



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 10th September 2021

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A Message From Your Headteacher, Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so lovely this week, welcoming you and your wonderful children back after what we hope was a happy and peaceful Summer break. I know you will join us in welcoming new staff and new children joining classes across the school. We are delighted that our new children joining our Nursery and Reception classes have settled happily into their classes with staggered start dates this week so that all the children can attend every day next week.

Learning to Learn Week

This week has been 'Learning to Learn week' where all the classes have focused on learning behaviours, including how to sit safely in class and how to move around the school. There has also been a focus on showing our 'Golden Rule, Love one another'. We are very proud that lots of children have done this, including making new children feel welcome and helping each other up if they have fallen in the playground.

Please see some photos of our classes during their Learning to Learn week, you will see classes working hard and focused on the learning in the classroom and some fantastic lining up from our KS1 classes – Maple and Ash!



Changes this term

A reminder of some changes to the day for the children from our last newsletter in July. We have moved back to opening the KS1 playground gates at 8.30am each morning so children can come in and play with their friends before the bell goes promptly at 8.45am for children in Year 1-6. Parents are able to come into the playground at this time, but if you wish to speak to the teachers please organise to do this after school or make an appointment via the office. Please do not come into the school buildings and try and not catch them at 8.45am when the bell goes as the children need to go straight into classes at 8.45am to do registers for safeguarding reasons.

We have started having daily collective worship together in the hall this week and all classes are back to having lunch in the hall.

We are very lucky that the layout of our building means most classes are not all using the same corridors and toilets and so we are already minimising transmission at all points during the day. We are continuing to have extra cleaning throughout the day by the wonderful Miss Jo, as the DfE guidance advises.

The updated Covid risk assessment for the Autumn term is now on the website. Any changes to the version from the summer term have been highlighted in green. Please see the link for this here: <https://bit.ly/3BM77Cu>

Mathletics is coming to St Paul's 😊

Mathletics is an online platform that we will be using to set Maths homework instead of mymaths. It includes reasoning, calculation and investigation challenges. It also allows children to compete against each other in school but also across the UK and the world, which motivates and excites most children about their Maths learning.

Homework

We will be setting homework from week commencing Monday 20th September, when your children's class teacher will know all the children in their class well enough to set appropriate homework. It will also allow the teachers to allocate the children their Mathematics log-ins and teach them how to navigate the site before the first homework task is set.

Homework is set on a Friday and completed/handed in by the following Wednesday, so the first homework will be set on Friday 24th September.

Homework set will include the following tasks :

1. Daily reading – in Nursery and Reception this will be reading to their child and other appropriate tasks agreed with their Classteacher.
2. A mathematics task – Reception to Year 6.
3. For Year 1 to Year 6 a list of 10 spellings to practice writing in sentences at home (we will not test the children on these but we will expect them to spell them correctly in their school work).
4. A fourth optional task linked to their capital and culture topic which could be a research task/art/DT/maths related

Absence

Please remember that any day your child is off sick or has an appointment you must call the school to inform us. There is an answerphone so you can leave a message if this is outside school hours. For safeguarding purposes we need to call and text all parents whose children have not arrived at school and we do not know why they are not in. The school number is: 02077034896. Please leave your child's full name, class and the reason they will not be attending school if you are leaving a message. Many thanks in advance.

Attendance Rewards

We will continue to reward good attendance as we have done with certificates etc.

As a new, additional attendance initiative this year we will be introducing the following each team.

1. All children with 100% attendance each term will have their names put into a raffle for a prize of a £50 Amazon Voucher
2. The top 3 children in each class with the **most improved** attendance will have their names put into a raffle for a prize of a £25 Amazon Voucher

Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast Club and After School club will continue. Please ensure you register your child either in advance or the morning so we have numbers and names for this for safeguarding purposes.

Breakfast Club is 7.45-8.30am, the children then join their friends in the playground from 8.30am until the bell at 8.45am. Children are given the option of cereal and a drink should they want this. The cost per day is £2.

After School Club runs from the end of the day until 5.45pm and is £10 per child per day, if you have more than one child in After School Club then additional siblings are £8 per day. If you only need this provision until 4.30pm it is £5 per child. Children who stay beyond 4.30pm will get a dinner – this includes hot food and sandwiches and varies over the week. All children get a snack and drink at the end of the day.

Online Safety

Please see an attachment that tells you all about what your child should be careful about if they are using devices regularly. It includes information about not having too much screen time. We recommend that children are NOT using devices for at least an hour before they go to sleep as this is detrimental to the quality of the sleep they have.

School nursing advice line for parents/carers

As a parent or carer of a child or young person attending a school or living in Lambeth or Southwark, you can confidentially message qualified nurses about your child's health or health related topic. For further information please click the following link

<https://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/our-services/community/school-nursing-service/parentline.aspx>

Dates for the Autumn Term

| Event | Date | Time |
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| Meet the teacher meetings – in classrooms | Maple & Ash Mon 13 th Sept Redwood & Larch Tues 14 th Sept Oak, Chestnut and Willow Wed 15 th Sept Acorn & Sycamore Friday 24 th Sept | 3.30-4pm |
| RSPCA volunteer coming to speak to Year 2 | Thursday 16 th September | 1.45 – 2.45pm |
| Harvest Service at St Paul's (parents not invited this time) | Fri 24 th September | 9.15-10am |
| Florence Nightingale session with Year 2 | Wednesday 13 th October | 2.15 - 3pm |
| Half Term | Monday 25 th October – Friday 29 th October | |
| Remembrance Church Service – parents invited to be confirmed | Thursday 11 th November | 9.15 – 10am |
| St Andrews Day – children and staff to wear blue | Tuesday 30 th November | |
| Parent Conferences | Tuesday 7 th & Wednesday 8 th December | 3.30 – 6pm |
| Christmas Disco and Grotto | Tuesday 14 th December | 4 – 6pm |
| Christmas Carol Service | Friday 17 th December | 9.15 – 10am |
| Last day of term – children finish at 2pm | Friday 17 th December | 2pm |

Term and Holiday dates for the rest of the year

Spring term

- Tuesday 4th January 2022 INSET DAY
- Wednesday 5th January 2022 to Friday 11th February 2022
- Half – term Monday 14th February 2022 to Friday 18th February 2022
- Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 1st April 2022 (children finish at 2pm on 1st April).

Summer term

- Tuesday 19th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022 (May Day Bank Holiday will be taken on 2nd May)
- Half Term – Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022
- Monday 6th June 2022 INSET DAY
- Tuesday 7th June to Friday 22nd July 2022 (children finish at 2pm on 22nd July).

A Prayer for the start of a New Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen

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



Celebration Collective Worship

Celebration nomination

6th September 2021



| Class | Name of Child | Reason for nomination |
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| Acorn | Aisha | For settling in well and knowing her shapes. |
| Acorn | Zaeem | For his good number work (counting) |
| Sycamore | Davi | For his excellent manners and behaviour. |
| Sycamore | Haddy | For amazing speaking and listening. |
| Maple | Kaleb | For producing amazing independent work in maths, English and guided reading – Well done! |
| Maple | Emmanuel | For transitioning and settling so well into year1 – Well done Emmanuel! |
| Ash | Folawe | For listening to an unfamiliar story and then identifying that it might be by Julia Donaldson as it rhymes. |
| Ash | Joseph | For excellent independent work in all core subjects. Well done |
| Redwood | Jack & Romeo | For excellent passing skills in football, great work! |
| Redwood | Hakeem | For following the CALM code at all times and being a great role model for others. |
| Larch | Divine | For being really helpful and kind around the classroom at all times. |
| Larch | Rhea | For focussing during all lessons and completing work at a high standard. |
| Chestnut | Hebreux | For an excellent positive attitude in class. |
| Chestnut | Ferrona | For lovely art work linked to the CALM code. |
| Oak | Lanette | For focussing during all lessons and always show a kind, positive attitude. |
| Oak | Israel | Settling in well and positive attitude in class. |
| Willow | Ralph | For his fantastic positive attitude towards his learning. |
| Willow | Patricia | For using fantastic ambitious vocabulary in her writing. |

Lining Up Awards

| Bubble | Winners (class) |
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| KS1 (Maple and Ash) | Maple & Ash |
| LKS2 (Redwood and Larch) | Larch |
| UKS2 (Chestnut, Oak and Willow) | Chestnut, Oak & Willow |

Top Table and Team Points

| Top Table | | | Team Points | |
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| Sophie - Maple | Mya - Larch | Queen - Oak | St George | 3rd |
| Abraham. S - Maple | Bradley - Larch | Kiera - Willow | St Patrick | 4th |
| Riley - Ash | Mia- Rose- Redwood | Ronnie - Chestnut | St Andrew | 1st |
| Folawe - Ash | Hakeem - Redwood | Saule - Willow | St David | 2nd |