



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th November 2019

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St Paul's Journey – update

Our visitors from the Multi Academy Trust who visited us on Tuesday 19th November. We haven't received our written feedback quite yet but our visitors were complimentary about how the school is continuing to progress. Our Middle and Curriculum Leaders were involved in learning walks and discussions about their subjects throughout the day. Our visitors were particularly impressed at the children's view of the school and their attitudes in lessons.

The Advent Season

Advent Celebrations Sunday 1st December 2019 marks the first Sunday of the season of Advent. We will be learning about Advent in our Collective Worship. Next week we will light the first candle as we count down the weeks to Christmas! Traditionally, the Advent wreath symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent. It is typically a circular candle holder that holds five candles. During the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday. At School we light one each week on a Monday until all of the candles are lit. Each candle customarily represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Advent wreath we use in school has three colours of candles – purple, pink, and white. You will find that the church also has the same colour of candles. Each of the candles represent one of our core Christian values.

Advent 1 HOPE (Purple)

Advent 2 PEACE (Purple)

Advent 3 JOY (Pink)

Advent 4 LOVE (Purple)

Advent 5 The Christ (White)

Executive Headteacher Tours – 3rd December Places available

Would you like the opportunity to see the School at work? Would you like to find out more about the school? If so please sign up in the school office by Monday 2nd December for one of the time slots and you will join Miss Woods in taking a tour around the school, finding out more about our school's improvements and getting a chance to speak to some of the staff and children. Tours start at 9.30am and will end no later than 10.30am. You are all most welcome!

Walworth Wonderland at St Paul's

We look forward to seeing those of you who have purchased tickets next Thursday. Please come via the front office entrance for 4.30pm. The disco will be in full swing and there will be a selection of snacks to purchase. Tickets for entrance to the Santa's Workshop can be purchased on the night

for £2 a child. There can often be a queue for this, so please head through to the Art Block to avoid the crowds. Please note that if you do not have a ticket you will not be admitted. We can't wait to have a dance to some festive tunes with you!

Goodbye Mrs Jones

Mrs Jones will be leaving us at the end of the term after working here at St Paul's for the past 5 years. She has received an amazing opportunity to work in a Tina Turner production in Germany! Huge congratulations from us all Mrs Jones. We look forward to seeing you again when you are back from touring. During her time at the school she has worked in classes across the school and is famous for leading our very own school choir. The choir have done really well under Mrs Jones' expert care and are now on the lookout for a new choir leader. ***If you know of anyone who might be interested in volunteering to lead this wonderful group of talented singers please do let us know.***

Congratulations Miss O'Sullivan

As you will know Miss O'Sullivan and her partner are expecting a baby! Huge congratulations to them both. Miss O'Sullivan will be leaving today to begin her maternity leave. I am sure you will want to wish her all the best as she begins this exciting new phase of her family's life. She will be on the playground this afternoon. You will also be aware that we have appointed Miss Jones to take over in Chestnut class. Thank you to both teachers for making this such a seamless transition.

Year 4 children in Steve McQueen Exhibition at Tate Britain

Steve McQueen invited every Year 3 pupil in London to have their photograph taken by a team of specially trained Tate photographers last year. Miss Smith organised for last year's Redwood class to part of this project. These class photos are brought together into a single large-scale installation, capturing tens of thousands of Year 3 pupils in a milestone year in their development. You can now see the photos taken, in his exhibition running at the Tate Britain, from now through until the 3rd May 2020. The exhibition is entitled 'Steve McQueen Year 3' and is free to visit.

Year 4 multiplication tables check

This year for the first time Year 4 will sit a Year 4 multiplication tables check. This will be done by all children in England in June 2020. This is an online test, administered in school, where the children answer 25 questions. For each question the children will have 6 seconds to answer.

Please use the following links for your child to practise your times tables. Even if you are not in Year 4 take a look. Knowing your times tables at speed makes a lot of Math's work a LOT easier. <https://www.timestables.co.uk/speed-test/> you can pick which timetables you want to practise – and each question is timed at 6 seconds.

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/speed-test/> you get 6 seconds to type in the answer – all times tables.

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/primary-mathematics-times-tables-test-simulator> you get 6 seconds to type in the answer – all times tables.

These links are also on the school website.

Assessment Week

This week our Year 1-Year 6 classes have been doing Reading and Maths tests. This is to see how much the children can do independently from their learning this term. The teachers use the test information to inform the teacher assessment for children in Reading and Maths for term 1. Teachers use writing the children have done in English lessons and across other subjects to inform the teacher assessment for Writing. In Nursery and Reception the adults are constantly assessing the children through use of observations and other activities, children in EYFS do not do any testing.

Parents' Conferences

Parents' evening is coming up on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December, please look out for the letter next week and return your slip ASAP so you get a time slot that works for you. At these parents' meetings you will find out how your children is doing so far. We will be giving out new contact forms for parents' to update their telephone numbers. It is very important for your telephone number to be updated as we may need to contact you during the school day, for example: if your child is unwell and needs medical attention or you may be required to attend a meeting.

The Sun Books for Schools campaign

The school has signed up for the Sun newspapers Books for Schools campaign. If you buy the Sun newspaper please look for the Books for Schools Tokens in all newspapers from now until Saturday 18th January 2020. If the school collects 3,500 tokens we will be sent 100 free books by well-known authors such as David Walliams, Michael Morpurgo and Polly Dunbar. We will be collecting tokens up until Friday 7th February, so please send them in with your child. There is a box outside Miss Crannitch's office.

**Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend
From The St Paul's Team**



Dates for Autumn Term

Description	Date	Time
Executive Headteacher Tour – new parents	Tuesday 03/12/19	09.30-10.30
Walworth Wonderland - Christmas Disco & Bazaar	Thursday 5/12/19	18.00 - 19.30
EYFS/KS1 Nativity to School	Tuesday 10/12/19	14.15-15.00
EYFS/KS1 Nativity to Parents	Wednesday 11/12/19	14.15-15.00
Clubs Finish	Friday 13/12/19	
Christmas Carol Service at St Paul's Church	Thursday 19/12/19	09.15-10.00
Children Break up for Christmas	Thursday 19/12/19	14.00
Inset Day	Monday 06/01/20	
Children back to school	Tuesday 07/01/20	08.45

