



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Wednesday 10th February 2021

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A Message From Your Headteacher, Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

We really can't thank you enough for all you have done this term by working in partnership with us and your child/ren as we have embraced the challenges of home learning on Microsoft teams. We are delighted to see that last week showed that 95% of our children are attending their online lessons/returning their learning packs which is excellent and means that when we all return to school there won't be the missed learning gaps for all of these children. If children are not attending the online lessons or doing the work in the learning packs we will be contacting to find out how we can help your child access their learning. At St Paul's we care about the well-being and progress of **every** child 😊. I am sure that you will join me in saying a MASSIVE thank you to all our staff who have worked brilliantly together to make the learning during lockdown such a success. They will all be having a well earned break next week as it half term. We hope you and your children also enjoy a restful break as you all deserve it too. We would love to have your feedback regarding our home learning offer so please do send an email or complete the slip below to tell us what has worked well but also any suggestions how we could improve the home learning offer.

Home Learning Packs

Thank you for coming to collect your children's home learning packs every Friday as well as returning the work done by your child. This work is marked by your child's class teacher and it helps them to decide what to plan to teach your children during the following weeks. Great work is sent by the teachers for the Senior Leadership Team to see and it is also uploaded onto the website. This is because we really want to celebrate the great work that is being done by children at home as well as that which is done in school.

<http://st-paulsprimaryschool.co.uk/remote-learning-art-gallery/>

Please note that the pack you will collect this Friday is for the week after the half term which is week beginning 22nd February. School is closed for half term next week so Friday is the last day to collect. Please do not let your children do this work during half term as they need to have their live lessons beforehand.

Snowy Weather

The Nursery children have really enjoyed playing in the snow this week. Look at the lovely snowman they made. The children had to hunt for suitable resources for the arms, facial features, buttons and a hat to keep him warm 😊



World Thinking Day

It is World Thinking Day on Monday 22nd February so we will be doing some slightly different work in live lessons on this morning. The school has done P4C for a few years now (Philosophy for Children) and the children will do a P4C session linked to their Capital and Culture work on one of their live lessons on this day.

P4C is an approach to learning and teaching which enhances children's thinking and communication skills, boosts their self-esteem, and improves their academic attainment. In a P4C session, a stimulus, such as a story, video clip or image, is shared with a group of children and they come up with a big question to discuss around this, for example: should animals ever be kept in zoos? There are no right or wrong answers, and the children are encouraged to share their opinions and build on other children's responses. We hope you can catch some of this session to see it in action.

Other events

We also have Fairtrade Fortnight coming up the week beginning Monday 1st March and World Book Day on Thursday 4th March. Please look out for information about these events from Miss Pollard and Mrs Cleaver in the next newsletter.

Half term

We hope you are able to get out and about over half term and would recommend that, if you are able to, you do lots of fun and practical things with your child. We very much appreciate the work you are doing at home with your child during remote learning and are hoping we

can have the children back safely during March. Please look out for news about this after the government announcements due on or by 8th March.

Please also see the following link on the Southwark Council page for virtual events on each week and over the half term for you to sign up for. Some are free and some are costed events.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/events-culture-and-heritage/search?c=56>

Breakfast Bags from School Food Matters

We are very grateful to the School Food Matters organisation for including us their breakfast bag scheme which is free of charge.

These bags contain enough food for breakfast for a fortnight for each child and so you can collect your next bag on **Tuesday 23rd February from 9am** and on every alternate Tuesday thereafter. As fresh milk is included in the bags please do come to collect on the above date as we do not have the facility to refrigerate 216 bottles of milk. Please note that we have no say whatsoever regarding the contents of the bags as it is decided by the School Food Matters charity. We think the selection has been varied and a good balance of known and lesser known ingredients.

Critical Worker and Invited Children Bubbles

We continue to 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. Our bubbles are now at **full** capacity and we do not have sufficient staff to open a new bubble. Therefore we now have a waiting list in operation and apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

Devices for Home Learning

We are very fortunate that we have been allocated more devices and hope that they will arrive soon. Please call the school office if your child needs a device to access the live lessons. Please understand that when devices are allocated it is on the basis of a loan and a loan agreement has to be signed. In line with DfE guidance they will be prioritised 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.

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

A Prayer for Peace of Mind

Almighty God,

We bless you for our lives, we give you praise for your abundant mercy and grace we receive.

We thank you for your faithfulness even though we are not always that faithful to you.

Lord Jesus, we ask you to give us all around peace in our mind, body, soul, and spirit.

We want you to heal and remove everything that is causing stress, grief, and sorrow in our lives

Please guide our path through life and make our enemies be at peace with us.

Let your peace reign in our family, at our place of work, businesses and everything we lay our hands on.

Let your angels of peace go ahead of us when we go out and stay by our side when we return. In Jesus' name,

Amen.

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

Home Learning Feedback

Name of Child/ren..... Class.....

What is working well?	How could we make it even better?