

# St. Paul's Church of England Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Mother Katy

It was lovely to welcome Mother Katy today as she took her first assembly in school. She plays the piano really well and we all enjoyed singing along with her! We look forward to many more!

## SATS

After so much studying our Year 6 pupils will finally be sitting their SATs next week. These tests will be every day from Monday to Thursday. They will start first thing in the morning and some children will have tests in the afternoon too. We do expect all children to be in school every day. If your child has severe vomiting or a really high temperature please phone us first thing in the morning. Make sure your child has early nights and a hearty breakfast before school. These tests are really important for the children as well as for the school, as the results will be sent to secondary schools to help them decide on groupings and future studies. Good luck Year 6 - we know you will do your very best!

## Sex and Relationship Education

Year 6 parents and carers will be receiving a letter inviting them to attend a meeting about this very important area of learning. Please ask your children for this letter.

## Year 5 Parents/carers!

Soon your children will be in Year 6 and preparing for secondary transfer. Some schools have already been in touch as they are eager to take your children! We will have a meeting about this later in July.

Meanwhile, parents of girls may be interested in Harris Academy Bermondsey

who are holding open mornings every Wednesday throughout June. Just arrive at the school at 10 am and you will be shown around. You are welcome to take your daughter with you if you wish. Most secondary schools will start their visits from September.

## Think before booking that holiday!

Just a reminder from last week - Please note that from June, Southwark will be issuing Penalty Notices to those families who keep their children off school unnecessarily. Please be aware of this if you are making arrangements to go away on holiday during term time as we have every intention of enforcing this new procedure. Children who are absent from school must have a valid reason and this must be communicated to the school office as soon as possible.

## Residential

Next Tuesday we say 'goodbye' to half of our Year 3/4 children as they head off to Kent for their residential trip. Please make sure you have all the listed clothing ready including footwear. Children need clothing for warm and cold weather as we have no idea what it will be like. If you have any concerns please contact the school on Monday.

The week has been planned out for those children who are not going away, there are plenty of interesting activities for them to do and they will be very busy!

Have a great long weekend!  
Annabelle Birleanu and staff.