



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 11th December 2020

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

A Message From Your Headteacher, Mrs Silke

Huge thanks to you all for supporting our Christmas jumper day appeal today in aid of the Save the Children appeal. As you can see from the photos below, the children have had a lovely day wearing their Christmas jumpers and they really enjoyed their Christmas lunch. The staff loved eating their lunch with the children. Huge thanks to the kitchen team for doing such a great job in cooking 249 delicious Christmas dinners. We have raised an amazing £111.29 with some more to come. Thank you so much for your generosity during these challenging times.



Christmas Parties

The Christmas parties will be held during the afternoon of the 17th December. Children may wear their own clothes to school on that day. Please DO NOT send any food in for the parties due to covid restrictions, the school will provide food for all children to enjoy their party afternoon.

Illness and sickness in Term Time

It is the winter months and the time of coughs, colds and sniffles. Please ensure if your child is off sick, even for one day, that you call the school. You can call at any time and leave a message with this information as all messages will be picked up by a member of the office staff when they are in. Please ensure you leave your child's name, class and the reason for them not being in. When you leave the reason

for them not being in, please be specific ie: they have a blocked nose and red eyes, please do not just say they are unwell. The reason for this is the need for the school to stay as safe as possible during covid times. As in previous information sent out, if your child has any of the following 3 symptoms:

- High temperature (hot to touch)
- Continuous new cough (3 or 4 coughing episodes in a 24-hour period)
- Loss of smell or taste or a change in smell or taste

Please do not bring them into school and call the NHS helpline on 119 for advice. They will then advise if your child or anyone else needs to take a test. If this is the case please let the school know that are calling for advice and keep us updated. Thank you in advance.

Christmas Holiday Covid Track and Trace by the School

After we have broken up on **Friday 18th December until Christmas Eve** we are asking that you follow the above guidance if anyone in your household has Covid symptoms. We also need you to let us know if there is a positive case in your household by emailing this address covid@stpauls.southwark.sch.uk. If you email please include the following information:

Which family members have tested positive.

Date of the onset of symptoms

Date of the positive test result

Mrs Silke will check the email daily during this period and if positive cases are reported will let families in the same bubble know by sending a text to parents. If you have changed your contact details recently please let the office know before the end of term.

Homework

Well done to Redwood Class and Chestnut classes for being top classes for completing homework on Microsoft teams again – great work 😊.

Christmas Cards and Gifts

If you wish to give any Christmas cards or gifts to adults or children these will need to be brought in **no later than the morning of Wednesday 16th December at the latest** so that they can quarantine in a class box before being given out on the last day of term.

Melanin Health & Wellbeing Lunch Box Project

is a project led by a team of local volunteers. Their aim is to source and deliver free nutritious and healthy traditional African Caribbean and Asian meals and groceries to 500 vulnerable BAME single parent households within the Walworth area of Southwark. Please see attached flyer for details.

PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY BELOW

Last Day of Term Friday 18th December

As usual on the last day of term, we will be sending the children home **at 2pm** after they have had their lunch.

Spring Term First Day Back For Children – Tuesday 5th January

Monday 4th January is an INSET day so the school will be closed for children.

Parent Conferences

Thank you to all parents in Maple, Ash, Larch and Redwood classes for attending their telephone appointments this week.

The teachers in the classes below are really looking forward to speaking to on the phone to update you on your children's progress and well-being. The timings will be 3.30-6pm daily – 10 minutes per parent. So that you can see your child's maths and English work, the children will bring their old maths and English books home the night before the conference which contains the work they did up to the October half term

break. These books can be kept at home unless the class teacher asks for them to be returned, as we have to keep a sample from every year group at the end of each year.

Date	Classes and Phone Call
Monday 14 th December	Willow
	Chestnut
Tuesday 15 th December	Willow
	Chestnut
Wednesday 16 th December	Oak
	Acorn and Sycamore
Thursday 17 th December	Oak
	Acorn and Sycamore

Supermarket Vouchers for DfE Free School Meals Children for the Christmas Break – LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS

We will be issuing the vouchers for the Christmas Holidays to all families who are registered for FSM. The vouchers will amount to £15 per week per child.

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 or priority for device loans in the event of lockdown. 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 complete the attached form and email the office@stpauls.southwark.sch.uk.

A Prayer for Peace during the Second Week of Advent

Dear Lord Jesus,

We thank you that you are a giver of peace because you are peace.

We thank you for the prophet Isaiah who predicted your birth and told us you were coming,
We pray that you will bring peace to our world, our country, our community, our school and our homes
at this special time of Advent and also during the Christmas break.

Please keep us safe and healthy and for those who are alone or feeling anxious,
please be with them always to give them the strength they need during these challenging times.

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



Celebration Collective Worship
Celebration nomination
11th December 2020



Class	Name of Child	
Sycamore	Harry & Ava	For their excellent efforts at their language assessments
Maple	Thais	For beginning to focus during independent work in maths and English
	Vida	For building up her confidence to answer questions during carpet sessions
Ash	Rowan Simeon	Amazing focus and concentration in maths For being a great teacher during maths
Redwood	Fad Tajjah	For working well with his partner during spelling strategies For being a brilliant role model to others
Larch	Timi Lanette	For trying harder with his writing For being an excellent role model for our class
Chestnut	Tyler Leo	For maintaining effort with improved handwriting For being an excellent role model to others
Oak	Ezekiel Patricia	For using noun phrases during English to describe a setting For her inference skills during guided reading. Great understanding!
Willow	Mario & Mohamed	For their excellent manners and listening to instructions when working with our outside coach

Lining Up Awards

Bubble	Winners (class)
Bubble B (Maple and Ash)	Maple
Bubble C (Redwood and Larch)	Redwood
Bubble D (Chestnut, Oak and Willow)	Oak