



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 12th March 2021

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A Message From Your Headteacher, Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week with all of your children back in school. You will be pleased to know that they have settled back into school really well and this is in part due to the fantastic support you all gave them at home with their learning during lockdown. It has been wonderful seeing the children play together so nicely in the playgrounds, whilst demonstrating our Golden rule - Love one another, as well as working so hard in class. We are all so proud of them 😊



Parent Conferences

A reminder that these will be held on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th March via Microsoft teams using the same login as you used for your child's remote learning during lockdown. The conferences will be held from 3:30 to 6pm. If you are unable to access Teams your classteacher will arrange a time to have a conference with you by phone. More information will be sent out on Monday. As the building works will be **very** noisy at that time, most of the teachers will need to do these from home so that you can hear each other. To allow for teachers to return home in time we will need to close the school early at 2:15 on both of these days. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause and many thanks in advance for your understanding in this respect. **Please collect your child from school at 2.15pm on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th March** due to parent conferences.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Another reminder that Breakfast Club and After School Club will not be starting until the week beginning 22nd March 2021. As with last time, please let the office know if you require a place in either one of these clubs and which days. Guidance from the DfE states that this provision should only be used by parents to attend the work place and/or attend a course, we cannot provide childcare before or after school for any other reason at this point. Times are 7.45-8.30am for breakfast club and 3.15-5.45pm for after school club, please speak to a member of the office about prices for each club and please note there is a small discount if you have more than one child attending.

Lateral Flow Testing

Please note that although the school is not testing the children (like secondary schools are) you can still get twice weekly Lateral Flow tests done to keep you and your family safe.

Lateral Flow testing gives results in 30 minutes and is done in the same way a covid test is done. There are 3 ways for your family to get Lateral Testing done, you can

1. Go to the local testing site, this is the Damilola Taylor Centre, E Surry Grove, SE15 6DR which is open 9am-7pm daily. You can go with no appointment but will need to register on your phone while you are waiting to go in. There is minimal parking around the centre but wait times tend to be short at this centre.
2. Collect a home test kit from the Damilola Taylor Centre – see details above. Each kit has 7 tests in and thorough instructions for how to do at home.
3. Ordering a home test kit online using the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
This seems to be a quick option where tests often arrive the following day.

Please note that the school will NOT be able to provide tests or order them for parents.

Further information about the Lateral Flow Testing is available at the following link

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Whole school events coming up

St Patrick's Day Wednesday 17th March

We will be celebrating St Patrick's Day next Wednesday and the children and staff will be marking the day by wearing something green and the children will learn about the patron Saint of Ireland.

Elimination of Discrimination Day at St Paul's Monday 29th March

International Elimination of Discrimination Day is on Sunday the 21st March, 2021. Our school will be supporting this day on Monday 29th March by teaching children a variety of skills in order to understand diversity and how we can live out our school values in an anti-discriminatory way. We will have an opportunity to look at the document published by the Church of England 'Valuing all God's Children' as well as having debates around what discrimination is and ways of eliminating it. Each class will be taught a song by Miss McDonald, which will be recorded for our website. The children will have an opportunity to produce a piece of work which will contribute to a whole school display promoting diversity 'as the new normal' in all its forms.

Breakfast Bags from School Food Matters

We will continue to offer free food bags every other week on a Tuesday but we will now send these bags home with your child. A massive thank you to the School Food Matters Team for this. Please note that we have no say whatsoever regarding the contents of the bags as it is decided by the School Food Matters charity and what is donated to them. The next bag will be coming home on **Tuesday 23rd March** and the next one **Tuesday 30th March**. The parcel on Tuesday 30th March will have 2 weeks worth of food for over the Easter break. This will be the last breakfast bag as the School Food Matters Programme ends at Easter.

Prayer for School Reopening

Heavenly Father,

**Thank you for returning our St Paul's children to us this week and for
keeping them and their families safe and well during lockdown
We pray for all children and staff returning to schools, that they will be guided by
You in embracing the joy and challenges of learning in school
We pray for the safety and well-being of our children, teachers and support staff
as they return to learning and teaching in the classroom
We thank you for our friends and family in the St Paul's community and ask that you
Help us to continue to live and learn in peace and harmony .**

Amen

**Love and prayers
From the St Paul's team**