



St Paul's CE Primary School

Newsletter

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7th January 2019

Message from the Headteacher

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you had a very good Christmas holiday and that you had some family time together. I would like to thank you for the many generous gifts and cards that you gave to me and the school staff last term.

It is lovely to see the children back at school and ready to go. There is much planned for this half term and you will shortly receive a class newsletter and overview with more details for each class.

Staff Updates

This term we welcome back to school Mrs Chloe Barry, one of our Reception class teachers and Ms Sharon Kelly, one of our catering team. Both members of staff are returning from maternity leave. We also welcome Miss Sophie Clark and Mrs Hannah Douglas-Pennant to the school staff team. Miss Clark joins the administrative team and Mrs Douglas-Pennant joins the school's catering team.

This week is the final week for Mrs Katharine Churcher, our School Business Manager, who is retiring. I am very grateful for the amazing support that she has given to me and the work that she has done in the school during her seven years at the school. It has been seven years of incredible change and development in which Mrs Churcher has been a key member of the team. The school has recovered from a major fire, grown significantly and taken on a second site. I know that she will be much missed and am sure that you will want to join me in thank her and wishing her well in her retirement.

Curriculum Enrichment Day – Thursday 17th January 2019

This year's curriculum enrichment day is fast approaching. We hold this day every January to provide a chance to explore the breadth of the school curriculum and invite a specialist practitioner in to school to lead workshops for each class. Following a request from the PTFA we have selected a musical theme for the day. The Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will take part in a South American dance workshop whilst the junior classes will take part in an Indian drumming workshop.

On the day, children may wear their own clothes and may wish to dress in the spirit of their workshop – perhaps with a flag or other symbol of India or Latin America. Children participating in the dance workshops should wear clothes that they can move around in safely and comfortably. We shall have playtimes as usual, so please be mindful of the weather when choosing what to wear.

We shall also have our popular 'build-a-burger' day for school lunch. This is a little treat we introduced on the first curriculum enrichment day at the request of the pupils. If your child is

normally packed lunch, but would like to sign up for this special meal, please let the school office know by Friday 11th January 2019.

St Paul's Day Service – Thursday 24th January 2019

Last term we had a wonderful harvest service led by Year 5 and Nativity services from Year 1 and the Nursery. In a couple of weeks' time, the Year 2 children will lead a service on the life of the school's patronal saint, Saint Paul. The service starts at 10am. All parents and friends of the school are welcome to join us.

Later this term, Year 3 and the Reception children will lead the school's Easter services. Please see the dates and times in the calendar section of this newsletter or on the school website calendar.

Internet Safety Workshop for Parents and Internet Safety Day

Later this half term we shall be participating in the National Internet Safety day (Tuesday 5th February). In advance of Internet Safety Day, we shall be holding a workshop for all parents at 9:15am on Thursday 31st January in the Alexandra House Hall. Internet safety and the associated problems that arise from technology use and abuse are a constantly evolving issue for parents, schools and others working to keep children safe. Every year we deal with issues arising out of children's use of technology and very often they can be avoided or addressed earlier with a deeper understanding of the technology that children are able to use.

We want our children to learn to use technology effectively and are often amazed at their abilities when using the school's iPads and other resources.

We have extensive information to support families in their use of technology in the 'resource' section of the school website, however, the parent workshop provides the opportunity to find out more and share experiences. Do join us if you can.

PTFA Spring Term Event

Just before the Christmas holiday the PTFA ran another very successful Christmas Disco. It was great to see the children's excitement and enjoyment. I am very grateful to Ms Cole and the PTFA team for their work in putting the disco together.

The PTFA are in the process of organising a fundraising event this term. Do look out for further information shortly.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2019

On Thursday 7th March 2019, we shall be joining schools and other organisations across the world to mark World Book Day. This is an established annual event to promote reading and the enjoyment of story. As in previous years we invite children to dress as a favourite book character. During the day, we have a number of special activities across the school and in class to celebrate reading. More details will follow nearer the time.

Parent Governor Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy for a parent governor. School governors play an important role in the development of the school and securing its future progress. We have a very committed team of governors who bring together their skills and expertise to the benefit of the whole school community.

There is training and support for new governors through the diocese. The governing body has three core responsibilities: i) Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent, ii) Holding the school leadership to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils iii) Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

There are typically two meetings a term, however governance is about much more than attending meetings. An effective school governing body relies on a diverse membership with a range of skills and interests. Our governors often pursue their individual areas of expertise or interest to enhance the school's provision. Beyond meetings governors may attend and support workshops, work alongside school staff to establish the core priorities and development goals of the school and liaise with other educational professionals in the diocese and local schools.

If you would like to find out more about school governance and would be interested in standing for the parent governor vacancy, please look out for further information in the next few weeks.

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.

Calendar Dates for Parents 2018-19

January 2019

Monday 7 th	First day back to school
Friday 11 th	9:30 Prospective Parents' Tour of the School
Thursday 17 th	Curriculum Enrichment Day
Monday 21 st	St Paul's Week
Tuesday 22 nd	St Paul's Week
Wednesday 23 rd	St Paul's Week
Thursday 24 th	St Paul's Week
	10:00 Year 2 Church Service (R,Y3-6) Parents and friends welcome
Friday 25 th	St Paul's Week
Thursday 31 st	9:15 Parents' Workshop (Internet Safety) – Alexandra House Site

February 2019

Friday 1 st	9:30 Prospective Parents' Tour of the School
Tuesday 5 th	Internet Safety Day
Friday 15 th	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
Monday 18 th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY until Friday 22 nd

March 2019

Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Friday 8 th	9:30 Prospective Parents' Tour of the School
Monday 18 th	5:00 – 7:30 Parents' Evening – Held for all classes on Alex House Site
Tuesday 19 th	5:00 – 7:30 Parents' Evening – Held for all classes on Alex House Site

April 2019

Thursday 4 th	10:00 Year 3 Easter Service (Y2 – 6 to attend) Parents and friends welcome
Friday 5 th	2:00 Reception Easter Service (Y1 to attend) Reception Parents welcome
Monday 8 th	1:30 Early school closure – End of Spring Term
Tuesday 23 rd	Easter holidays until 22 nd April
Friday 26 th	First day back to school
Monday 29 th	9:30 Prospective Parents' Tour of the School
	2:30 Assessment meeting for Year 2 & Year 6 parents in SPS hall

May 2019

Monday 6 th	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed
Monday 13 th	Year 6 SATS week
Tuesday 14 th	Year 6 SATS week
Wednesday 15 th	Year 6 SATS week
Thursday 16 th	Year 6 SATS week
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Monday 20 th	Walk to School Week
	Punctuality Week
Tuesday 21 st	Walk to School Week
	Punctuality Week
	Be Wise on Wheels Day
Wednesday 22 nd	Walk to School Week
	Punctuality Week
Thursday 23 rd	Walk to School Week
	Punctuality Week
Friday 24 th	Walk to School Week
	Punctuality Week
	End of half term
Monday 27 th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY until Friday 31 st

June 2019

Tuesday 4 th	Class Photographs
Thursday 6 th	10:00 Year 4 Pentecost Service (Y2-6) Parents and friends welcome
Saturday 8 th	Annual Seaside trip for families and staff
Monday 10 th	Year 1 Phonics Screener
Tuesday 11 th	Year 1 Phonics Screener
Wednesday 12 th	Year 1 Phonics Screener
Thursday 13 th	Year 1 Phonics Screener
Friday 14 th	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 25 th	AM – Infant Sports Morning
Wednesday 26 th	AM – Junior Sports Morning

July 2019

Tuesday 2 nd	Year 6 secondary transfer day
Friday 5 th	2pm Recorder Concert
Thursday 11 th	3:45 Reception transition to Year 1 meeting for parents in AH hall– Aftercare to relocate
Monday 15 th	5-7 Parents' Celebration Evening
Thursday 18 th	2:00 Year 6 Leavers' Service & BBQ – All welcome

Tuesday 23rd

Final Day of the school Year
1:30 Early Closure