



# NEWSLETTER

29th April 2016

## **School Garden**

At St. Paul's School we think it is important for children to learn about nature – that's one of the reasons we have chickens and pets in the school. We also want the children to learn more about how we get our food and how to grow plants. Every autumn, a few Year 6 children go to Borough Market to sell produce from our school for the charity Fairtrade. We sell any fruit from our trees, eggs, and anything we have grown. The plot for growing has been challenging. Although Mr Roy has cleared the strip next to the Key Stage playground several times to allow the classes to grow their own plants, the heavy clay soil has been too difficult for the children to use themselves. So Mr Roy has now built raised beds, and laid down a cover and bark to keep the weeds at bay. All classes are planning to grow some plants this year – some will be timed for harvesting in time for the Borough Market sale in the autumn. A huge thank you to Mr Roy, who has put in a huge amount of very hard work to create a wonderful garden for the children to work in.

## **Valuables in School**

Some children have been bringing in money and valuables to school. This is against our school rules. We have recently had some thefts from a few classrooms, which is the reason we ask that no valuables are brought in. If phones are brought in the school, they must be handed into the school office at the beginning of the school day. Please ensure your child complies with these requirements. Thank you.

## **Match Attax Cards**

Some children are starting to bring in Match Attax cards. These have been causing some difficulties between pupils, and as usual with cards that children collect, they are now banned from school. If a child is caught with cards in school, they will be taken from them and only returned to their parent or carer. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Big Sing**

Every year, Year 5 are invited to St. Gabriel's College to participate in a concert with other neighbouring primary schools in Lambeth and Southwark. This week the children in Year 5 practised songs for the concert with the music director and Mother Ellen, the Chaplain of St. Paul's School, who is a good friend of St. Paul's School. The children will now practise the songs in school, before going to a big rehearsal on the day of the performance at St. Gabriel's. Year 5 parents are invited to go and watch the concert, which is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Bank Holiday**

There is no school on Monday due to the Bank Holiday. We look forward to seeing everybody bright and early on Tuesday morning!

