



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 15th September 2023

Headteacher: Mrs Ali Silke

Inclusion Lead: Miss Angela Batchelor

Dear Parents/Families,

It has been a pleasure to welcome you and your children back for the start of this academic year. Your children have settled in really well. They are working hard, enjoying their playtimes with their friends and demonstrating our golden rule 'To Love one another' as well as following the Calm Code which helps to keep adults and child safe. The letters in Calm stand for:

- Communicate calmly and politely
- Act kindly
- Listen carefully
- Move slowly, safely and silently around the school

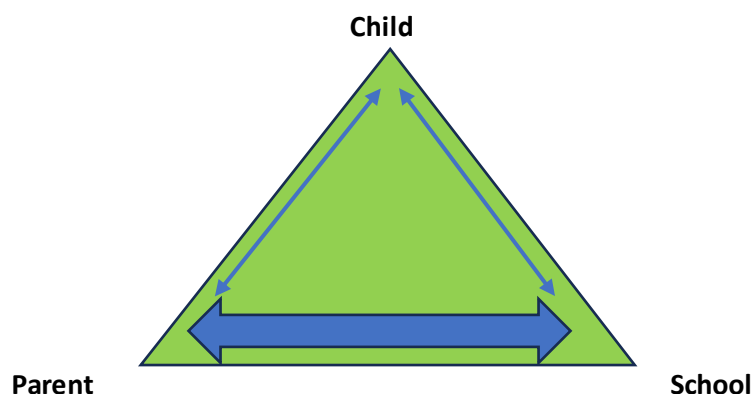
OFSTED

As you know, we had an OFSTED inspection at the end of last term. Thank you so much to all of you for your feedback in parent view. The anonymized report was extremely positive. Although the timing was far from ideal, we are delighted with the outcome. When a school has an OFSTED inspection, we are told the outcome at the end of the second day. However, we are not permitted to share the outcome as there is a quality assurance process to confirm the grades given. As the previous OFSTED inspection at St Paul's in 2018, judged the school to be inadequate, this process was more rigorous than usual. I am delighted to tell you that the final report has now been approved and will be attached to this newsletter. I am delighted that the report recognises so many strengths of St Paul's as a school, as well as the strong leadership across the school in so many areas. I hope you enjoy reading it 😊.

We have already started working on the two areas for improvement. We are continuing to review our curriculum with the OFSTED feedback in mind. We now have a new music room which is well equipped with tuned and untuned percussion as well as djembe drums. Every class now has a weekly music lesson and every Tuesday we have a whole school singing collective worship. The Gospel choir will continue but after half term we will be starting another school choir where the children will be able to sing other genres of singing. Later in the year all children in Yr 4 will learn to play the recorder. We are also going to be starting new after school clubs for Sewing and cookery, so watch this space.

Parents as partners in your child's education

Parental engagement refers to teachers and schools involving parents in supporting their children's academic learning. The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) found that Parental engagement has a positive impact on average of 4 months' additional progress. We were really pleased that so many of you did come to the meetings this week to meet your child's teacher but also to learn what your child will be learning this year and how you can support them. The diagram below shows that the child is the top priority in all we do at school and all you do for your child at home. The stronger the arrow at the bottom in terms of relationships and communication between school and parent, the better the progress and well-being for the child. Please find the school's updated behaviour policy attached to this email



Farewell and Good Luck To Year 6

Our wonderful year 6 children left us in July and did themselves proud with their brilliant leaving show. They will be missed, although it has been lovely to see them returning to see us in their school uniform. We wish them every success at their secondary schools. They are so lucky to have our St Paul's children joining them

Year 5 and Year 6

Children in year 5 and year 6 are allowed to travel home by themselves if you feel it is safe for them to do so. This does prepare them for transition to Secondary school. If you do want your child to go home alone please inform the office who will let the teacher know. We strongly recommend that you explain to your child how to keep themselves safe when travelling to and from school. As parents sometimes want their children to have mobile phones for safety and communication reasons, children in Year 5 and 6 are allowed to bring their mobile phones to school. On arrival, they must put their phones in the phone boxes on the gate. The phones will be returned to the children at the end of the school day. Children in the younger year groups are not allowed to bring mobile devices to school and this includes wrist devices, other than a watch. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Staff Changes for this year

We would like to warmly welcome Mr Aron to St. Paul's. Mr Aron is our new Year 4 teacher, I am sure you will all make him feel welcome. Miss Batchelor is now Acting Deputy Head, while the recruitment process is underway to appoint a substantive Deputy Head at St Paul's.

PARENTPAY

Please remember we are a cashless school. **If you have an outstanding debt on your account, please bring it up to date to then enable you to place a uniform order.** If you need any support in accessing or setting up your account please visit the school office where we will be happy to help you.

Dates for the Autumn Term

| Event | Date | Time |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| Yr.2 Animal Dress up day for the RSPCA | Tue 26 th Sep | |
| KS1 Christmas Performance | Mon 4 th Dec | 9:00am – 10:00am |
| EYFS Christmas Show | Tue 5 th Dec | 9:00am – 10:00am |
| Christmas Disco and Grotto | Wed 13 th Dec | 4:00pm – 5:30pm |
| Christmas Carol Service | Wed 20 th Dec | 9:15am – 10:00am |
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A Prayer for the Start of Term

Heavenly Father, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year.

Allow us to experience Your presence

in the many blessings You put before us.

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

Open our hearts and minds to new friends and new teachers.

Amen

Love and prayers
From the St Paul's team



Celebration Collective Worship

Celebration nomination



11th September 2023

| Class | Name | Reason for nomination |
|----------|------------------|--|
| Acorn | Alex & Inzata | For settling in well and being very kind to all the new children. |
| Sycamore | All of the class | For a fantastic first week in Reception. |
| Maple | Zachariah | For returning to school with a positive attitude, making fantastic contributions during class discussions – well done! |
| Maple | Kassidy | For completing an English task independently and remembering her capital letters and full stops – well done! |
| Ash | Pere | For working hard and reading excellently. |
| Ash | Lola | For settling in well and participating in all class discussions. |
| Redwood | Emmanuel | For joining in during the input and answering questions. |
| Redwood | Morenike | For being a great role model for the rest of the class and completing work in a timely manner. |
| Larch | Logan | For the effort he has put into each and every lesson so far. |
| Larch | Aiza | For having set such a brilliant example for all her class mates. |
| Chestnut | Fiyin | For settling well into the class. |
| Chestnut | Jack & Mia Rose | For always making good choices and trying their hardest. |
| Willow | Rhea | For showing respect for others and presenting work of a very high standard. |
| Willow | Andrea | For good listening and high quality work all round. |

Lining Up Awards

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

Top Table and Team Points

| Top Table | | | Team Points | This Week | Running Tally |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Mubarak - Sycamore | Sol - Redwood | Zarrah - Willow | St George | 374 | 2 nd 8 |
| Beverly - Sycamore | Mikel - Redwood | Lemuel - Willow | St Patrick | 395 | 1 st 10 |
| William - Maple | Vida - Larch | | St Andrew | 346 | 3 rd 6 |
| Yusuf - Maple | Riley - Larch | | St David | 270 | 4 th 5 |
| Bryan - Ash | Callum - Chestnut | | | | |
| Liliana - Ash | Aalia - Chestnut | | | | |