



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Monday 22nd June 2020

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A message from your Headteacher, Mrs Silke:

School Reopening Update

Year 4 did themselves and their teachers proud last week, when 17 of them returned to school after 10 weeks since the lockdown. It was lovely to see them. They have been enjoying their socially distanced classroom, as they have more room to spread out, and they are loving having the dinner hall and playground to themselves. We look forward to welcoming back some of Year 1's this week. Keep a look out for updated photos of them back in school.



September Re-opening

We are still waiting for advice from the Government and the Local Authority as to whether we will be able to open all classes in September.

Any further updates regarding the reopening of the school will be put on the school website as soon as possible and I will also write to you all before the end of term.

Supermarket Vouchers – Registration For DFE Free School Meals (FSM status)

You may have heard the good news that the Government has now agreed to fund supermarket vouchers for families registered for free school meals over the Summer holiday. I am very mindful that due to Coronavirus the financial circumstances for many families may have changed and so I am keen to ensure that all our families get the support they need and deserve.

All children at St Paul's are entitled to receive a free school dinner, which is an initiative unique to Southwark LA. This is totally different to having FSM status in line with the DFE criteria and it is only FSM children who are entitled to the supermarket vouchers.

Please note that in order to access the government supermarket voucher scheme you need to be in receipt of one of the benefits listed below:

- Income Support.
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

If you do meet any of the above criteria and you have not yet registered for FSM status then please contact the school by emailing office@stpauls.southwark.sch.uk or calling 0207 703 4896 and speaking to Sandra Bettinelli or Donna Goodes who will arrange for you to complete the necessary paperwork.

Up-To-Date Contact Details

To ensure that we can communicate with you during these uncertain times, it is **very important** that we have your **current** contact details. If you have changed your phone number, email address or have moved house please ensure that you notify the school ASAP by phone on 0207 703 4896 or by email to office@stpauls.southwark.sch.uk. We are now sending this Newsletter out to all parents every Monday so if you have not received it by email it means that we do not have a current email address for you.

Year 6 Sex and Relationships Education

Ordinarily, we would have a meeting to discuss this with you. This is an important piece of learning for our year 6 children, which prepares them for transition to Secondary school where they will grow into young adults. Please go to this link to see more information on what they will be learning: <https://bit.ly/2Z0oQUO>

St Paul's Foodbank

Once again thanks must go to Mr Roy, Miss Linda May and Mr Barry Knight who continue to work relentlessly together to facilitate a weekly food bank at St Paul's church on Tuesdays between 10 am and 2pm so that every family at St Pauls can receive a weekly bag of groceries and other essential items. I have very much enjoyed seeing you at the food bank between 10 am and 12 noon. Please do keep coming as we love to see you there.

Weekly Home Learning

Weekly home learning will continue to be set for all year groups by the class teachers on the school's website using the following link: <http://st-paulsprimaryschool.co.uk/home-learning-resources/>. You can also access this page by going to the school's website page and clicking on the 'Learning' link along the top and selecting 'Home Learning Resources'. There are also regular updates on the website regarding online resources that provide useful and enjoyable learning opportunities for your children. If you have a year 6, Year 4 or Year 1 child who is not coming to school then they should do the home learning for that year group.

Infinite power and love

Lord God, we entrust to you the families and communities

affected by Coronavirus, wherever they may be.

We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect them.

We pray that your Spirit might inspire those researching new medicines and treatments.

And in the midst of this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love. Grant us the courage and perseverance to be good neighbours.

May the words of your Son Jesus Christ in the Our Father,

be our prayer as we entrust ourselves and all of us who are affected

to your infinite power and love.

Amen.

Love and prayers to you all,

The St Paul's Team.