



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

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Inclusion Lead: Miss Anne Browne



A message from your Headteacher, Mrs Silke:

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Partial School Reopening

As promised, I am writing to you to let you know about our plans to partially reopen school to selected classes. Thank you to all parents who returned the questionnaire in response to my email. As the responses from Reception parents were mainly against sending their child back to school, we have made the decision not to open the school to these children at this stage. Following a thorough risk assessment and planning period we now feel it is safe enough to gradually welcome back pupils as follows:

- w/c 8<sup>th</sup> June we will welcome back Year 6 and be split into 2 classrooms with Miss Pollard and 3 members of support staff. Miss Pollard will teach English and Maths to both groups. **Please arrive at 8:30 and leave at 3pm. Please be prompt as latecomers will not be admitted so that health and safety procedures can be followed.**
- w/c 15<sup>th</sup> June we will welcome back Year 4 children who will be split across 3 classrooms – Chestnut, Larch and the Portakabin and will be taught in small socially distanced groups by Miss Begum, Mrs Jones and Miss O'Sullivan as well as Miss Rita and Miss Linda Mc. **Please arrive at 9am and collect at 3:30pm. Please be prompt as latecomers will not be admitted so that health and safety procedures can be followed.**
- w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> June we will welcome back Year 1 children who will be split across 2 classrooms in Maple and Ash Class. They will be taught by Miss Bryan, Miss McDonald, Miss Linda May and Miss Elizabeth. **Please arrive at 8:45 and collect at 3pm. Please be prompt as latecomers will not be admitted so that health and safety procedures can be followed.**

**Children in all year groups will only be expected to attend from Monday to Thursday each week. This will allow for staff to have their planning and respite time as well as an additional deep clean in addition to the daily deep cleaning.**

We have a comprehensive and robust risk assessment in place, which has been externally approved by Carstens & Robinson (our health and Safety Consultant) during half term when they did a site visit, to ensure we minimise the risks to your child, and keep them safe while they are in school at this time. I have written an additional letter outlining our Risk Assessment measures we have put in place for pupils and staff returning to school so that it is safe to do so which is being emailed with this letter as well as being made available on the school website.

### Tragic News from America

I know you will all have been shocked and saddened, as were we, by the tragic news of the murder of George Floyd in America. We are praying for justice for him and his family at this terrible time, but also for fairness and equality for people of colour all over the world today and forever. May the Good Lord be with them all.



### Welcome Back Miss O'Sullivan

I know you will join me in welcoming back Miss O'Sullivan now that she has returned from maternity leave. She has already got stuck in sorting her classroom and addressing her leadership responsibilities.

### Welcome Mr Murray – Our School Business Manager

Please join me in welcoming Karl Murray who has been appointed School Business manager at our school and Arch Bishop Tennison. He will spend 2 days a week here and 3 days a week at Arch Bishop Tennison. We anticipate that there will be some great opportunities for working creatively across the 2 schools regarding exciting opportunities for pupils as well as budgetary savings as a result of his appointment.

### St Paul's Foodbank

As always, huge thanks must go to Mr Roy, Miss Linda May and Mr Barry Knight who continue to work relentlessly together to facilitate a weekly food bank at St Paul's church on Tuesdays between 10 am and 2pm so that every family at St Pauls can receive a weekly bag of groceries and other essential items. We have been donated a large amount of sanitary products so please do pop buy to take what you need. Mrs Silke or Mrs Crannitch will be available at St Paul's foodbank every Tuesday between 10am and midday if you would like to speak with them.

### Weekly learning

Thank you so much for all the support you are giving your children with their learning at home. We really do understand that it isn't always easy.

Weekly learning will continue to be set for all year groups if there are children not in school by the class teachers on the school's website using the following link: <http://st-paulsprimaryschool.co.uk/home-learning-resources/> You can also access this page by going to the school's website page and clicking on the 'Learning' link along the top and selecting 'Home Learning Resources'. There are also regular updates on the website regarding online resources that provide useful and enjoyable learning opportunities for your children. So please do check regularly. There are some lovely pictures of children's work being put up on the website so please do have a look. If your child has done some lovely work, please do send a picture to the Class email address as the Class Teacher would love to see it and it could go on the website too.

Please note there are still things we can continue to do together even though we are not in school:

- 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.
- As we are no longer celebrating the amazing work of NHS, carers and keyworkers in the streets every Thursday night at 8pm, we thought the prayer below would be a nice one to say at this time instead.

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

### A Prayer For Medical Workers Everywhere.

Restoring and healing God,  
thank you for medical workers everywhere,  
embodying sacrificial love in these challenging times  
putting the welfare of others before their own  
staying away from their family and loved ones  
comforting the concerned and bereaved  
reassuring the anxious and vulnerable  
working to heal and restore people who are ill.  
Be their guide, strength, wisdom and hope.

We pray for those in authority to do right by them  
for proper protective equipment to be provided  
and for their dedication to be met with much gratitude  
and appreciation when they return home, exhausted.

And we pray for medical workers around the world,  
where resources and protective equipment  
are always in short supply, not only now but always.

May these extraordinary times  
lead to deep and necessary changes in how our world works,  
resulting in a genuine effort to address the profound injustice  
of life expectancy being determined by geography,  
to awaken us all to the reality of how connected we all are  
and to work together to create the community and world  
we all want to be part of.

So, help us, God,

Amen.

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