

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

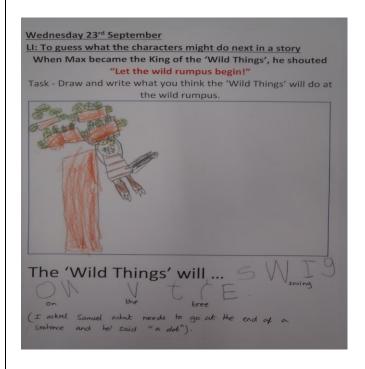
Friday 16th October 2020

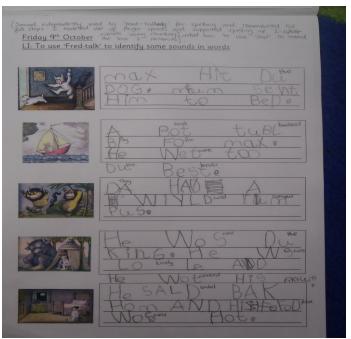
Headteacher: Mrs Ali Silke Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Crannitch Inclusion Lead: Mr Anthony Chavez

A message from your Headteacher, Mrs Silke:

The children have had another successful week working and playing hard in school. We celebrated World Mental Health Day, which was on Saturday 10th October, in school this week with Collective Worships including the story 'The Big Bag of Worries' and sharing information about mindfulness for children. We also had our staff meeting on well being for staff and children with a lavendar scented candle and chocolate treats for teachers. The teachers have started teaching RWInc phonics this week in EYFS and KS1 and RWInc for spelling in KS2.

Look at the improvement in this child's work in Reception after one week of oral 'Fred talk' before we started teaching them how to read and write the letters. We will demonstrate what 'Fred talk' at the Meet the HT and RWInc phonics meetings.





Meet the Head Meetings and RWInc Phonics

Thank you to all of you who have already booked your place at one of the meetings below. If you have not already done so please do asap as the places are going fast. The meeting will include very important information about RWInc phonics and what you can do at home to help your child. There will be juice and biscuits available and every parent attending will have their name put into a raffle for a £25 Amazon voucher at each meeting. We will be giving free RWInc resources for children in Sycamore, Maple and Ash class but you must attend one of the meetings in order to know how to use them. The meetings will be held on:

Tuesday 3rd November 9am, Wednesday 4th November 9am and Thursday 5th November 9am.

Please note that these are identical meetings so you only need to attend one. I am just trying to offer several options so that parents from every family have an opportunity to meet me and also get key information about RWInc phonics. We will need you to return the slip below and return to the office to

book your place at the meeting you wish to attend so that we know how many chairs need to be put out. Due to social distancing we can only accommodate one parent/carer per family unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please ensure you have the NHS Covid 19 app on your phone so you can scan the track and trace QR on entry. You can download it free from apple store or google play.

Secondary School Admissions

The closing date for applications for a Secondary school place for **September 2021** is **31**st **October 2020**. Please see our website in the parents section for links on how to apply. If you are a Southwark resident you need to apply online using their application. If you live in another Local Authority you need to apply online using their form. If you have any difficulty applying online please contact the Secondary admissions department of your Local Authority or call the office and we will see what we can do to help.

Midday Meals Supervisor Vacancy and Cleaning Vacancy

We are recruiting for the MMS for 1 hour a day from 12:30 to 1:30pm and a cleaner 2 hours a day from 3.30-5.30pm. Please go to the office and let them know if you are interested in either role and they will give you an application form. **Closing Date: Wednesday 21**st **October at 9am.**

Water Bottles

Due to our Covid Risk Assessment we are unable to use the water fountains in school. The schools has purchased BPA free water bottles for every child in class which are topped up for them throughout the day. In the same way that we do not want bags brought into school, the same applies with water bottles as it could be a way of bringing Covid into the school. With cases rising it is imperative that we adhere strictly to our risk assessment measures so please do not send water bottles into school with your child.

Reconnecting Curriculum Planning For Remote Learning In The Event Of Lockdown Of A Bubble Or Whole School.

Thank you to all of you with children in the early years and KS1 who attended the Microsoft teams meeting this week. It was lovely to see so many of you there. The children will be given their passwords next week so they can learn more about using Microsoft teams to do their online learning.

After School Club and Breakfast Club

Unfortunately, the After School Club is very undersubscribed at present and the school is losing a large amount of money. We have had several nights where no children need the facility and have had no more than 5 children attending on any one occasion. The MAT has agreed to continue the club until Christmas but if the numbers attending do not increase we will sadly be unable to continue the After School Club in the New Year. The breakfast club will continue to run as normal.

Breakfast Club runs from 7:45 to 8:30. Children will be taken to their classes at 8:30. After School Club runs from 3:15 to 5:45.

Please collect your children promptly as the room needs to be deep cleaned before the next day. **Drop off and Collection arrangements**: Drop off and collection will be at the main gate. If there is no one at the gate when you buzz for Breakfast Club or After School Club please call the school mobile on 07748039939 and a member of staff will come and open the gate for you to drop off or collect your child/children. Please note that if you are collecting your child from After School Club after 4.30pm you will need to call this number as the office is not staffed after 4.30pm. The places in After School Club cost £10 a day with a reduction to £7:50 for subsequent siblings. Breakfast Club costs £2 a day.

Please note that 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 due to our risk assessment. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

<u>Up-To Date Contact Details – Arbor Communication and Safeguarding</u>

Thank you to those of you who have informed us of your new phone and email contact details. If you have not done so please email the office@stpauls.southwark.sch.uk as soon as possible. We have emailed this newsletter to you on Friday so if you did not receive it we do not have the correct email for you.

A Prayer For World Mental Health Day

God of Compassion,
You meant us to be both fragile and ordinary.
Silence the voices that say we are not good enough,
Haven't achieved enough,
Haven't enough to show for our lives,
That we are not enough.
Help us to know that we are treasure,
We are prized,
We are cherished,
We are loved.
Infinitely.
By you.

So be with us in our corrugations of feeling:
When our hearts are in downward freefall, be with us
When our minds race with anxiety, be with us
When our throats close in fear, be with us
When sleep will not come, be with us
When waking hurts, be with us.
In the name of Jesus,
Who knew trauma, abuse, despair and abandonment
And has nothing but love for us,

Amen.

Love and prayers to you all,

The St Paul's Team

I would like to book a place at the 'Meet the HT and RWinc phonics meeting: (please tick):	
My Children's names and class are	
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Thursday 5 th November at 9am	