



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 20th November 2020

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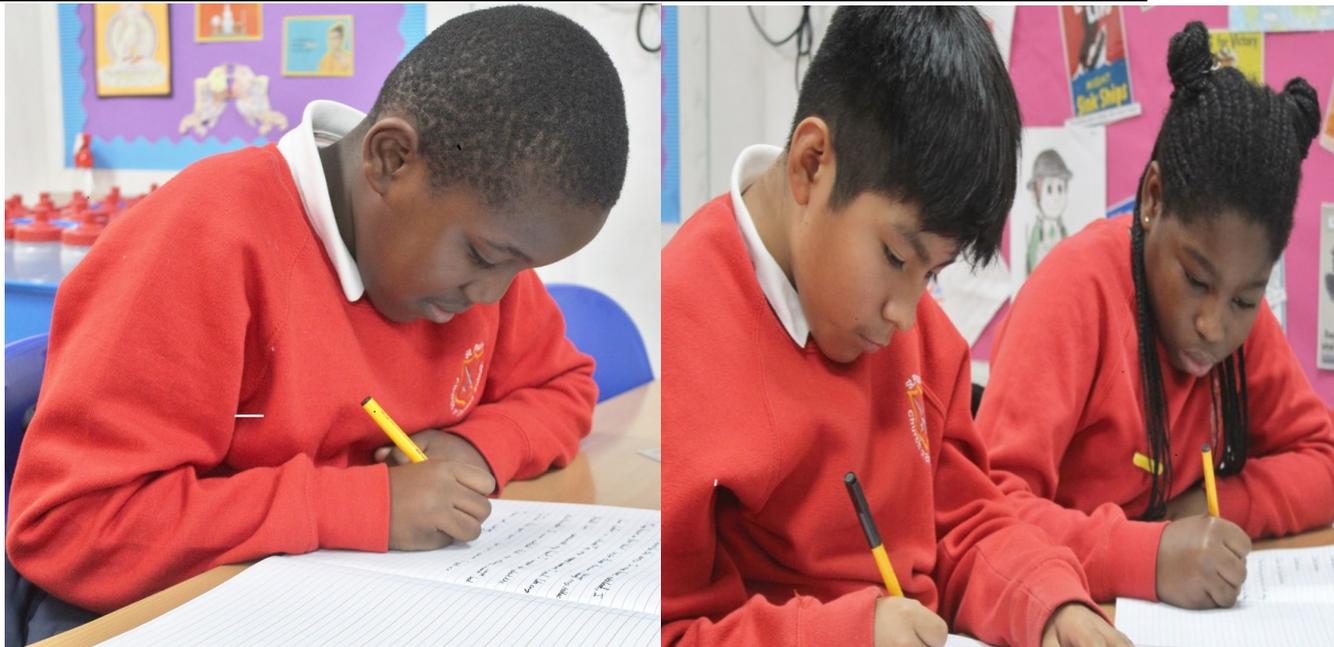
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A message from your Headteacher, Mrs Silke

I hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well during these challenging times. Your wonderful children continue to work hard and play hard at school. Usually, at the beginning of a new school year in September, the children are given new exercise books for each subject. We made a deliberate decision this year not to do this so that your child's new teacher could see the standard of the work your children were doing before lockdown.

This has helped to identify and fill any gaps in their learning. Since half term, your children have been given new exercise books which are now especially printed with the St Paul's Logo on the front of the books. The books also have the school vision and values printed on the front cover. This is to help children take a genuine pride in all the work they do so that they can 'arise, shine and be who God wants them to be'.

Willow Class Children Doing Their Best Creative Writing Work In Their New Writing Books.



Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week. St Paul's is a school where any sort of bullying is not tolerated at any time of the year. Anti-bullying week is a useful reminder for all children and adults in our school community. It is also a good time to celebrate the diversity in our school community in terms of our country of origin or the country we identify ourselves with as well as the wonderful range of religious faiths we have in our school.

Welcome back Mrs Jones

We are delighted that Mrs Jones has been able to return to us for 4 afternoons a week, until Christmas, to provide cover in the afternoons so that teachers can do interventions with children in their class as part of our 'catch up strategy'. She is also running socially distanced singing clubs at lunchtime with Willow,

Chestnut, Oak Larch and Redwood. We have had to limit numbers due to Covid 19 guidance but the children are loving it.

Homework

As you know we have been setting homework on Microsoft teams since half-term. Thank you to all of you who have alerted us to teething problems with log-ins which should be rectified by now. The reason we are setting homework on Microsoft teams is because we want you and your children to get used to the Microsoft teams learning platform in advance of any lockdown so that your child's education can continue with their teacher on-line.

Completion of homework is now even more important than ever so that children reinforce their new learning after lockdown. Therefore, class teachers will be checking which children have done their homework and sending the details to me and Mrs Crannitch to monitor. The class with the highest number of children completing their homework will be celebrated in Collective Worship every Thursday. Please can you let your children know that if they do not do their homework at home they will have to do it during playtime in school. The classes with the highest % of homework completed this week are **Redwood and Chestnut Class**. Well done to the children, parents and carers in these classes.

PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY BELOW

Christmas Lunch for the children will be on Friday 11th December

On this day, children will be able to wear a Christmas jumper with an optional donation of £1 or whatever you can afford in aid of 'Save the Children'. At a time when child poverty and hunger around the world is such an issue we felt it was a worthy charity to support and for the children to be aware of.

Last Day of Term Friday 18th December

As usual on the last day of term we will be sending the children home at 2pm after they have had their lunch.

Spring Term First Day Back For Children – Tuesday 5th January

Monday 4th January is an INSET day so the school will be closed for children.

Parent Conferences

Parent Conferences will be held on weeks commencing 7th December and 14th 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 Class teacher will arrange a time with you in advance. We are considering how we can share your child's work with you so please look in future newsletters for details. Sheets for you to sign up for your preferred time will be shared in the next few weeks – keep a look out.

| Date | Classes and phone call |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Monday 7 th December | Ash |
| | Maple |
| Tuesday 8 th December | Ash |
| | Maple |
| Wednesday 9 th December | Larch |
| | Redwood |
| Thursday 10 th December | Larch |
| | Redwood |
| Monday 14 th December | Willow |
| | Chestnut |
| Tuesday 15 th December | Willow |
| | Chestnut |

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| Wednesday 16 th December | Oak |
| | Acorn and Sycamore |
| Thursday 17 th December | Oak |
| | Acorn and Sycamore |

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.

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. 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.

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis for Anti-Bullying Week

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood as to understand,
 to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

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

