's bike or scooter home at the end of the day. If you do need to leave it overnight, please ensure that it is locked securely, with a high quality lock to the cycle frames around the school. That will deter thieves from trying to steal your child's bike or scooter.

Money

A number of children, particularly in the juniors, are bringing money to school. With the exception of fundraising days or specific trips and activities, they have no need to bring money to school.

Having money in school presents a risk and has led to some unpleasant behaviour between pupils. Please ensure that your child is not bringing any money to school – we will always inform you in advance of any event requiring money.

Any money brought to school will be confiscated and only returned to parents in person. This will help to keep all children in the school safe.

The vast majority of school events and activities should be paid for through *Parentpay*.

Internet Safety

Over recent years I have been made aware of a number of incidents of inappropriate, and in some cases bullying, behaviour over the internet, that have affected pupils at our school. A number have happened this academic year. I would like to urge every parent in the school to be vigilant to the risks internet use presents. Together we can act to keep our children as safe as possible when using the internet, teach them how to use internet devices appropriately and what to do when things go wrong.

There are many resources available to support parents and a good starting place can be found on the *safer use of technology* page of our school website:

<http://www.stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk/index.php/safer-use-of-technology>

A number of key issues that have made our pupils vulnerable include:

- **Children using their parent's phones, tablets and computers without consent.** It is essential that all your phones, tablets and computers have a secure password that your child does not know and that you regularly change your password. If you are happy for your child to use your phone etc. please ensure that parental safety features are enabled. Also ensure that your facebook account, messaging accounts and other social media accounts are not running whilst they are using your phone and that they cannot be opened without a password.
- **Children having their own social media accounts.** Facebook, Snapchat, Whats App and other social media accounts are all supposed to be for people aged 13 years+. This restriction is in the terms and conditions for each of these services. The age limit is there for a reason. Children using these services are potentially vulnerable to bullying and grooming. No child in our school is old enough to have any of these accounts. Children should not be using their parents' accounts or those of older siblings as the risks are present there too.
- **Children using unmonitored, unsecured phones, tablets or computers.** It is important that parental settings and firewalls are in place and that parents regularly check their child's search histories and activities on their phones, computers and tablets.
- **Children sharing login and password details with others.** There is a very simple expression to help with password safety: 'Treat your password as you treat your toothbrush'. We don't share toothbrushes and shouldn't share passwords. When others know your password, they can get into your account and change the passwords, locking you out. At that point they can pretend to be you and send messages etc. in your name.

In school we teach internet safety regularly and we offer workshops to parents each year. We have robust firewalls in place on the school's network and adults always supervise the use of internet enabled technology.

St Paul's CE Primary School PFA Report Spring 2017

Firstly, we would like to say thank you to all of you that support and volunteer with us, without you we would not be able to achieve all the events and funding throughout the year to support the school and its pupils.

From September 2015 to date we have held two successful Christmas discos and a summer fair which between them have managed to raise £1383.71. All these events have been very successful and very well attended. We are planning more events for next term which include a travelling book fair, another summer fair and possibly even a quiz night.

We used this money plus our PFA cash reserves to fund the following projects at the school:

- 2016 World Book Day
- Year 6 leavers party
- Sunshades in St Paul's site playground
- Curriculum enrichment day for the Circus skills and reptile zoo that visited the school
- 2017 World book day
- Hi Vis vests for school outings (to be ordered)

The PFA is for every Parent and Friends to be involved in school life and the we always need plenty of helpers so do contact the office if you feel you want to be more involved or have any ideas you would like to share with us.

Thank you for all you support

Coming Up...

I have attached the list of events for this term. The dates are also updated on the website calendar. Copies of the school's term dates can be downloaded from the school website.

March 2017

Thursday 30 th	10:00 Year 3 Easter Church Service – all parents welcome 2pm Reception Church Service – Reception parents welcome
Friday 31 st	1:30 Early Closure

April 2017

Tuesday 18 th	RETURN TO SCHOOL
Wednesday 19 th	PM – Let's Talk Pants workshop for Year 1 & 2 parents
Friday 21 st	9:30 Prospective parent tour of the school
Monday 24 th	Year 2 & 6 Parents' Assessment meeting
Thursday 27 th	Church Service for Revd. Simpson
Thursday 27 th	Year 6 at Lords Cricket Ground

May 2017

Wednesday 3 rd	Class photographs
Monday 8 th	KS2 SATS Week
Tuesday 9 th	KS2 SATS Week

Wednesday 10 th	KS2 SATS Week
Thursday 11 th	KS2 SATS Week
Friday 12 th	KS2 SATS Week
Monday 22 nd	WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK/PUNCTUALITY WEEK
Tuesday 23 rd	BE WISE ON WHEELS DAY
Thursday 25 th	10:00 Year 4 Church Service – all parents welcome
Friday 26 th	END OF HALF TERM (school finishes at the normal time)

June 2017

Saturday 10 th	Annual seaside trip for school families (staff and pupils)
Monday 12 th	Year 1 Phonics Screener
Tuesday 13 th	Year 1 Phonics Screener
Wednesday 14 th	Year 1 Phonics Screener
Thursday 15 th	Year 1 Phonics Screener
Friday 16 th	Inset Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 20 th	Sports Activity Morning
Wednesday 21 st	PM - Choir at Hammersmith Town Hall, summer singing festival
Monday 26 th	Junior Sports Morning (Sports day – all parents welcome)
Tuesday 27 th	Infant & FS Sports Morning (Sports day – all parents welcome)

July 2017

Wednesday 5 th	9:30 New Reception Parents' Meeting - SPS 10:30 New Nursery Parents' Meeting – SPS
Friday 7 th	2pm Year 4 & 5 Recorder Concert – SPS
Thursday 13 th	3:45pm Reception Transition to Year 1 meeting – AH
Monday 17 th	5-7pm Parents' celebration evening
Wednesday 19 th	2:00 Year 6 leavers' service – all parents welcome, followed by barbecue
Friday 21 st	1:30 Early closure