



**ST. PAUL'S**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*The Christian family of St Paul's... moving forward together.*

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

*'For with God nothing shall be impossible'*

*Luke 1:37*

On behalf of the staff and Governors here at St. Paul's, I would like to give you all a very warm welcome back. We hope you've had a wonderful break. We have missed you greatly over the holiday and are looking forward to our next year with you. We offer a very warm welcome to those who are new to our school family this term. We're sure you will settle in quickly. Please speak to your class teacher if you have any questions about our school, rules and routines.

This week you will receive the newsletter from myself and each class will provide an information pack for you. Class newsletters will be produced each week alongside the whole school newsletter each Friday. If you wish to receive this by email please contact the school office who will add you to our mailing list. Class newsletters will be posted on their class page on our school website weekly.

### **Staffing news**

I would like to welcome new staff to both our classrooms and our after school team.

Miss Meloy will be teaching our year 4/5 class and will lead our Junior unit when Mrs Ormerod leaves to have her baby. Mrs Lee will join Miss Fielding to be my Assistant Headteacher until Mrs Ormerod returns.

Mrs Haworth, Mrs Hagyard and Mrs Earnshaw will work across school supporting pupils in class.

Miss Murray and Miss Riley have joined our Bright young things afterschool club.

We would like to wish huge congratulations to Miss Riley who has become Mrs Goodey over the holiday. We wish both Mr and Mrs Goodey all the very best for the future.

Finally, we would like to welcome back Miss Cavaney from her maternity leave. It's great to have you back. Thank you, Mrs Nolan, for your dedication and hard work in Turtle class whilst Miss Cavaney was on leave. 😊

### **School dinners**

Dinner money is £11 per week. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a school dinner free of charge. If you are eligible for a free school meal it is very important that you still apply as the school receives pupil premium funding which goes towards your child's education. This applies to all pupils including Juniors. Your child does not have to eat a school dinner and may still

bring a packed lunch. However, if you are entitled or are unsure please still apply as the school will benefit financially which will then allow us to provide additionalities to your child's education.

### **School grounds**

The teachers will meet the children at each class door. Once the bell rings at 8.50am the class doors will be locked. Any children arriving late will need to go to the school office to sign in. Each class will then leave by their class door at the end of the school day.

We are very fortunate to have parking within the school grounds. We have a small number of parents/visitors who are parking or stopping in areas such as the staff car park, disabled spaces, the bus stop or on the zigzag areas/lines. As well as risking a child's life by making the roads hazardous to cross, you could also be issued with an instant penalty charge notice (PCN) of £70.

We realise how difficult it can be to park close to school, especially on a wet day, however please bear in mind the same parking etiquette on school grounds and be respectful to our neighbours by not blocking their driveways. We must all play a part in keeping our children safe.

### **Clubs**

Please keep an eye out for letters regarding after school clubs. Our after school clubs run from 3.15pm -4.15pm unless stated otherwise.

I am sure, like me you are grateful to the staff who give up their time voluntarily to run these clubs for your children. All we ask in return is a commitment via regular attendance and good behaviour so that all involved can enjoy this time.

### **Emergency contact information/Medical/Photography**

We are currently updating our school database to ensure we have the correct details for each of our children. Please can you complete and return the enclosed form to the school office by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Starting Reception in 2018 or moving onto high school**

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary or secondary school place in September 2018 the means of application is via Lancashire's new online system at:

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

This is a quick and easy way and offers an email receipt of all submitted applications. Please ensure that you hit the 'submit' button when you are ready to send in your completed online application. You must apply even if you have siblings at your preferred school or academy.

The closing dates for applications for September 2018 are at 11.59pm on:

Secondary applications - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017

Primary applications - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### **PTA**

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much" Helen Keller

We've really enjoyed seeing new children and parents this week. Welcome to you all to St. Paul's!

The PTA has lots of great plans this year to entertain our children, buy some exciting things for our children in school and raise funds so we can help send the children to the Christmas Panto. To do this we need lots of volunteers to help at events, join our committees and provide new fundraising ideas.

If you are responsible for a child at St. Paul's you are an automatic member of the PTA and everyone is very welcome to contribute at meetings and to help  
Leanne Bissett (PTA Chair)

### **Attendance/Holiday information**

Attendance for the last school year was 97% which is good.

I am unable to authorise any absences that are not illness related unless in exceptional circumstances. There is a leave of absence form available from the school office. However, we would ask that all holidays are taken within the holiday periods and not in term time. A holiday list for this academic year is on our school website.

To enable to safeguard our children, may we request if your child is absent from school, please telephone the school on 01706 215893 by 9.15am to inform us. If we have not received a call, a member of our office staff will call you to ensure that your child is at home and is safe.

### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Sep - Kids Rock Club starts

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sep - New Reception Welcome Service @ 9:30am

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct - Year 6 Activity Day at Alder Grange

