



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
Faith, Hope and Love

Friday 29th September 2023

Headteacher: Mrs Ali Silke

Acting Deputy Head-Early Years & Inclusion: Miss Angela Batchelor

Dear Parents/Families,

We have had another successful week with your lovely children playing and working hard. Trips are already underway with Willow and Chestnut class having been to local sports tournaments. Maple also ventured out to the local area to recall their learning in Sycamore class about how local roads have been made safe e.g. zig zag lines, speed humps, pelican crossings and zebra crossings.

Chestnut Class

We were lucky enough to participate in a cross-country running competition in Burgess Park against other schools. They ran two and a half laps of a circuit and points were awarded for each finisher. All children participated and did their best with one of the girls, Bianca finishing in 2nd place which was a great achievement. All members of Chestnut class demonstrated massive effort and sportsmanship throughout the morning.

After all the points were totalled, Chestnut Class came in 2nd place and luckily they even managed to avoid the rain!



A Message From The Interim Chair Of Governors

I am writing to introduce myself as the interim Chair of Governors for St Paul's Church of England Primary. As the priest of the parish of St Paul's, I have been an ex-officio governor for over six years and will be taking on the role of interim Chair while we recruit a full-time Chair of Governors. I am particularly grateful to Rachel Bull who stepped down last academic year as she is expecting her first baby. Rachel brought energy, insights and focus to her role and we wish her well as she starts this new chapter in her life.

Well, the BIG news is that the school inspectors (OFSTED) have judged St Paul's to be a GOOD school! Under the leadership of Mrs Silke, the school is thriving. We are so proud of the teaching team, pupils, parents and guardians, all the staff and governors for contributing to this well-deserved result. It is said that it takes a whole village to raise a child and this is so true at St Paul's. There is a dedicated team of attentive and loving people looking after our children, working in partnership with mums, dads and guardians to enable our young people to "arise, shine, and be who God created them to be." We are also grateful to the Southwark Diocesan Board of Education (SDBE) Multi-Academy Trust, of which we are a proud part. The "MAT", as we call the trust, provides us with world class oversight and support and gives us access to a range of talented education specialists from across London. As we start this new school year, know that Mrs Silke and her team, the governors and the MAT are doing all we can to nurture and grow our young people in body, mind and spirit. The GOOD judgment by OFSTED is a massive vote of confidence in the school, and we look forward to working with all parents and guardians as we go from strength to strength. Everyone is invited to be a part of the school's life so let's all make some wonderful memories this year. I invite each of you to participate as much as you can and let your own light shine at this wonderful school!



Fr John Carruthers Interim Chair of Governors

Communications Via the Office

Please can all parents send messages regarding absences, medical appointments, school visits via the School Office rather than to the staff on the school gates or via Mr Roy on his phone. This will mean that messages won't get lost and the staff on the gates can focus on meeting and greeting you and your children as well as checking in on the children's well-being. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

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.

Harvest Festival

We will be having our Harvest Festival Church service on Friday 6th October at 9.15 to 10am, please join us if you can. The deadline to drop donations to the school office is 9am on Wednesday 4th October. Donations are for the Mann Centre, please check your emails for the suggested donation list.

Dates for the Autumn Term

Event	Date	Time
Harvest Church Service	Fri 6 th Oct	9.15am – 10am
Remembrance Church Service	Fri 10 th Nov	9.15am – 10am
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

A Prayer For Peace And Support For Natural Disasters

Loving God. We pray for peace in our world at these troubled times.

May leaders of nations have the courage to seek what is good
for the poor and the forgotten.

We pray that refugees will be welcomed in their new host nations and supported by Government and
communities in beginning their new lives

We pray for an end to all racism, prejudice and war.

We also pray for all those affected by natural disasters – floods, fires, storms. May world leaders be filled
with compassion to support people affected in countries with financial and practical help.

We ask this in the name of your Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

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



Celebration Collective Worship

Celebration nomination



25th September 2023

Class	Name	Reason for nomination
Acorn	Ayomide	For being a good friend and helping to support a peer when putting on their jacket.
Acorn	Jonathan	For using his number knowledge in his independent learning.
Sycamore	Jorja	For an excellent first week in Reception.
Sycamore	Amara	For fantastic work in Literacy!
Maple	Amira	For remembering the keyword 'malfunction' and being able to explain what it means during a guided reading session – well done!
Maple	Aisha T	For always having such lovely manners and being a great role model to her peers – well done!
Ash	Asher	For role model behaviour, making excellent choices and working hard in maths.
Ash	Platina	For listening well in lessons and trying her best.
Redwood	Samuel	For being extremely helpful around the classroom.
Redwood	Pelumi	For great focus during English and writing a lovely story using adjectives and adverbs.
Larch	Zacharias	For the brilliant attitude he has shown in every single lesson this week.
Larch	Lorena	For being such a positive presence in the classroom.
Chestnut	Rancel	For his fantastic work in maths when learning about value.
Chestnut	Mishka	For trying hard in all lessons to produce his best work.
Willow	Tobi	For good listening and developing her reasoning when solving mathematical problems.
Willow	Toni	For her willingness to participate in whole class sessions and producing well thought of answers.

Lining Up Awards

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

Top Table and Team Points

Top Table			Team Points	This Week	Running Tally
Zinnie - Acorn	Pere - Ash	Akosua - Chestnut	St George	218	2 nd 14pts
Jonathan - Acorn	Frida - Ash	Rowan - Chestnut	St Patrick	267	1 st 20pts
Luna - Sycamore	Edwin - Redwood	Ibrahim - Willow	St Andrew	171	4 th 13pts
Laura - Sycamore	Areli - Redwood	Rhea - Willow	St David	213	3 rd 11pts
Nimi - Maple	Lorena - Larch				
Zeno - Maple	Jack - Larch				