



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 20th January 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy but positive start to the term. All your children, as always are working incredibly hard. Year 6 in particular are working very hard to prepare for their SATs test in May, they are also working hard in their Art lessons showing their creativity in the afternoons. As you can see, we do have some very talented and hard working Artists. Before half term, Willow class learnt about the Indus Valley civilization. The area of this civilization extended along the Indus River from what today is northeast Afghanistan, into Pakistan and northwest India. India is one of the oldest civilizations in the world and the children explored the traditional block printing technique, which has been used since the 12th century to create bold and vibrant patterns.



St Paul's Church Service Tuesday 24th January

Our service at St Paul's next week will also be a Christingle fundraiser for the Children's Society which raises a great deal of money for children living in poverty. Our amazing choir will be singing as usual at the service so don't miss out. We look forward to seeing you there. The suggested donation for the Childrens Society is £1.00.

Attendance award

We are in the top 10% for attendance for the Autumn Term across 10,500 schools in England. We could not be more proud of what an amazing school St Paul's is! Thank you all for your support on this and of the school and wider community.



ParentPay

If you need help accessing your ParentPay account for the first time or for any issues you may be experiencing, please make an appointment to see Ms Ribbens in the School Office who will be happy to help you.

Sickness

As we know all children can get unwell and may need a day or two off school. If your child is not going to be in you **MUST** call the school office and leave a message on the answer phone (if before 8am) or speak to a member of the office team (if after 8am). Please ensure if you are leaving a message on the answer phone that you tell us your child's full name, class and what the illness is eg: xxx has a temperature, NOT xxx is sick. You will then need to call each morning of any subsequent absence. Calling to inform us that your child will not be in means that you will not get a call in the morning to ask where your child is. This is part of the school's safeguarding procedures and ensures that all the children are safe either on or off the school site on a school day. We thank you for your understanding of this process.

National Education Union Industrial Action

You will have heard about the planned industrial action by teachers in the news. The planned days of action are:

1st February 2023

2nd March 2023

15th March 2023

16th March 2023

As I am sure you will appreciate, the choice to strike is a very personal one (especially as strike days are unpaid) and as such, I would request that parents and carers, respect any decision that our teachers make. They would also appreciate it, if you did not ask them at the end of the day of their intentions as the information is confidential. Teachers do not have to tell the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) if they are going to choose to strike and can also change their minds on the the actual day. However, the SLT will be trying to plan whether we are able to keep the school open safely for keyworker, vulnerable children, and possibly key year groups.

As soon as we have an idea of what is possible, we will message and email you to let you know. We really appreciate your patience and understanding at this difficult time.

Southwark Primary School Places Review

You may have heard in the news, that Southwark Local Authority are currently undergoing an evaluation of primary school places as many schools do not have sufficient numbers of children on roll which means they are facing budget difficulties. It is possible that this may result in school amalgamations or even closures. We just want to reassure you that St Paul's will NOT be closing for the following reasons:

- As we are part of the SDBE MAT, Southwark have **no power** to close our school 😊
- The MAT has no intention of closing St Paul's because we are a good school and the number of children on roll is healthy and on the increase

Trips

As you know trips are back and this week we have had two trips to different art galleries. Larch class visited the William Morris Gallery in Walthamstow and will follow this trip up with making their own printing of William Morris inspired designs with Miss Marie in Art. Willow class went to Dulwich Picture Gallery, this learning linked to the workshops they had in school with an external artist. Both classes had a super time and were fantastic role models for the school. Huge thanks to all the parent volunteers that supported on the trips.

Dates for the Spring Term

Event	Date	Time
St Paul's Christingle Service at St. Paul's Church – everyone welcome	Tuesday 24 th January	9.15am
International Day and Dress to Impress Day – children may wear their own clothes and are encouraged to wear items from a country close to their hearts	Friday 10 th February	
Lent Service at St. Paul's Church	Tuesday 28 th February	9.15am
St David's Day – Children may wear yellow clothes to school	Wednesday 1 st March	
World Book Day	Thursday 2 nd March	
Year 6 Assessment week	Tuesday 7 th – Friday 10 th March	
Year 1-6 Assessment week	Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th March	
St. Patricks Day – children may wear green clothes to school	Friday 17 th March	
Parent Conferences	Tuesday 21 st and Wednesday 22 nd March	3.30-6pm

A Prayer for World Peace

O God of all the nations,
as we look to that day when you will gather people
from north and south, east and west,
into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom,
guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take counsel
for the nations of the world,
that all your people may spend their days in security, freedom, and peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen



Celebration Collective Worship Celebration nomination



16th January 2023

Class	Name	Reason for nomination
Acorn	Indiana	For her excellent talking about firefighters this week.
Acorn	Alice	For finding lots of shapes in Acorn class.
Sycamore	Isaac	For independently completing his worksheet on capacity, using vocabulary like 'empty' and 'full' – well done!
Sycamore	Michelle	For being such a wonderful friend to her peers and always showing our golden rule 'love one another' – well done!
Maple	Haddy	For a fantastic day of being a total super star in all subjects on Tuesday. Great work!
Maple	Bryan & Dominic	For their fantastic improvement of use of Fred Talk when writing and great work on Astro Girl.
Ash	Areli, Pelumi, Demari, Samuel & Sophie	For persevering and eventually being able to subtract by exchanging a ten for ten ones.
Redwood	Zacharias	For great focus and answering of questions during all lessons and giving everything a go.
Redwood	Joseph	For beginning to improve on multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number.
Larch	Finley	For helping Mr Alex do jobs in Larch that have helped the class out. Thank you!
Larch	Simeon-Soloman	For his great work in well being when identifying his steps to success.
Chestnut	Poppy	For settling in well and being resilient.
Chestnut	Divine	For being kind, helpful and making Poppy feel welcome.
Willow	Kayode	For his excellent contribution in RE discussions.
Willow	Ronnie	For making huge progress in the presentation of his work in his Art book.

Lining Up Awards

Bubble	Winners (class)
KS1 (Maple and Ash)	Ash
LKS2 (Redwood and Larch)	Redwood

Top Table and Team Points

Top Table			Team Points	This Week	Running Tally
Indiana -Acorn	Emmanuel - Ash	Ibrahim - Chestnut	St George	2 nd	2 nd
Fola - Acorn	Areli - Ash	Taijah - Chestnut	St Patrick	4 th	4 th
Nimi -Sycamore	River - Redwood	Ethan - Willow	St Andrew	1 st	1 st
Isaac -Sycamore	Jack - Redwood	Jamileer - Willow	St David	3 rd	3 rd
Haddy - Maple	Hakeem - Larch				
William - Maple	Mia-Rose - Larch				



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Celebration nomination



9th January 2023

Class	Name	Reason for nomination
Acorn	Alice, Kendrick, Amara & Alex	For settling in well to Acorn Class.
Acorn	Mubarak	For coming back with positive behaviour and being helpful around the class.
Sycamore	Adedotun	For thinking 'outside the box' by naming a blimp as a mode of transport – well done!
Sycamore	Zemira	For making huge progress in her phonics by using the 'Fred talk' method to spell a variety of CVC words – well done!
Maple	Bryan	For always making excellent contributions to class discussions and becoming much more confident in work independently.
Maple	Enyel, Borley & William	For settling in well to Maple class and already working hard!
Ash	Abraham Y, Harry & Samuel	For their excellent predictions in our Reading sessions about who could have stolen Bear's food.
Ash	Kaleb C	For his thoughtful questions about our Literacy text.
Redwood	Eliana	For being more involved during the input by putting her hand up to answer questions.
Redwood	Yaelle	For an improvement in group work and ensuring everyone works together to achieve the task.
Larch	Zakariyah	For his great resilience and perseverance during our swimming lessons.
Larch	Callum & Hakeem	For writing super newspaper reports on the Iron Man on Tuesday.
Chestnut	Toni	For settling in well and being a good role model.
Chestnut	Tobi	For settling in well and being enthusiastic.
Willow	Isha	For working hard to improve her maths in all areas.
Willow	Jeremiah	For always trying to produce his best work.

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Adedotun-Sycamore	Jack.P- Redwood	Nazir - Willow	St David	1 st	3 rd
Joshua - Maple	Romeo - Larch				
Liliana - Maple	Akosua - Larch				