



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

1st February 2019

St Paul's Journey – An update from the Senior Leadership Team

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Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Spring Term: Proverbs 3:5-6

School Improvement Focus: Inclusion

In the Autumn Term we wrote to tell you that a new Inclusion Team had been created. The aim of the team is to enable children to confidently access all aspects of school. Mrs Gadd leads the team supported by Miss Case (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator), Mrs Donna M (Learning Mentor), Miss Linda May (English as an Additional Language Leader) and Ms Donna G (Attendance Officer). The team have been working closely with the class teachers, teaching assistants and families. We are pleased to tell you some of the achievements.

We have built up strong working relationships with a range of agencies who are providing support for some of our children; these include an Educational Psychologist, School Nurse, Summerhouse Pupil Referral Unit, Family Early Help, Speech and Language Therapist and the SEN department at the Local Authority. We will continue to work with teachers and families to ensure we understand and meet the needs of our children.

In order to know how to improve the school's attendance, we have been monitoring **persistent absence and punctuality**. Thank you so much for your help and the work of the team, there has been a **69% improvement** in children's attendance this year. We will continue working with you to increase this further. We have also looked at our **overall attendance** which is currently **95%**.

These are some of the other aspects of our journey to improvement. Many new English speakers have been welcomed to our school and these children are having support with reading and the English Language. Medical systems have been strengthened and will continue to be monitored for strong practice. Also a Year 6 buddy system has been led by Miss Marie McDonald and has helped some of our younger children have happier lunchtimes because they are taught fun games. Other children who are experiencing difficulties with their emotions are supported in groups or individually through discussions, play and art therapy, and with additional adult support in and out of the classroom. With the whole staff team, we will continue to help your child to enjoy their school days at St Paul's.

If you have any concerns about your child please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the Inclusion Team.

Key Information

Nursery places

We are holding an open morning at the school for any prospective parents who have a nursery aged child or a child turning 3 soon. If you have a neighbour or friend please let them know. The open morning will run **this Monday 4th February 2019 from 9.30-10.30am**. During this session you will get to look at the provision in the Early Years and have a tour of the rest of the school. Please come to the school office for 9.25am. We look forward to seeing you then!

Safer Internet Day

We are looking forward to celebrating Safer Internet Day next week. Your children will be discussing how to stay safe in their Class Collective Worship. The global theme is 'together for a better internet'. Everyone has their part to play in making the internet a better place. Please talk to your child about the importance of staying safe on line.

The top tips for 3-7 year olds centre around asking if something is okay online, as well as looking at personal information and where young people can go if they need help.

The top tips for 7-11s look at sensible choices online, choosing whether something is okay online and ways that young people can be role models.

Free after school cookery workshops for adults and children

The school are part of the School Food Matters Project, as part of this project we are running free after school workshops on a first come first served basis. The first 20 children who come to the hall on Monday after school, with their parents, will be able to participate. The workshops will be running for the next 3 weeks. Parents are welcome to bring siblings and more than one child to be part of this exciting opportunity.

KS1 toy workshops 8th February

Maple, Birch and Ash have been offered a fantastic learning opportunity in relation to their topic this term on toys. A company will be coming into school to work with the children focusing on toys from the Victorian Era and how they differ to toys we have today. The children will even have the opportunity to make some Victorian toys of their own. I am sure you can all agree that this hands on experience will be fantastic for the children but in order to run such a course we ask for £4 for each child. This will cover the people that are running the workshop as well as the materials needed to make their own toys. Please send money into class teachers.

International Food Fair

We will be holding an International Food Fair on Friday 22nd March from 1-3pm. Look out for details in upcoming newsletters. We can't wait!

We hope all our families and friends have a restful weekend. There are many events coming up this term, please keep checking the dates below. If you have any questions, please ask staff on the playground at the beginning and end of each, or contact the office.

The St Paul's Team



Dates for Spring Term new or changed dates in RED

Description	Date	Time
Open morning for new Nursery parents	Monday 04/02/19	09.30-10.30
Year 6 to Southwark Playhouse	Monday 04/02/19	12.45-15.30
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 05/02/19	
Maple, Birch and Ash toy workshops in school	Friday 08/02/19	13.00-15.00
Oak Class Collective Worship	Thursday 14/02/19	08.55-09.15
St Paul's Journey Parents' Group	Thursday 14/02/19	8.45 – 9.30
Last day of half term	Friday 15/02/19	15.30
Children return to school	Monday 25/02/19	08.45
Last week of 'School Food Matters' Parent/Child Cookery Club in hall	Monday 25/02/19	15.30-16.30
School Council feedback with 'School Food Matters Project'	Tuesday 26/02/19	12.00-14.00
Elm/Willow Dance Workshops in school	Tuesday 26/02/18 & 05/03/18, Thursday 14/03/19 & 21/03/19	13.00-15.00
St David's Day. Children to wear yellow to school.	Friday 01/03/19	
St Paul's Journey Parents' Group	Thursday 07/03/19	8.45 – 9.30
Chestnut Class Collective Worship	Thursday 07/03/19	08.55-09.15
Ashing Service @ St Paul's	Friday 08/03/19	09.00-10.00
Assessment Week for Year 1-6	Monday 11/03/19	
St Patrick's Day. Children to wear green to school.	Friday 15/03/19	
Ukulele Club Performance to Parents	Tuesday 19/03/2019	16.00 – 16.30
St Paul's Journey Parents' Group	Thursday 21/03/19	8.45 – 9.30
Larch Class Collective Worship	Thursday 21/03/19	08.55-09.15
International Food Fair	Friday 22/03/19	13.00-15.15
Clubs – last week for the term	Monday 25/03/19	15.30-16.30
Parent conferences	Tuesday 26/03/19 & Wednesday 27/03/19	15.30-18.00
Easter Eggstravaganza	Wednesday 03/04/19	16.30-18.30
St Paul's Journey Parents' Group	Thursday 04/04/19	8.45 – 9.30
Palm Service @ St Paul's Church	Friday 05/04/19	09.00-10.00
Last day of term – children finish at 2pm	Friday 05/04/19	14.00
Inset day	Tuesday 23/04/19	
Children back to school	Wednesday 24/04/19	08.45