



# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Crannitch  
Inclusion Lead: Mr Anthony Chavez

### A Message From Your Headteacher, Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another really positive week at St Paul's with your children doing themselves proud by working hard and demonstrating our Golden rule – 'Love one another'. It was lovely seeing all the children so engaged in learning about St Patrick on Wednesday and wearing so many different shades of green. Many thanks for supporting this event.



### Attendance

As you know the team at St Paul's is 100% committed to the well being and progress of every child. We really appreciate what you do as parents in terms of getting your child/ren to school every day and on time as this means your child does not miss any learning. The Government expectation is that all children should come to school unless they are unwell with, for example, a tummy bug. However, if your child just has a cold you should send them in and if they are not coping we will call you to collect them. If your child's attendance falls below 90% (which they will if they are absent for 5 days a year) they are classed as a 'persistent absentee'. St Paul's has just appointed an Education Welfare Officer whose role is to support the school and our families in improving attendance of children who are persistent absentees. Her name is Estelle Morris and she has started with us this week.

### Parent Conferences next week

These are being held next Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March via Microsoft teams using the same login as you used for your child's remote learning during lockdown. You should now have a time slot for this where you will login and join via your child's microsoft teams login. If you are unable to access Teams your classteacher should have organised a time to have a conference with you by phone. Teachers will be completing this from home due to building works in the school. So 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 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** from the normal gate your child leaves from.

### Breakfast Club and After School Club starting next week

Breakfast Club and After School Club starts next week. As with last term, 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.

### Southwark's Easter of Food and Fun

Please look through the attachment about free holiday activities for children of all ages in Southwark. You can email or call to enquire directly about any of the activities in the pamphlet.

Each programme will provide:

- free, nutritious and tasty food,
- fun physical activity sessions,
- a wide range of other enriching activities to suit different ages and personalities
- opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and their families

### 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 Surrey 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**

#### Elimination of Discrimination Day at St Paul's Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March

International Elimination of Discrimination Day is on Sunday the 21st March, 2021. Our school will be supporting this day on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### St George's Day Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

We will be celebrating St George's Day by wearing something red and learning about St George.

#### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March** and the next one **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March**. The parcel on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – last day of term

Please note that we will be breaking up for the Easter Holidays on this day, and as usual at the end of term the children will go home at at 2pm. Please note this in your diary so that you are able to collect your child/ren promptly. They will be dismissed from their usual gate. There will be no after school club on this day.

The Summer Term will begin on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**. There is no INSET day so children and staff will be in school from this day.

### **St Patrick's Prayer**

**God our Father,  
You sent Saint Patrick  
to preach Your glory to the people of Ireland.  
By the help of his prayers,  
may all Christians proclaim Your love to all men.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.**

**Amen**

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



## Celebration Collective Worship Celebration nomination

15<sup>th</sup> March 2021



Class	Name of Child	Reason for nomination
Sycamore	Sol	For her huge improvement in segmenting and blending CVC words when reading.
	Kaleb	For his huge improvement in using his Fred fingers to make phonetically plausible attempts at words.
Maple	Olivier	For using his phonics skills to spell during writing tasks.
	Yaelle	For making a huge progress in her maths.
Ash	Luke	For great focus during all lessons and just getting on with your work.
	Zakeem	For settling in so well and for great focus in all lessons.
Redwood	Shyelle	For her excellent depiction of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday through art.
	Rhea	For her brilliant article about why Mount Vesuvius is unsafe.
Larch	Anthony	For his excellent attitude towards learning.
	Ferrona	For fantastic effort with fractions.
Chestnut	Isha	For a lovely opening to her story based on Otto.
	Jeremiah, Susan & David	Excellent fractions work.
Oak	Patricia	Great work in English – Great story.
	Teejay	Great story opening – focus and perseverance.
Willow	Sophie	For her perseverance with maths – especially algebra!
	Freda	For her improved writing – keep it up.

### Lining Up Awards

Bubble	Winners (class)
Bubble B (Maple and Ash)	Ash and Maple
Bubble C (Redwood and Larch)	Redwood
Bubble D (Chestnut, Oak and Willow)	Points will be tallied next week.

### Top Table and Team Points

Top Table			Team Points	
Shayne – Maple	Jamileer-Larch	Daniella-Oak	<b>St George</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Folawe - Maple	Anthony-Larch	Teejay-Oak	<b>St Patrick</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Callum - Ash	Khalilah-Redwood	David.K-Chestnut	<b>St Andrew</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>
Aalia - Ash	Heidi - Redwood	Raejaun-Willow	<b>St David</b>	2nd