



# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 13th November 2020

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Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Crannitch  
Inclusion Lead: Mr Anthony Chavez

### A message from your Headteacher, Mrs Silke

We have had a lovely week at school learning about Remembrance day and what it is all about. We have given thanks for those that sacrifice their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace. We have also prayed for world peace and those living in war zones in places like Yemen, Libya, Syria and Burkina Faso. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all.

### Sycamore Class Children are now Birdwatchers.

The children in Sycamore Class are studying birds and trees this half term to link with their story book 'Henry Finch'.

They have been learning how use binoculars to spot birds (attracted by the new bird bath made by Mr Roy - 😊) and collect data in their outdoor learning area.



### Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting our Poppy appeal. We are thrilled to announce that we have raised an amazing **£238.74** which is a great achievement during these challenging times.

### Parent Conferences

Parent Conferences will be held on weeks commencing 7<sup>th</sup> December and 14<sup>th</sup> December. Due to Covid these will need to take place by phone. The timings will be 3.30-6pm daily – 10 minutes per parent. Your child's Classteacher will arrange a time with you in advance. We are considering how we can share your child's work with you, so please look out for this in future newsletters.

Date	Classes and phone call
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Ash
	Maple
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Ash
	Maple
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Larch
	Redwood
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Larch
	Redwood
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow
	Chestnut
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow
	Chestnut
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Oak
	Acorn and Sycamore
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Oak
	Acorn and Sycamore

#### Meet the Head Meetings and RWInc Phonics

Thank you to all of you who came to the above meetings – it was lovely to meet you all. I am currently assessing children who have been taught RWIphonics in EYFS and KS1 and also KS 2 children who have been learning the sounds and spellings over the last few weeks. These assessments should be complete early next week so that we have identified what the children need to learn next. The winners of the Amazon Vouchers are as follows:

3<sup>rd</sup> November - Shannon and Shane in Redwood and Willow Classes

4<sup>th</sup> November - Malik and Riley in Larch and Maple Classes

5<sup>th</sup> November - Ferrona in Larch Class

12<sup>th</sup> November – Nazir and Ava in Larch and Sycamore Classes

These can be collected from the Office next week.

#### Reading Books

We will be starting to send reading books home on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Thereafter, all classes will take home and bring back books **every Friday**. Every classroom will have a book box at their classroom door which the returned books will be put in by the children to be 'quarantined' for 72 hours before they are put back in the classroom. Unfortunately, due to our Covid Risk assessment we will **not** be able to change books on any other days. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. In EYFS and Year 1 and 2 they will bring a book for you to read to them and when they are ready a book that they can read themselves. OFSTED now require children to take home books that have the sounds and words that they can read. This means that the book banded books are no longer appropriate independent reading material for children who are at the early stages of reading. In EYFS and Year 1 they will also bring home a phonics pack for the stage they working at. These packs include a handbook for parents which tells you how to work with your child. These packs are for you to keep and will be useful in the event of a lockdown, which we hope and pray won't happen.

#### Supermarket Vouchers for DFE Free School Meals Children for the Christmas Break

We will be issuing the vouchers for the Christmas Holidays to all families who are registered for FSM. The vouchers will amount to £15 per week per child.

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 or priority for device loans in the event of lockdown. 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 complete the attached form and email the [office@stpauls.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.southwark.sch.uk).

### **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](mailto:office@stpauls.southwark.sch.uk) as soon as possible. We have emailed this newsletter to you on Friday so if you did not receive it we do not have the correct email for you.

### **A Prayer For Remembrance**

Heavenly Father,  
God of justice and peace,  
we pray for those who have been injured  
or disabled through war.  
For those who have lost homes  
and security through conflict;  
for those who have lost loved relatives in wars;  
for those who face danger and take risks for peace;  
for all those, especially children, caught up in current conflicts;  
for refugees and all those in need of aid and other help.  
God of encouragement  
and Saviour of the despairing,  
comfort those who remember past sacrifices  
and guide us in building  
a just and peaceful community for all.

**Amen.**

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