



**ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# **NEWSLETTER**

**8<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

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

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Deputy Headteachers: Mrs Crannitch and Mrs Gadd

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Spring Term: Proverbs 3:5-6*

### **School Improvement Focus:**

Thank you to all the parents who gave us such important feedback about homework. We are pleased to hear that you now feel homework is challenging, well organised, regularly marked and something you enjoy doing with your children. We really appreciate all the parents who are reading with their children 4x a week. Your ideas were so helpful that we have decided to send out a parent questionnaire, we will read your responses and use them to help move our school onwards even more. The Parent/Carer Questionnaire will be sent out in paper form in the next few weeks.

### **Netball Results: best team in Southwark!!**

On the 28th February we participated in the High5 netball competition organised by the London PE School and sports network. We played 3 pool matches which we won 3-0, 11-0 and 14-0. We then competed in the semi-finals- we won 3-0 and then the final. Despite having not conceded a goal, we were not complacent and we went on to win 7-0 and are now going to represent Southwark at the London Youth Games. We are proud of our achievement and we also received the certificate of teamwork.

Written by the netball team: Denzel, Ife, Deborah, Harley, Bernice, Abigail and Mamady.

Well done to the netball team, they were great ambassadors for our school and will now be representing Southwark in the London Youth Games on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March!

### **Calling all families**

St Paul's will be launching their brand new, cosy, colourful and child friendly library in the summer term. We have ordered amazing new book shelves and now need many more books to fill them! With budgets tight, we are asking for book donations to help us fill this wonderful space. Please donate any unwanted children's books that are of good quality (including short chapter books appropriate for Years 4-6). There will be a box in the reception for you to place them in.

### **International Food Event**

We will holding our International Food Event on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, children are able to wear their own cultural or national dress on this day. There will be a selection of food from different countries, provided by parents, for the children to try in the hall in the afternoon. Each class will

have a time slot to go to the hall for tasting. If you are interested in cooking and serving any food for our special event please let Miss Donna M and Linda May know. Please sign up on the flipchart in the playground. At the end of the day the choir will perform some songs in the KS1 playground from 3.15-3.30pm.

### **Assessment Week**

Next week, all children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be doing Reading and Maths assessments. Please ensure your child is in school on time and has had a good night's sleep. These assessments will be used by teachers to inform teacher judgments for Term 2. It is important that your child does not worry about these assessments but sees them as a way of showing what they have learned so far this year. We are very much looking forward to seeing the results, we highly suspect more good results are on their way!

### **Parent conferences**

Parent conferences are coming up at the end of March, please look out for letters that have a slip to return that shows your preferred time, these will go out next Monday. Meetings with the class teacher will be held 3.30-6pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March in your child's classroom.

### **Packed Lunches**

We are a healthy eating school, please make sure that if your child is a packed lunch that they have healthy items for their lunch. Please do not let your child bring in sweets or chocolate, please save these treats for after school or in the evening. Children should also have water or milk for their drink. Mr Nouri is organising for a guidance leaflet for packed lunches and these will go out in the next few weeks.

### **Online safety for your child at home**

Following on from our message about online safety in our newsletter last week, you may want to find out more about the realities of life online for young people, which includes a lot about the risks, you may wish to read the results of a survey of 40,000 UK schoolchildren at [hopesandstreams.lgfl.net](https://www.hopesandstreams.lgfl.net) There is also guidance on the current challenge that is circulating in the following link: <https://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/momo-challenge-advice-for-parents-15892167>

What we would encourage you to do is to talk to your children about what they do online. The survey showed that children want to talk to parents, they trust your life experience and advice, so it doesn't matter if you've never played their games, heard of their apps or got a virtual reality headset.

Please take time to talk to your child/children over the next few weeks about what they do on their devices and with whom, what they love, and what worries them. Why not get them to show or teach you how to use one of their apps, sites or games? The key thing is to stay positive, be real about the risks and make sure they know who they can talk to if they are unsure.

### **School consent forms**

If you have not returned the school consent forms that went out last month, new ones will be sent out on Tuesday. Please fill in and return to your child's class teacher or the office ASAP.

**The St Paul's Team**



## Dates for Spring Term new or changed dates in RED

Description	Date	Time
Elm/Willow Dance Workshops in school	Tuesday 05/03/18, Thursday 14/03/19 & 21/03/19	13.00-15.00
Assessment Week for Year 1-6	Monday 11/03/19	
St Patrick's Day. <span style="color: green;">Children to wear green to school.</span>	Friday 15/03/19	
<span style="color: red;">Ukulele Club Performance to Parents</span>	<span style="color: red;">Tuesday 19/03/19</span>	<span style="color: red;">16.00-16.30</span>
St Paul's Journey Parents' Group	Thursday 21/03/19	8.45 – 9.30
Larch Class Collective Worship	Thursday 21/03/19	08.55-09.15
International Food Fair	Friday 22/03/19	13.30-15.15
Clubs – last week for the term	Monday 25/03/19	15.30-16.30
Parent conferences	Tuesday 26/03/19 & Wednesday 27/03/19	15.30-18.00
<span style="color: red;">Drama Club Performance to Parents</span>	<span style="color: red;">Monday 01/04/19</span>	<span style="color: red;">16.10-16.30</span>
Easter Eggstravaganza	Wednesday 03/04/19	16.30-18.30
St Paul's Journey Parents' Group	Thursday 04/04/19	8.45 – 9.30
Palm Service @ St Paul's Church	Friday 05/04/19	09.00-10.00
Last day of term – children finish at 2pm	Friday 05/04/19	14.00
Inset day	Tuesday 23/04/19	
Children back to school	Wednesday 24/04/19	08.45