



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 11th September 2020

Headteacher: Mrs Ali Silke
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Crannitch
Inclusion Lead: Mr Anthony Chavez



A message from your Headteacher, Mrs Silke:

It has been delightful to see so many children coming back to school for the start of this term looking so happy and smart in their school uniforms as well as being able to meet so many parents and carers. Your children have all done really well settling back into the school routines and are already working hard in all subjects and getting used to their new 'bubble' arrangements. Thank you for your patience, understanding and flexibility in adjusting to the new staggered start and finish times, as well as the different entrances/exits. Please see the table below in case you need a reminder of which entrance your children are using, as I realise if you have several children there is a lot to remember until we get used to the new arrangements.

Classes	Start Time	Entrance Gate	Finish Time
Acorn (Nursery) Sycamore (Reception)	8.45	Early Years Entrance	3.15pm
Maple (Yr 1) Ash (Yr2-3)	8.45	Small gate by car park gates – KS1 playground	3.15pm
High Redwood (Yr3) Larch (Yr 4/5)	8.30	KS1 playground main gates	3pm
Chestnut (Yr4/5), Oak (Yr5/6) Willow (Yr6)	8.30	Front Entrance through Carpark Gates	3pm

Children should wear full school uniform please on days when they do not have PE. On days when children have PE they will need to come into school in their PE kit please. This should be a plain white T shirt and black shorts/jogging bottoms and their school sweatshirt, with trainers for footwear. Please do not send school bags or book bags to school as we are not able to use cloakrooms due to the Covid Risk Assessment.

Please see the timetable below for when children from Year 1 to Year 6 have their PE lessons. PE in Nursery and Reception is taught through the Physical Development aspect of the EYFS curriculum.

Monday	Chestnut, Larch
Tuesday	Willow, Oak, Redwood, Maple
Wednesday	Redwood, Larch, Chestnut
Thursday	Willow, Oak, Ash, Maple
Friday	Ash

Daily Mile comes to St Paul's

We are pleased to inform you that all KS 2 children will be running a daily mile on site throughout the week in addition to their two PE sessions. We feel this will be really beneficial in helping to rebuild children's fitness and well-being after lockdown. They will build up their running stamina gradually with staff support so please do not worry about your child not being able to achieve from day one. The school uniform policy allows for children to have plain black trainers for school shoes so that footwear is not a problem.

After School Club and Breakfast Club

We hope to be able to re-open both clubs as soon as possible in a way that is safe and manageable to do so. To help us do this please can you let the office know the following by 3:30 pm on Wednesday 16th September:

- Which club/s you would like your child to attend
- Which days of the week you would like your child/children to attend and for what time

Please note that due to Covid 19 we will no longer be able to cater for random drop offs or late collections as the children will need to have been previously booked in before they attend. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Up-To Date Contact Details – Arbor Communication and Safeguarding

Please let the school office know if you have changed your mobile phone numbers or emails. This is essential for safeguarding purposes in case your child is unwell or has a mishap during the school day. We have invested in Arbor - an emailing and texting service so that we can

communicate with you more efficiently. We will be testing this service next week so if your details have changed please let the school office know by 4pm Tuesday 15th. Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

Welcomes

We wish a very warm welcome to all the new Reception children and their families who have joined the St Paul's Community this week. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community.

We also welcome Mr Chavez - Inclusion Leader, Miss Russell - Maple class teacher and Miss Lea-Wilson - Redwood Class teacher.

INSET DAYS THIS YEAR

INSET stands for In-service Education Training Days. All schools have 5 of these a year, when the school is closed so that all staff receive training that will result in enhancing the progress and well-being of all of your children. Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances at RWInc phonics the INSET day planned for Monday the 28th has had to be moved to Friday 25th September. Apologies for any inconvenience.

We have already had 2 INSET days before the children returned.

So the remaining INSET DAYS this Year will be:

Friday 25th September

Friday 6th November

Monday 4th January

Registration For DFE Free School Meals (FSM status)

We are 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 benefits such as the government supermarket vouchers when they are available. To be eligible for DfE FSM status 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 or 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

A Prayer for the Start of a New Academic Year

We thank you, Lord God, that you created us and the world, and you love all you have made.

We thank you that whatever else may happen, your love and care for us never changes.

At the beginning of this new school year we ask your blessing on all the students, teachers, and staff of our school/in our schools, and on their friends and families.

Give us wisdom and understanding; fill us with hope and aspiration; bind us together in community; enable us to respect each other and bring out from each other the unique gift each of us has from you.

Set our hearts on fire with your love, to live and work to your praise and glory,

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Love and prayers to you all,
The St Paul's Team.**