



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Thursday 24th September 2020

Headteacher: Mrs Ali Silke
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Crannitch
Inclusion Lead: Mr Anthony Chavez

A message from your Headteacher, Mrs Silke:

I have really enjoyed meeting parents and carers informally on the school gates, now that the school has fully opened and is running smoothly in these 'new normal' circumstances. However, I would very much like to meet you all in a socially distanced manner in the school hall so that I can share my vision for the school but also share the St Paul's Parent Handbook with you all. The dates for the meetings are as follows:

Tuesday 3rd November 9am

Wednesday 4th November 9am

Thursday 5th November 9am

Please note that these are identical meetings so you only need to attend one. I am just trying to offer several options so that parent from every family have an opportunity to meet me. We will need you to return the slip below and return to the office to book your place at the meeting you wish to attend so that we know how many chairs need to be put out. Due to social distancing we can only accommodate one parent per family unless there are exceptional circumstances.

INSET DAY TOMORROW

Just a reminder that school will be closed to children tomorrow as we have staff training day. The staff are being trained on how to teach the Read Write Inc (RWInc) phonics programme which will have a huge impact on children's progress in reading and writing and as a result their progress in all other subjects too. This training was booked for July but had to be postponed due to lockdown. We look forward to seeing you and your children back in school on Monday morning.

Reconnecting Curriculum

Since the children have returned to school their teachers have been assessing where they are at in all subjects since lockdown. For this reason the children's exercise books went up with the children to their next teacher so that they can see what stage of development they were at before lockdown. Subject Leaders in the core subjects have identified the key learning in English, maths and science for children, given what was missed during lock down so that any gaps in the children's learning are filled as rapidly as possible.

I have also been assessing children's phonic skills for reading and spelling in KS1 and KS2 last week and this week so that we can address any gaps in their learning as quickly as possible.

We will also be teaching the children how to use microsoft teams over the coming weeks so that they will be able to access the online platform that teachers are developing so that in the event of a bubble/local or national lockdown the children will be able to access their lessons from home.

Mr Chavez will be writing to Year 1 and EYFS parents next week about a meeting to teach you how to access Microsoft teams as your children are so young, although they will be introduced to it in school, may need your support at home.

PE and Sport at St Pauls

Coach Vas has now started working with St Pauls and is leading PE sessions in school as well as After School Clubs for Dodgeball on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for selected classes for KS2. Unfortunately, due to our Covid Risk assessment we are only able to have children in the clubs that Vas teaches so that bubbles are not burst.

After School Club and Breakfast Club

Both clubs will reopen on Monday 28th September with some amendments to usual provision due to our Covid risk assessment.

It will be based in the Early Years Block, in Olive Classroom room with their own toilets. Unfortunately, due to Covid risk assessment we will no longer be able to provide cooked food.

Breakfast Club will run from 7:30 to 8:30. Children will be taken to their classes at 8:30.

After School Club will run from 3:15 to 5:45.

Please collect your children promptly as the room needs to be deep cleaned before the next day.

Drop off and Collection arrangements: Drop off and collection will be at the main gate. If there is no one at the gate when you buzz for Breakfast Club or After School Club please call the school mobile on 07748039939 and a member of staff will come and open the gate for you to drop off or collect your child/children.

Please note that if you are collecting your child from After School Club after 4.30pm you will need to call this number as the office is not staffed after 4.30pm.

Historically, SLT have been able to offer an occasional free of charge place in the breakfast and /or After School club on a short term basis when families are facing short term difficulties. Unfortunately, we will now only be able to do this in exceptional/extreme circumstances due to the additional expense and limitations of running the clubs during Covid.

Please note that we will no longer be able to cater for random drop offs or late collections as the children will need to have been previously booked in before they attend due to our risk assessment. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Up-To Date Contact Details – Arbor Communication and Safeguarding

Thank you to those of you who have informed us of your new phone and email contact details. If you have not done so please email the office@stpauls.southwark.sch.uk as soon as possible.

Census 1st October: Registration For DfE Free School Meals (FSM status)

We are very mindful that due to Coronavirus the financial circumstances for many families may have changed and so I am keen to ensure that all our families get the support they need and deserve. The Census is on the 1st October when all of the school data is collected. If you are eligible for DfE free school meals and have not yet completed the form please do so asap. The form is attached to the emailed version of this newsletter but is also available from the school office.

All children at St Paul's are entitled to receive a free school dinner, which is an initiative unique to Southwark LA.

This is totally different to having FSM status in line with the DfE criteria and it is only FSM children who are entitled to benefits such as the government supermarket vouchers when they are available. To be eligible for DfE FSM status you need to be in receipt of one of the benefits listed below:

- Income Support.
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

If you do meet any of the above criteria and you have not yet registered for FSM status then please contact the school by emailing office@stpauls.southwark.sch.uk or calling 0207 703 4896

A Prayer for Peace: One Family

Lord God, father of all,

We, your children, are all members of the same family, your family.

We ask you to help us to accept your peace, to be at peace with others.

Help us to seek wisdom and justice in all we do.

Help us to be more understanding and compassionate when dealing with others,

To be ready to forgive when wronged,

To be willing to love when hurt and

To strive for harmony and peace when threatened.

Eternal Father, in your mercy, hear our prayer

And grant us your everlasting peace.

Amen.

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

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I would like to book a place at the following meeting: (please tick):

My Children's names and class are:

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