



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 18th December 2020

Headteacher: Mrs Ali Silke

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Crannitch

Inclusion Lead: Mr Anthony Chavez

A Message From Your Headteacher, Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for the very warm welcome you have given me as the new Headteacher of St Paul's. I have loved working with you and your children during my first term with all the children in school, I feel blessed and very privileged. As you can see from the pictures below the children had a lovely time at their parties this afternoon. It was lovely to see. I know you will join me in saying a huge thankyou to the St Paul's teaching staff and team for their heroic efforts this term in teaching and caring for your children during the challenges of Covid. We thank you too for your patience and support.



Collective Worship from Father John

It was lovely this week when Father John led collective worship from St Paul's for the children. They loved seeing him, as well as the Christmas tree and the crib at St Paul's Church. Larch children's responses were as follows:

Owura: I would like to let father John know that he really enjoyed the songs because it was very calming.

Demilade: I admired the collective worship as it made me feel calm and was very informative.

Leah: I liked Father John's message at the end.

Anthony: I enjoyed the song at the end - as it was cool.

Meshach: I liked the prayer and the joke at start - driving the BMW!

Miss Elizabeth: I liked the songs as it reminded her of singing solo in the choir.

Thank you so much Father John 😊.

If you would like to see Father John's Collective Worship please click on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/YDJwAc29Jzo> .

New Contact Details at St Paul's For Support

If you have questions or need help with Microsoft Teams and home learning, please email teams@stpauls.southwark.sch.uk

If you have questions or need help with a child who has special needs or if you think your child needs additional academic or emotional support, please email

senco@stpauls.southwark.sch.uk

Thank You And The Big Knight In

A huge thankyou goes to Mr Roy and Barry Knight raising the money through the Big Knight in so that you can all have a food parcel for the Christmas break. Please don't forget to go and collect yours between 2pm and 4pm at St Paul's church today. Please don't forget to watch the Big Knight in tomorrow night at 7pm on You Tube where you will be able to see the St Paul's School choir singing in their Christmas jumpers. They are amazing and we are really grateful to Katanya Jones for helping them to put on such a great performance.

Online safety over the holidays

Over the holidays please ensure your child or children are safe online. Some ways that you can make sure that they are safe is by monitoring what websites and games they are using. A lot of games now have chat functions within them that you may not necessarily be aware of so do google if you want to find this out.

The main thing is talking to your child about what they're up to online. Be a part of their online life and show an interest. Find out what sites they visit and what they love about them, if they know you understand they are more likely to come to you if they have any problems.

A useful website for parents is listed below:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

If you needed to report a serious concern online use the following link

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/CEOP-Reporting/>

Please note that all of this information and more is on the school website via the Key info tab>Safeguarding>Online Safety

<http://st-paulsprimaryschool.co.uk/online-safety/>

Happy and safe surfing all.

Parent Conferences

Thank you to all parents in Acorn, Sycamore, Oak, Chestnut and Willow classes for attending their telephone appointments this week. The teachers enjoyed speaking to you on the phone about your children's progress and well-being. We hope you enjoyed hearing about them.

Holiday homework

Please make sure your child is reading daily, this could be instructions for a new game, comic books or the TV guide, reading is reading after all. Reading will help your child in all areas of life and is a key skill to all jobs. The children can complete any holiday homework either via Microsoft Teams or on a paper copy that they were given on the last day of school. Please ensure that your child has done the best work that they can do when they complete this.

Illness and sickness in Term Time

It is the winter months and the time of coughs, colds and sniffles. Please ensure if your child is off sick, even for one day, that you call the school. You can call at any time and leave a message with this information as all messages will be picked up by a member of the office staff when they are in. Please ensure you leave your child's name, class and the reason for them not being in. When you leave the reason for them not being in, please be specific ie: they have a blocked nose and red eyes, please do not just say they are unwell. The reason for this is the need for the school to stay as safe as possible during covid times.

As in previous information sent out, if your child has any of the following 3 symptoms:

- High temperature (hot to touch)
- Continuous new cough (3 or 4 coughing episodes in a 24-hour period)
- Loss of smell or taste or a change in smell or taste

Please do not bring them into school and call the NHS helpline on 119 for advice. They will then advise if your child or anyone else needs to take a test. If this is the case please let the school know that are calling for advice and keep us updated. Thank you in advance.

Christmas Holiday Covid Track and Trace by the School

After we have broken up on **Friday 18th December until Christmas Eve** we are asking that you follow the above guidance if anyone in your household has Covid symptoms. We also need you to let us know if there is a positive case in your household by emailing this address covid@stpauls.southwark.sch.uk. If you email please include the following information:

Which family members have tested positive.

Date of the onset of symptoms

Date of the positive test result

Mrs Silke will check the email daily during this period and if positive cases are reported will let families in the same bubble know by sending a text to parents. If you have changed your contact details recently please let the office know before the end of term.

Melanin Health & Wellbeing Lunch Box Project

This is a project led by a team of local volunteers. Their aim is to source and deliver free nutritious and healthy traditional African Caribbean and Asian meals and groceries to 500 vulnerable BAME single parent households within the Walworth area of Southwark. Please see attached flyer for details.

PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY BELOW

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.

A Prayer for Joy During the Third Week of Advent.

Heavenly Father,

Please watch over all parents throughout the world, especially those facing poverty or conflict.

Grant them strength and the help and support that they need,
so that their children may flourish in every way.

John the Baptist came to bear witness to your light. Please fill us with faith and the courage to act upon it, so that we may shine a light in the darkness of these uncertain times.

Thank you for keeping the children, staff and their families safe at St Paul's this term –
please

help them to stay safe and happy during the Christmas break so that they can come back to school in January refreshed and ready for the new term.

Help us all to share the joy of the Christmas season despite the challenging circumstances.

Amen.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a joyous new year.

Love and prayers to you all,

The St Paul's Team

CELEBRATIONS WEEK BEGINNING 18TH DECEMBER

CLASS	NAME	REASONS FOR CELEBRATIONS
Willow	Nicole	For her amazing romantic letter as the Princess thanking her Saviour.
Willow	Shane	For always sharing his amazing fact knowledge during the daily mile.
Oak	Sienna	For using frontal adverbials correctly in her writing.
Oak	Temitayo	For using direct speech to make her writing more interesting.
Chestnut	Aaron	Excellent understanding of metaphors in English.
Chestnut	Kiera	For a well constructed non-chronological report.
Larch	Ailin	For trying hard to use speech punctuation.
Larch	Ted	For trying hard with his work.
Redwood	Zephaniah	For being the first child to complete every task on the homework sheet.
Redwood	Ibrahim	For designing a brilliant poster with key facts, he has learnt about muscles.
Ash	Whole Class	For all working really hard and focusing this term! Well done. Miss Bryan is proud of you!
Maple	Jack	For making a huge improvement in phonics, particularly blending and segmenting the sounds.
Maple	Riley	For consistently doing his homework on Microsoft teams. Well done!
Sycamore	Morenike	For good segmenting and blending when matching pictures to captions.
Sycamore	Zayyan	For beginning to use a few words and Makaton signs to make requests.

LINING UP AWARD

Bubble	Winner (Class)
Bubble B (Maple and Ash)	Ash
Bubble C (Redwood and Larch)	Redwood
Bubble D (Chestnut, Oak and Willow)	Chestnut