



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

7th September 2018

St Paul's Journey – An update from the Senior Leadership Team

Interim Executive Headteacher: Miss Woods

Deputy Headteachers: Mrs Crannitch and Mrs Gadd

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. We hope the children have had an enjoyable holiday and are excited about the year ahead.

Our newsletter is a key way of communicating with you. It will be given to the children each Friday, uploaded on St Paul's School website and displayed on the school noticeboard.

Improvements have been made to the school including a new computing suite, some rooms have been improved with fresh paint, new lighting and carpets. Many systems and processes have also been improved enabling the school to build efficiency and consistency for the children.

Staffing

We are delighted to tell you that we have been blessed with some excellent new appointments. We have welcomed three new teachers to the team.

Miss Bryan started working in school last term. Her early start has given her lots of time to get to know all the children and know the systems and processes in school. She is teaching in Maple.

Miss Smith comes from an outstanding school in Tower Hamlets. She has experience leading on computing and will take on NQT mentoring at St Paul's from September. She is teaching in Redwood.

Miss Mills is an experienced teacher who loves design and the arts, and has led various subjects in her career. She is our Early Years Foundation Stage leader and a part of our Middle Leader Team

We are personally very encouraged by these new appointments. Each of the new staff are excited about joining the team and being part of our improvement journey.

Key Information

Meet the Teacher: This year we are inviting you to meet your child's teacher early on in the year. This informal meeting is a chance to find out about your child's curriculum, the expectations for the class and to ask any questions. Please go to your child's class for a 3.30pm start – your child will be able to show you where to go, if you are unsure.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR MAPLE, BIRCH & ASH – Wednesday 19th September.

Meet the Teacher Continued: Sycamore, Oak, Elm & Willow - Wednesday 12/09/18
Redwood, Larch & Chestnut - Thursday 13/09/18

Homework: Thank you to all the parents who completed the survey providing valuable feedback about homework. Your contributions fed into a whole staff session on homework to improve the consistency and value of it across the school. Homework will come out each Friday (starting Friday 14th September) and is to be handed in on the following Wednesday. Look out for your child's orange homework book.

Expectations for home reading: The home reading expectation is for all children at St Paul's is to read 4 times per week. Evidence of this, should be recorded in the child's reading record books and will be checked weekly by staff. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 may write their own 4 comments, but we ask parent's to show interest in home reading as this has been proven to have the greatest impact when developing children as readers.

Parents' Group: Peter Chadwick, chair of the Governing Body of St Paul's, invites all parents and carers to come to meetings every second Thursday at 8:45 starting on Thursday 13th September. He writes: 'As governors of the school we need to hear and want to hear your questions, views, comments and feedback; and these meetings will also give a chance to share updates on what is happening in school. After each meeting I will prepare a note summarising what was said and these notes will be published on the website.'

Harvest Service - Thursday 20th September: Our school will be collecting food for the Manna Centre at London Bridge - a drop in centre for homeless people with St Paul's Church. Please could children bring: sugar, coffee, tinned tomatoes, rice (new packets securely packed), tinned hot dogs, pasta, tinned fruit or breakfast cereal. Please NO clothes, toys etc

Dates for Autumn Term - New or changed dates are in red

Description	Date	Time
Meet the Teacher – Sycamore, Oak, Elm & Willow	Wednesday 12/09/18	15.30 – 16.30
Meet the Teacher – Redwood, Larch & Chestnut	Thursday 13/09/18	15.30 – 16.30
Parents' Group – St Paul's Journey with our Chair of Governors	Thursday 13/09/18	08.45 – 09.30
Clubs Start	Week beg: 17/09/18	
Meet the Teacher – Maple, Birch & Ash	Wednesday 19/09/18	15.30 – 16.30
Harvest Service at St Paul's Church	20/09/2018	09.00-10.00
Parents' Group – St Paul's Journey with our Chair of Governors	Thursday 27/09/18	08.45 – 09.30
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Half Term	22/10/18 – 26/10/18	
Parents' Group – St Paul's Journey with our Chair of Governors	Thursday 1/11/18	08.45 – 09.30
Remembrance Service at St Paul's Church	09/11/18	09.00-10.00
Anti Bullying Week	Week beg: 12/11/18	-
Parents' Group – St Paul's Journey with our Chair of Governors	Thursday 15/11/18	08.45 – 09.30
St Andrew's Day	Friday 30/11/18	
Parents' Group – St Paul's Journey with our Chair of Governors	Thursday 29/11/18	08.45 – 09.30
Family Christmas Disco & Bazaar	Thursday 6/12/18	18.00 - 19.30
Parents' Group – St Paul's Journey with our Chair of Governors	Thursday 13/12/18	08.45 – 09.30
Clubs Finish	Friday 14/12/18	
KS1 Nativity to School	Tuesday 18/12/18	14.00 – 14.45
KS1 Nativity to Parents	Wednesday 19/12/18	14.00 – 14.45
Christmas Carol Service at St Paul's Church	Thursday 20/12/18	09.00-10.00
Children Break up for Christmas	Thursday 20/12/18	14.00
Inset Days	Friday 21/12/18 and Monday 07/01/19	
Children back to school	Tuesday 08/01/19	08.45