



# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Wednesday 31st March 2021

Headteacher: Mrs Ali Silke  
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Crannitch  
Inclusion Lead: Mr Anthony Chavez

### A Message From Your Headteacher, Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

It certainly has been an extraordinary term, with the majority of it involving teaching and learning remotely with your amazing support. It has been lovely having all the children back in school since lockdown ended. I hope and pray that your children, you and the wonderful St Paul's staff team have a peaceful and blessed Easter break so that we can all return refreshed after the holiday for the final term of the academic year.

In Sycamore class the children have been doing lots of activities around 'Growing' this half term. They grew cress plants and ate them in sandwiches then wrote about them – their writing has really come on, we are incredibly proud of them. They also celebrated Anti-Discrimination Day on Monday and did artwork/photography around this.



### Timings to the day for the summer term

Thank you so much for your patience around staggered start and finish times to the school day since September. We are going to trial **8.45am starts for ALL classes for the summer term**. This will mean that all KS2 classes (Year 3-6 children) now come in for 8.45am and not 8.30am. **All children will then finish at 3.15pm**. There will be no changes to the gates being used but please be mindful of giving each other space particularly if you are using the gates around the front of the school on Penrose Street. We would also like to encourage you to wear face masks when dropping off and collecting your child in order to keep all of our community as safe as possible. We will still not be allowing parents into the playground, but please come to the office to make an appointment if you wish to speak to a member of staff.

### Southwark's Easter of Food and Fun

Please look through the attachment we emailed last week 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

### 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 or more 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 Davis, she started with us last week and has already met with a few families for some very productive meetings

### 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 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 using the following link

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

#### **Whole school events and important dates coming up in the summer term**

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.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April St George's Day – children wear red to school.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Bank Holiday Monday – no school

Wk beginning: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May Walk to School Week

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March Pentecost Service (live or virtual TBC)

**Half Term - Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Year 6 Leavers Service (live or virtual TBC)

Monday 7 June 2021 to Friday 23 July 2021. **School finishes at 2pm on this day.**

#### **Easter Prayer**

**Lord Jesus**

**How can I ever repay**

**You for what You've done?**

**Thank You for paying**

**The debt for my life. Thank**

**You for erasing my sin**

**And calling me Your own.**

**I am no longer a slave to**

**sin or in debt to a holy**

**God. I am a child of God.**

**In Jesus' Name, Amen.**

**Love and prayers for a safe and restful Easter break**

**From the St Paul's team**



# Celebration Collective Worship

## Celebration nomination

22nd March 2021



Class	Name of Child	Reason for nomination
Sycamore	Segan	For his great imagination and use of vocabulary when introducing a narrative to his play.
	Nora & Kaiona	For settling into Sycamore Class so well.
Maple	Mohammed	For making such a huge progress and building up his confidence
	Ange-Maelys	For focussing so hard in all her lessons – Well done!
Ash	Bianca	Amazing focus in all lessons when there are distractions in the room.
	Eliana	For being a great support to children who are struggling with their work.
Redwood	Rachel	For making a brilliant effort in her maths learning.
	Abigail	For being a brilliant role model for other children.
Larch	Ailin	For her optimism in looking for the best in everyone.
	Ted	For perseverance when faced with challenges.
Chestnut	Leo	A super retelling of a story from the point of view of a character.
	Ishaq	Lovely reading out loud in class reading sessions.
Oak	Timi	For constantly showing fortitude when finding maths challenging as well as being polite.
	Tapsiru	For working so hard to improve his focus which is leading to improve his maths. Keep it up!
Willow	Emma	For her amazing maths - your arithmetic and reasoning skills are amazing.
	Sara	For her continued focus with her writing – Keep it up!

### Lining Up Awards

Bubble	Winners (class)
Bubble B (Maple and Ash)	Maple
Bubble C (Redwood and Larch)	Redwood
Bubble D (Chestnut, Oak and Willow)	Willow

### Top Table and Team Points

Top Table			Team Points	
Vida - Maple	Owura - Larch	Dora-Chestnut	<b>St George</b>	4th
Ange-Maelys - Maple	James - Larch	Sienna-Oak	<b>St Patrick</b>	3rd
Francisca - Ash	Tommy-Redwood	Clayton-Willow	<b>St Andrew</b>	2nd
Jack - Ash	Ibrahim-Redwood	Mario-Willow	<b>St David</b>	1st