



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th March 2020

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FAITH – HOPE – LOVE

As announced by the Prime Minister, there will be a closure of schools on Friday 20th March 2020 due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. We are more than aware of the impact that this may have on some of our families and we will do what we can to support you with this.

Weekly learning that will be set

There will be weekly learning set for all year groups by the class teachers on the schools website using the following link: <http://st-paulsprimaryschool.co.uk/home-learning-resources/>

You can also access this page by going to the schools website page and clicking on the 'Learning' link along the top and selecting 'Home Learning Resources'.

On this page, there will be a selection of activities to complete at home that do not need to be printed off. These should last up to 5 days so please ensure your child doesn't do all the activities all at once.

Regular learning that will be set for certain classes

- For all children in Year 1-6 a regular MyMaths task will be set, children have been shown how to access this using their own usernames and passwords. <https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>
- For all children in Year 3-6 regular SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) tasks will be set which children can also access using their username and passwords. <https://www.spag.com/> - children click on the small login button on the top right of the homepage.

Children will also take home extra reading books, some paper and pencils. Please take the opportunity to spend time with your children doing fun things as well as continuing with the learning.

Goodbye and welcome back updates

Mr Nouri will be leaving us as at the end of the spring term, Mr Nouri has purchased a house in Kent and is moving to a school nearer his new home. He has worked with us in EYFS and Year 3 over the last 3 years, he has led the Eco Team this year and has been our Father Christmas at each of our last 3 Christmas Events. I am sure you will agree that he will be a much missed member of our school community. We wish him well in his new school and new home.

Redwood class will now be taught by Miss Szasz who we welcome back from maternity leave. I am sure many of the children will be excited to hear about her news. We look forward to having her back on the staff team.

We also say goodbye and good luck to Miss Linda W, Miss Chan, Miss Toni and Miss Irene who will be leaving us from next week. Miss Jo will also reduce her hours and cover lunchtimes in EYFS rather than working the whole morning.

We will have a huge farewell for all these staff after the Easter holidays to say a big thank you for all the hard work that they have done over the years at our school. We will include this in dates for the summer term and you are more than welcome to join us for this. Some of them will be returning to do some

voluntary work, please do keep an eye for them. We will let you know the changes to class TA's in the summer but you can be assured that there will be no gaps or impact on learning.

Eco Team

The Eco Team is a new group to St Paul's this academic year and is comprised of children from Reception to Year 6. The Eco Team have had a strong start to the year, already securing the RHS level 1 and 2 gardening awards in the autumn term, which is given to school who have focused on improving their outdoor green spaces. They have also been pursuing the Eco School Green Flag Award, which awards schools for their work to help the environment through practical changes to school life. Mr Nouri is pleased to announce that the school have also just been awarded the Eco School Bronze Award. He is also incredibly proud of the work that Eco Team have done in their first few meetings. The Eco Team went around the school doing an environmental review and created an action plan for the school to follow. This led to the creation of classroom light monitors to allow the school to reduce the amount of electricity it uses. You can keep up to date with all things Eco Team by stopping by our team board in the hall. All our meeting minutes are available as well as our action plan and environmental review.

Being stronger together

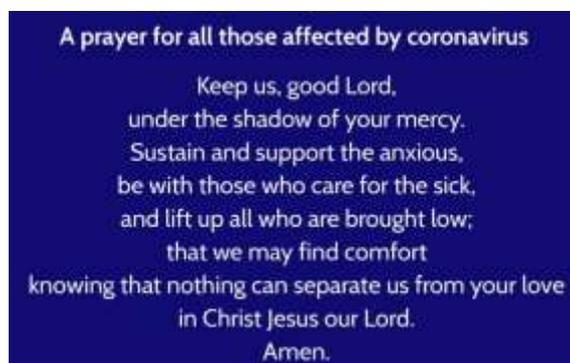
Please note the following events that are coming up in the next few weeks that even though we are apart we can do together:

- This Mothering Sunday 22nd March, Churches Together in England are calling everyone to a National Day of Prayer and Action.
- At 7:00.p.m. this Sunday, they encourage everyone to light a candle in 1 the windows of their home as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer;
- Bishop Christopher invites us, as we hold onto hope whilst facing reality, to pray together for our nation and for all those affected by the Coronavirus. He encourages us to pause in whatever we are doing at 1pm each day and again at 7pm to say The Lord's Prayer.

Although we may be physically apart, these actions of hope in faith will keep us together.

Any further updates regarding the reopening of the school will be put on the school website as soon as we are advised to do so by the government. Please ensure you are checking this regularly. We hope to see you all back in school when it is safe to do so.

So for now please stay safe and look out for your family, friends and neighbours during these challenging times.



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