



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

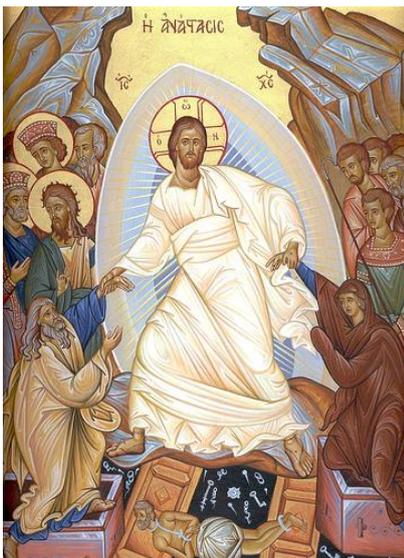
5th April 2019

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

Executive Headteacher: Miss Woods

Deputy Headteachers: Mrs Crannitch and Mrs Gadd

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



What is Easter?

Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the most important Christian festival, and the one celebrated with the greatest joy. Without Easter there would be no Christianity. Without Jesus' suffering, his execution and subsequent resurrection there would be no Christianity, for however terrible the suffering was, it was part of God's plan for the salvation of humankind.

In Western Christianity, Easter marks the end of Lent, a period of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter, which begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts forty days (not counting Sundays).

The week before Easter, known as Holy Week, is very special in the Christian tradition. The Sunday before Easter is Palm Sunday and the last three days before Easter are Maundy

Thursday or Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (sometimes referred to as Silent Saturday). Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday respectively commemorate Jesus' entry in Jerusalem, the Last Supper and the Crucifixion. This Easter we would like to share a special prayer with you.

"Christ the Lord is risen to-day,"
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.
(Charles Wesley)

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you so much to those of you who have been able to complete the Parents' and Carers' Questionnaire we sent home last week. We will be reading your ideas and will let you know what our next steps are over the coming term. Your comments will be used to help us improve the school further.

Parents/Carers' testimonials - please can you help us share the good news?!

As you know, we are working hard here at St Paul's to raise standards together. Many parents have shared their views on homework which helped us a great deal. In addition, our Parent Questionnaire (which is due back in on Friday) should give us lots of information to continue to hear your opinions. We are now asking parents to write testimonials which we can display on our school website. These comments will be added to our Parents' section of the website and will be read by potential parents and of course, the wider community.

Some ideas for you could include could be: What your child enjoys at school, what they are learning, how far they have progressed, what the teachers and senior leaders are like and even why you chose St Paul's for your child's education. Your views are very important to us and we would like to share the good news that we hear each week! You can drop a note in to the office, ask a teacher to write your comments down or send an email in to the school office. Thank you, in advance for your help with this.

Calling all aspiring green fingered gardeners

Thanks to St Paul's partnership with the School Food Matters Project, we are able to offer more parent and child workshops in the summer term. Continuing on from the rousing success of the healthy cooking workshops we are now offering gardening sessions. These sessions will run from Monday 29th April for 6 weeks and each session will be on a first come first served basis. They will take place in the school's garden area and utilise our lovely grow boxes. The sessions are to help expand the children's knowledge of how food grows and where their food comes from. We look forward to seeing you there!

Assessment Week

We recently completed our assessment week and we were pleased to see that the children all tried really hard with their various tasks. Teachers and teaching assistants all worked really hard to make sure that the children were calm and did their very best! Well done everyone on everything you have achieved. Again, many thanks to the parents and carers who are making sure that reading is done regularly and that homeworks are supported well.

Headteacher Tours

Miss Woods is delighted to see the school doing so well and will be holding Headteacher led tours of the school throughout the year. These tours are for mostly offered for new parents but she would like to welcome any existing parents to come along to these. You may be interested to see the school and to learn more about our recent improvements. If so, she would be delighted to share what the children are learning in class and to give you some time to ask any questions you have. If you would like to book a tour please see the dates below and book yourself in by calling or emailing the school and leaving your name.

We all wish you and your family a wonderful, fun filled time with your family and friends.
We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 24th April.

The St Paul's Team



Dates for Summer Term

Description	Date	Time
INSET day for teachers	Tuesday 23/04/19	
Children start back	Wednesday 24/04/19	08.45
After school Gardening club for parents/children starts	Monday 29/04/19	15.30-16.30
Year 5 to County Cricket Match at the Oval	Tuesday 30/04/19	10.30-15.30
St Paul's Journey Parents' Group	Thursday 02/05/19	08.45-09.30
Headteacher Tour of the School – new parents	Friday 03/05/19	10.00-11.00
May Bank Holiday – school closed	Monday 06.05.19	
SATS WEEK (Year 6 tests)	Monday 13/05/19 – Thursday 16/05/19	
St Paul's Journey Parents' Group	Thursday 16/05/19	08.45-09.30
Drop in cookery workshop for parents and children in hall	Monday 20/05/19	15.30-16.30
Year 2 and Year 5 fire safety workshops in school	Monday 20/05/19	13.00-15.00
Ash class collective worship	Thursday 23/05/19	09.00-09.15
Year 3 and 4 to Southwark Cathedral for Lent Call Thanksgiving service	Thursday 23/05/19	12.45-15.30
NSPCC workshops in Year 5 and 6	Friday 24/05/19	11.00-14.00
End of half term	Friday 24/05/19	15.15
May half term – school closed	Monday 27/05/19 – Friday 31/05/19	
Pentecost Service at St Paul's Church	Friday 07/06/19	09.00-10.00
Headteacher Tour of the School – new parents	Friday 07/06/19	10.00-11.00
Phonics Screening (KS1)	Monday 10/06/19 – Friday 14/06/19	
St Paul's Journey Parents' Group	Thursday 13/06/19	08.45-09.30
School photographs	Thursday 13/06/19	
Maple class collective worship	Thursday 13/06/19	09.00-09.15
Year 3/4 music performance at Tooley St	Thursday 13/06/19	11.30-15.15
Assessment Week	Monday 17/06/19 – Friday 21/06/19	
Year 6 residential	Monday 17/06/19 – Friday 21/06/19	
KS1 to Museum of London	Monday 24/06/19	
St Paul's Journey Parents' Group	Thursday 27/06/19	08.45-09.30
Birch class collective worship	Thursday 27/06/19	09.00-09.15
Summer BBQ	Thursday 04/07/19	16.30-18.30
Bikeability – Years 5 & 6	Monday 08/07/19 – Friday 12/07/19	
St Paul's Journey Parents' Group	Thursday 11/07/19	08.45-09.30
End of year Reports to parents	Monday 08/07/19	
St Paul's selling produce at East St Market	Tuesday 09/07/19	13.00-15.00

Parents Open Evening – drop in, not appointments	Wednesday 10/07/19	15.15-17.00
Sycamore class collective worship	Thursday 11/07/19	09.00-09.15
Year 6 disco	Thursday 11/07/19	17.00-18.30
Bikeability – Years 3 & 4	Wednesday 17/07/19 - Thursday 18/07/19	
Year 6 production to parents	Wednesday 17/07/19	18.00-19.30
Year 6 Leavers Service at Southwark Cathedral	Thursday 18/07/19	10.30-14.00
Acorn class collective worship	Thursday 18/07/19	09.00-09.15
Sports Day and picnic at Pasley Park	Friday 19/07/19	
Leavers Service at St Paul's Church	Tuesday 23/07/19	09.00-10.00
Last day of the year – children finish at 2pm	Tuesday 23/07/19	14.00