



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 5th March 2021

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A Message From Your Headteacher, Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really looking forward to all of your children returning to school on Monday 8th March. As we come to the end of this second school lockdown, I and the St Paul's team would like to say a final thank you to all of you as home educators during this challenging time for all you have done to support your child's education at home. You have been incredible and our remote learning offer would not have been as successful without your support. Now that they are returning to school, we look forward to continuing our partnership working with you all in the interests of your child/ren's progress and well-being. We can't wait to see you and our lovely children on Monday.

Parent Conferences

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 next week. 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.**

World Book Day

It was World Book Day yesterday and what a day it was, we saw an array of pyjamas online and were so please to see the children in the collective worship in the morning. Thank you to Mrs Cleaver who organised the text 'Shine' for all the children, we are sure you will agree that it was the perfect book for our children and fits our vision exceptionally well. We also hope that your children enjoyed the free book included in the Learning Packs this week courtesy of the London Children's Book Project.



Laptops

If your child has had a school device on loan from the school during lockdown, please can you return it, complete with charger and case/package on Monday. We need to ensure that they are all quarantined and in good working order before they can be used by children in school. It is essential that these devices are returned so that in the event of a bubble closure, we have sufficient devices to lend to any childrn in the bubble without a device at home. Many thanks in advance with your cooperation with this request.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

We will not be starting this wrap around care just yet, apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. As with last time pre-booking is essential due to our Covid risk assessment so 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. We are hoping to start up this provision again the **week beginning 22nd March**. A reminder that 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.

Full reopening Monday 8th March 2021

As with our last newsletter we will be open to all year groups from Monday, and we can't wait. Please see the most recent Risk Assessment on the website <https://bit.ly/3uFE293>

There are no changes to gates or start and finish times from before Christmas. Just a reminder these are:

- Acorn and Sycamore class to use the EYFS gates. 8.45am-3.15pm daily.
- Maple and Ash class to use the small gates in the KS1 playground. 8.45am-3.15pm daily.
- Redwood and Larch class to use the large gates in the KS1 playground. 8.30am-3pm daily.
- Chestnut, Oak and Willow to use the main gate to the office. 8.30am-3pm daily.

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 Flow 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>

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 9th March**.

Whole school events coming up

Elimination of Discrimination Day Sunday 21st March

Please look out for more information from Jane Begum, who is organising this event, in next week's newsletter.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th March – early closure at 2:15 due to parent conferences/building works

Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th March – Parent conferences 3.30-6pm

Wk beginning 22nd and 29th March Assessment Weeks for Year 1-6

Wk beginning 22nd March Breakfast Club and After School Club to start.

Wednesday 31st March – last day of term so as usual we will close early at 2pm

A Prayer for The End of Lockdown

Loving God,

We thank you for keeping our children and their families, our staff and Governors safe and well during this lockdown.

We thank you for the strength and guidance you have given our children, parents and staff as they wholeheartedly embraced the new challenge of learning on Teams from home.

Please guide us all as we return to school next week to embrace any challenges but also in ensuring that all children and staff at St Paul's are able to 'arise, shine and become who you want us to be'.

Help us to remember

**that if we have faith we can do anything with your help,
if we have hope we can achieve our future dreams
and if we remember our Golden Rule 'love one another' then all of us
will feel loved and be able to show how we
love others in our school community.**

Amen

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