



**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# **NEWSLETTER**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Executive Headteacher: Miss Woods

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Crannitch

## **FAITH – HOPE – LOVE**

### **EYFS/KS1 Nativity**

A very big thank you to all the parents who attended the Nativity 'I'm gonna shine' on Wednesday. It was an amazing show that showed all the hard work by adults and children across all 4 classes. This is the first time we have had all infants together in one show. I'm sure you will agree it was a great idea! A big thank you to all the parents who helped us by bringing in and even making costumes for their children and to the staff team for organising props, music and scenery. A great St Paul's Team effort! It was wonderful to see so many of you coming along to support your children, you were so encouraging; the children loved the applause! There will be photos taken of the cast by our website manager. These photos will be on the School website soon.

### **Walworth Wonderland at St Paul's**

Thank you to all our families that joined us for the Christmas Disco and Christmas crafting activities earlier on this week. It was a fun and festive evening. Also a big thank you to the staff who volunteered their time to make sure it all ran smoothly and safely. A special thanks goes to Miss Donna M and Miss Linda M who did all the organising in the run up to the event itself.

### **A message from the Fund Raising Leads at Health, Poverty Action.**

How lovely! This week we received a letter from the team at Health Poverty Action to say thank you to our choir for raising money for their charity last Friday. The children were fantastic ambassadors for the school not only singing but also behaving beautifully too! They all received a Golden Sticker of Greatness from Miss Woods to congratulate them and a special mention from Mrs Jones in Collective Worship during this week's ACE awards. Very well done all involved we are all very proud of you!

*'I just wanted to say a HUGE thank to your lovely choir, for singing and collecting for Health Poverty Action on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> 2019. Everyone had a lovely time watching them sing. We've just finished counting the money raised, and I'm absolutely thrilled to tell you that in only 45 minutes St. Paul's managed to raise a massive £307.00. That is an amazing figure. So far most schools have raised around £200, so your choir smashed that figure! The money will help mothers and their children in Sierra Leone.*

*Please pass my thanks to them.*

*Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year to all of you.*

*Very best wishes,*

*Georgia and Susana'*

### **The Advent Season**

Advent Celebrations on Sunday 15th December 2019 marks the third Sunday of the season of Advent. We will continue to learn about Advent in our Collective Worships. Next week we will light the fourth candle as we count down the weeks to Christmas! Traditionally, the Advent wreath symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent. It is typically a circular candle holder that holds five candles. During the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday. At School we light one each week, until all of the candles are lit. Each candle customarily represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Advent wreath we use in school has three colours of candles – purple, pink, and white.

1st CANDLE – (purple) THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE

2nd CANDLE – (purple) THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION

3rd CANDLE – (pink) THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY

4th CANDLE – (purple) THE ANGEL CANDLE

5th CANDLE – (white) CHRIST CANDLE

### **Sports News Update**

Our football team play in the London PESSN League. Miss Linda Mc and Miss Lucy escort the children to Geraldine Hammond Park. The most recent matches have been:

31<sup>st</sup> October - match against St Joseph's Borough in which the team won 7-2.

14<sup>th</sup> November match cancelled by the other team. St Paul's awarded the points.

28<sup>th</sup> November – match against Townsend Primary where they won 17 nil. Mamady scored 12 goals!

### **Class Collective Worships next term**

Please look at the spring dates for KS2 class collective worships. These will start promptly at 9am, so please come to the office for 8.55am. The first class collective worship is Willow class on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We hope to see many of you at these as we celebrate your children's learning.

### **Year 4 multiplication tables check**

Don't forget that this year for the first time Year 4 will sit a Year 4 multiplication tables check. This will be done by all children in England in June 2020. This is an online test, administered in school, where the children answer 25 questions. For each question the children will have 6 seconds to answer. Please use the following links for your child to practise your times tables. Even if you are not in Year 4, do take a look. Knowing your times tables at speed makes a lot of Maths work a lot easier.

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/speed-test/> you can pick which timetables you want to practise – and each question is timed at 6 seconds.

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/speed-test/> you get 6 seconds to type in the answer – all times tables.

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/primary-mathematics-times-tables-test-simulator> you get 6 seconds to type in the answer – all times tables.

These links are also on the school website.

### **Good bye Miss Bagnall**

As you know Mrs Bagnall returned to St Paul's from her maternity leave in September as our Part Time PPA Art teacher. She has now been lucky enough to take on a full time teacher position from

January in another Southwark school. Miss Bagnall has worked at the school for 8 years, starting as the Art PPA teacher, then working in Nursery and Year 1/2 before her current role of Art PPA again. We wish Miss Bagnall all the best at her new school.

### **Congratulations Miss McDonald**

Miss Marie, who has worked in the school as a teaching assistant for the last 6 years, will now become Miss McDonald. Miss McDonald will be covering lessons in a teaching capacity in Year 1-6 from January, teaching the children Art and Music linked to other subjects. Miss McDonald is very excited about her new role and we are sure you will agree she will be amazing at this new position.

### **Change of INSET day**

Our INSET day planned for 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 has been changed to 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

This is due to staff training opportunities which were too good to miss! We do hope this notice is far enough ahead for you to rearrange your diaries.

INSET days for the rest of the academic year are therefore: **1<sup>st</sup> June and 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Please also note there is a special bank holiday day off (school will be closed) to commemorate VE day. This day will be **8<sup>th</sup> May**.

This Christmas, the staff would like to wish you all the very happiest of times together. As you gather with your families to celebrate the season and each other. We would like to leave you with a beautiful Christmas blessing; one which is read in many Churches all over this country. We hope that you have a wonderful, peace filled holiday.

*May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.*



**Wishing you all a happy and restful Christmas Break with family and friends.**

**Merry Christmas!**

**From The St Paul's Team**



## Dates for Spring Term

Description	Date	Time
INSET day for teachers	Monday 06/01/20	
Children start back	Tuesday 07/01/20	08.45
Clubs start	Monday 13/01/20	15.15-16.15
Willow Class Collective Worship	Thursday 16/01/20	09.00-09.15
Parents' Group – St Paul's Journey with our Chair of Governors	Thursday 23/01/20	08.45 – 09.30
St Paul's Day Service at St Paul's Church.	Friday 24/01/20	09.15-10.00
Elm Class Collective Worship	Thursday 30/01/20	09.00-09.15
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 11/02/20	
Oak Class Collective Worship	Thursday 13/02/20	09.00-09.15
Last day of half term	Friday 14/02/20	15.30
Children start back	Monday 24/02/20	08.45
Ashing Service	Wednesday 26/02/20	09.15-10.00
Parents' Group – St Paul's Journey with our Chair of Governors	Thursday 27/02/20	08.45 – 09.30
St David's Day <span style="color: green;">Children to wear yellow to school</span>	Friday 28/02/20	
World Book Day <span style="color: green;">Children to dress up</span>	Thursday 05/03/20	
Chestnut Class Collective Worship	Friday 06/03/20	09.00-09.15
Assessment Week for Year 1-6	Monday 09/03/20	
St Patrick's Day <span style="color: green;">Children to wear green to school</span>	Tuesday 17/03/20	
Parent conferences	Tuesday 17/03/20 & Wednesday 18/03/20	15.30-18.00
Larch Class Collective Worship	Thursday 19/03/20	09.00-09.15
International Event	Thursday 19/03/20	13.00-15.15
Parents' Group – St Paul's Journey with our Chair of Governors	Thursday 19/03/20	08.45 – 09.30
EY and KS1 Movie Night for Lent Call	Thursday 19/03/20	15.45-17.00
Clubs – last week for the term	Monday 23/03/20	15.15-16.15
KS2 Movie Night for Lent Call	Thursday 26/03/20	15.45-17.15
Palm Service at St Paul's Church	Thursday 02/04/20	09.15-10.00
Last day of term – children finish at 2pm (no After School Club)	Friday 03/04/20	14.00
Children back to school	Monday 20/04/20	08.45

CELEBRATIONS WEEK BEGINNING 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER

CLASS	NAME	REASON FOR CELEBRATIONS
Willow	Doyin	For always trying her best.
Willow	Mamady	For his excellent writing in role – it was very romantic!
Oak	Michelle	For getting much better at spelling.
Oak	Mario	For an excellent persuasive speech.
Elm	Taiwo, Archie & Remas	For their romantic and passionate love letters! (Don't worry we were writing in role!)
Chestnut	Rolando	For his excellence in writing this week.
Chestnut	Matilda	For getting much better at speaking.
Larch	Whole Class	For their excellent behaviour during PE with Mr Vaz.
Redwood	Dylan	For his hard work and dedication in Maths this week.
Redwood	Ralph	For working hard during English.
Ash	Abigail	For doing brilliantly in her reading test.
Ash	Whole Class	For being so well behaved in our school trip to the Zoo.
Maple	Hakeem	For amazing concentration in all lessons and always writing in his very best handwriting.
Maple	Whole Class	For being well behaved on the school trip to London Zoo.
Sycamore	Joseph	For improved handwriting.
Sycamore	Yaelle	For her creative flare in Art.
Breakfast Club	Adomas	For always being so well behaved and helpful.
After School Club	Dora	For always being well behaved.

TOP TABLE STARS

Francisca – Maple	Remar – Maple	Spencer – Maple	Khalilah – Ash
Leah – Larch	Leah. A – Redwood	Jaydon – Redwood	Ethan – Redwood
	Jordan – Willow	Mamady - Willow	