



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 22nd January 2021

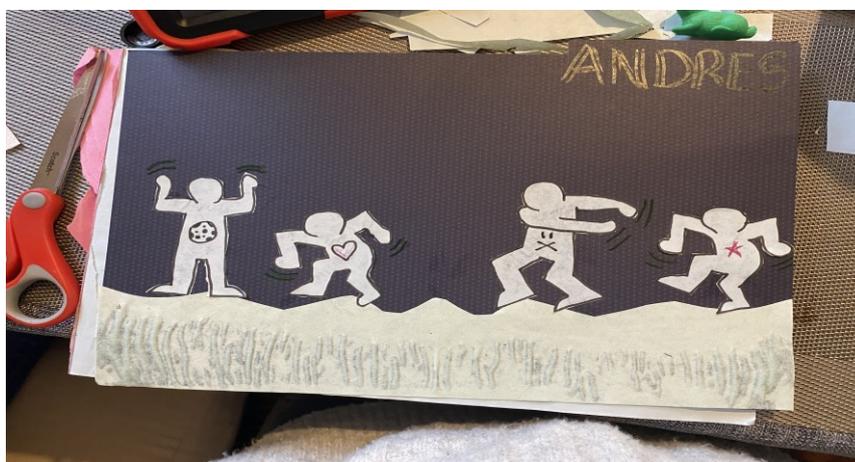
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A Message From Your Headteacher, Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope and pray that you and your families are keeping safe and well. Thank you so much for supporting your child/ren with their remote learning. We are delighted to see that approximately **81%** of our children have engaged in the remote lessons this week. Last week we had 70% engagement in the on line lessons but it was really pleasing when the learning packs came back that so many of our children who had not engaged online had completed the work in the packs. This means that our 'attendance' figure for remote learning week beginning 11th Jan was an amazing 91%. We can't thank you all enough for the hard work you are doing at home with your children to help them with their learning as we know it isn't easy. I am sure this figure will be even higher next week 😊 We were delighted to see work of such a high standard in all the packs. This artwork was done at home by Andres in Year 6 and was inspired by Keith Haring who is known for his bold, graphic style of art. Well done Andres 😊

We have decided to set up a remote learning Art Gallery on the website, so if your child/ren have done some great artwork please do send it in and we will put it up on the website. Please make sure the work has their name on it.



Acorn Class

The children have loved learning about Goldilocks and the 3 bears this week. They have really enjoyed making porridge. They have also done some great maths work when learning about shapes.



Critical Worker and Invited Children Bubbles

We now have 4 bubbles in operation as follows:

Acorn, Sycamore, Silver Birch (mixed ages) Walnut (mixed ages)

Please note that the children in school in the bubbles are not being taught by their classteachers, with the exception of Acorn class. This is because the teachers are doing their remote teaching from home to help them stay safe. They do pop into school to look at the returned learning packs so do keep up the good work.

We have updated our risk assessment given the increased transmission rate of the new variant of Covid which means that places in the bubbles are limited. The DfE changed their guidance on Critical Worker provision on Monday 11th January as follows:

*Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections. Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, **but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.***

Home Learning Packs Collection

Now that we have had to open the Nursery Bubble (given the change in initial guidance) we regret that we no longer have the staff capacity to deliver the learning packs except to families that are self-isolating due to Covid. Please collect your child's pack every Friday from 9:30 onwards so that they have all they need for their remote learning the following week.

Devices for Home Learning

The DfE devices have now been allocated but we have requested more. We are now operating a waiting list and if we are fortunate enough to get a further allocation they will be prioritised in line with DfE guidance for children eligible for Free School Meals in year 3 to 6, with a limit of 1 per household. The live lessons are all recorded so if you have more than one child, they can watch the recorded version if the laptop is being used by a sibling during their 'live' lessons. We are aware that family financial circumstances may have changed due to Covid so if you would like us to check if you are now eligible please call the school office with your National Insurance number and we can check for you.

Breakfast Bags from School Food Matters

We are very grateful to the School Food Matters organisation for including us their breakfast bag scheme.

These contain enough food for a fortnight for each child and so you can collect your next bag on **Tuesday 26th January from 9am** and on every alternate Tuesday thereafter. You can also collect a pack of food on Fridays when collecting your child's work pack. We will send you a text as a reminder as well as reminding you in the fortnightly newsletter.

Behaviour Online

We are so pleased that the numbers of children engaging in live lessons has increased over the weeks, it is great to see all of their faces when online. Please be aware though that, as in normal school time, there is expected behaviour that all children need to be showing at all times when using Teams. Our values are Faith – Hope – Love and one way we show this is by not being unkind to others. In recent days we have had some children not being kind to others in the chat boxes on teams. We would like to remind all parents there will need to be consequences if children are repeatedly unkind when using the school remote learning platform. This will include parents being contacted by the school and at worst your child not being able to use the chat function for a period of time. Please monitor your child's online conversations both in virtual school lessons and on other platforms for their safety and well-being.

Contact Details at St Paul's For Support with Remote Learning

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

Illness and sickness during Lockdown and Remote Learning

Now that we are in the midst of winter months, it is the time of coughs, colds and sniffles. Please ensure if your child is too unwell to access their remote learning, even for one day, that you call the school to let us know. 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 able to do their remote learning. When you leave the reason, please be specific i.e. they have a blocked nose and red eyes, please do not just say they are unwell. The reason for this is because we have to report to the DfE and the SDBE multi academy trust how many children are accessing their remote learning and the reasons why some children are not.

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 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.

A Prayer for Calm and peace

Lord, it's likely that sometime today
someone will push my buttons, challenge my good will
misread my intentions, tell me off,
try my patience, rattle my cage
judge me in haste, test my kindness
or do all of the above...

Give me the grace I'll need at such times
to respond with patience, to trust and accept
to listen carefully, to reach out in peace
to be fair and just and to anticipate goodness
in all my words and deeds...I know this is a lot to ask, Lord, but I need your help
to do for others as I'd have them do for me...

Amen.

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