



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

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*From the words of St. Paul... 'Encourage one another and build each other up'.*

*'When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you'*

*Psalm 56.3*

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

### Headteacher news



I would like to wish you a warm welcome back and hope that you and your loved ones have had an enjoyable summer break. We hope you are all relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. This week has been an absolute joy to see all members of our school family again.

It has been a great pleasure to see our new reception children in their new classroom and forest and watch them settle in so well. We offer a very warm welcome to those who are new to our school family this term. Please speak to your class teacher if you have any questions about our school, rules and routines.

We have all greatly missed our summer Year 6 leavers this week and hope they have a wonderful first day as year 7's. Always remember -

*'You are amazing, be your own champion and never give up on your dreams.'*

### We're starting the year with a celebration...

During the school holiday we had been notified that we had again gained the 'Gold Standard School Games' award and the very prestigious Eco Schools Green Flag award. A huge 'Thank you' to Mrs Lee & Mr Rush for all they do to arrange our school sporting events and to Miss Pounder and the Eco Warriors for all the work they have completed to gain the Green flag for the second time. Thank you to all the staff and pupils for all that you do toward achieving these awards. **We truly do have an amazing school family!**

### Staff news

A huge 'Congratulations' to Miss Riley who married her partner over the summer break to become Mrs Knowles. We wish you a lifetime of happiness and wonderful memories to share together.

### Celebration Worship

As we continue to reduce covid restrictions within school, we would like to warmly invite parents back into school on a Friday morning for our Celebration Worship. Due to the number of children in our school, we cannot invite all parents in at the same time. Therefore, if your child receives one of our awards at Celebration Worship, we will invite you by sending a text message on Thursday evening. **Please do not inform your child that you have received the invite as it is a nice surprise for them in the morning.**





Infant and Junior Celebrations are at different times. We will inform you of the time to arrive within the text message on Thursday evening.

### **Uniform**

Please ensure that your child has full uniform including a waterproof coat, as we go out every day no matter what the weather and weather tight 'black' school shoes (no trainer type shoes).

A full PE kit will be required to be worn on your child's PE day which will be notified on the class newsletter and welcome booklet.

Children are required to wear:

- a plain white round neck t-shirt
- blue shorts
- school PE Hoody.



In winter they will need to wear plain black or blue tracksuit bottoms. For example and a school PE hoody rather than their own clothes on PE days.

Your child will continue to have access to Forest School Sessions. Information about the dates for this are on your child's class newsletter and class information booklet.

Please leave a bag in school with long pants, long sleeve top, hoody or jacket, long socks and a waterproof suit or waterproof pants and coat. Children are encouraged to keep their wellies in school. **\*\*PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING EVEN WELLIES\*\***

Further information can be found on our website following this link [Uniform, milk and meals | St Paul's C of E Primary School, Rawtenstall \(stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk\)](https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk)

### **Swimming**

As part of the Physical Education curriculum, the Oak class will start their swimming lessons on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. In line with our school policy, the following information regarding kit must be adhered to:

Boys are expected to wear plain fitted swim trunks (not shorts). Girls are expected to wear a one-piece swimming costume. All pupils with shoulder length hair or longer must wear a swim cap. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Lee on Monday morning.

Children in Willows Class will swim in the Spring term and pupils in Elders will swim in the Summer term.

### **Starting Reception in 2023 or moving onto high school ...**

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary or secondary school place in September 2023 you can now apply online via Lancashire's online system at:

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://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 2023 are at 11.59pm on:

Secondary applications - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Primary applications - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### **School grounds**

We realise how difficult it can be to park close to school, especially on wet days however please be mindful of the same parking etiquette on school grounds. **Please do NOT park in the disabled spaces or in our STAFF carpark** even when dropping off and collecting for BYT and be respectful to our neighbours by not blocking their driveways or leave your engines running. We must all play a part in keeping our children safe. We would encourage as many of you to walk or cycle to school.





### **Lunchtime & snack reminders from September**

Friendly reminder for parents when packing snacks and lunches. We have severe allergies in school, please can you ensure that you only pack food without Sesame, nuts and Citrus to enable us to keep children safe and healthy.

From 1st September the weekly cost of school meals will be £12.00 per week (£2.40 a day). Payment is due weekly in advance via ParentPay.

You can check if you are eligible by visiting: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Registering for the Free School Meal service also means the school will receive additional funding for your child, which is called Pupil Premium. We are able to utilise these funds to support your child's education whilst at St. Paul's, this could be used for additional learning support and providing extra-curricular activities

Water bottles can be ordered and paid for on ParentPay (£2.50). We encourage children to fill up their reusable water containers throughout the day to help to keep themselves hydrated

### **Attendance/Holiday information**

Attendance to school this year is compulsory, and all children must attend every day unless they are ill or have symptoms of Covid.

We are 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, to avoid a fine from Lancashire County Council. A holiday list for this academic year is on our school website.

To enable us to safeguard our children, may we request that if your child is absent from school you, please telephone the school on 01706 215893 by 09:00am 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.

### **Free school meals and pupil premium**

Your child will get free school meals if they're in Reception class, Year 1 or Year 2. You will however still need to register with us if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits as your child's school can get extra funding, called pupil premium. Children in years 3, 4, 5 or 6 could also be entitled to free school meals.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If you require further information, please contact our school office.





## Dates for your diary for the Autumn term ...



Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	School re opens for the Autumn Term -Junior BYT in the school hall and Infant BYT in the Infant shared area. NO PE OR FOREST KIT IS REQUIRED on Thursday or Friday. Information will be sent home from your child's class teacher to inform you of the dates that they will be required.
October	PTA AGM - further details to follow in September
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	School closes at the end of the day for half term break.
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	School re opens
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for the end of Autumn term holiday
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	School closed for staff training day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School closed for staff training day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School re opens for the Spring Term


Additional dates will be added to the first diary dates once we return in September. We are looking forward to inviting you all back into the building.

### Action for happiness Living by our school values.

Each month, as part of our work based on our school values and to inspire practical actions for a happier and more caring society; our classes work through the action for happiness calendars. September is our self-care month. Understanding that self-care is not selfish, it's essential. No-one's perfect. But so often we compare our insides to other people's outsides. This month we're encouraging everyone to be kinder to themselves (as well as others), especially when things go wrong. Self-care increases our resilience and helps us get more out of life. It also helps us accept others as they are too.

Self-Care September 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes	 6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	 7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'	1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it
12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break	8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy
19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside	15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you
26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn	22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love	25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing

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## PTA

We hope you all had a lovely summer break.

The PTA has set up an affordable uniform shop online. We recognise that the cost of a new uniform can be daunting and want to ensure a good supply of second-hand uniform is available in one central place. This will also have the benefit of reducing the number of items that end up in landfill and will also raise funds for the PTA.

Once you have purchased your item you can collect at the school office during term time. Donations to the shop are greatly appreciated and can be left at the school office at anytime.



You can access the shop online at the following link - Items cost between 50p and £1.50 any donations can be left at the school office or contact the PTA on their Facebook page.

<https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/227>

Just a quick reminder that our 'Recycle 4 School' drop box is still being collected regularly, so if you are having a clear out don't forget our clothing recycling bag drop for any unwanted clothing 😊. It's an easy and safe way for us to raise some funds for the school.



We have also registered with AmazonSmile, we've been looking at ways to try to raise money for our PTA and came across AmazonSmile. It's a great way for us to raise money purely on donations from Amazon when you shop with them. It doesn't cost you any extra, but you do have to link your Amazon account to it and choose St. Paul's School PTA to start generating donations from your purchases.

For more information please see the post on our Facebook page (St Paul's Rawtenstall PTA) or you can contact us by email at [stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com)





It's not too late to join us for our new School lottery. Please help support school with this new lottery, please visit [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) for all the details. It's easy to buy tickets, simply visit the website, click 'BUY TICKETS' and search 'ST PAUL'S ROSSENDALE', then click 'SUPPORT US' and 'BUY TICKETS'.

You need to create an account for yourself and pay directly to the lottery company. As well as a guaranteed local cash prize every week, there is also a chance to win the jackpot of £25,000. For anyone entering our Your School lottery before 29th October will also be entered into the draw for the chance to win the Harry Potter & The Cursed Child theatre voucher or a family ticket for the Harry Potter Warner Bros. Studio Tour. These prizes are on top of the usual cash prizes. Good luck!

ST PAUL'S PTA  
YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

## Calling All Wizards

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY AND YOU COULD WIN:

Harry Potter & The Cursed Child Family Theatre Voucher & Harry Potter Warner Brothers Studio Family Tour Ticket

- Please help boost our school fundraising
- Cash prize every week
- Win up to £25,000!
- Tickets cost just £1 a week

To play the lottery, go to:  
[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)  
and search for: St Paul's Rosendale

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 29th Oct 2022. Terms and conditions apply (see website)

Thank you for your continued support.  
Kath McArragher (PTA Chair)

### Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a lovely weekend.  
Mrs Charlesworth

