



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'.

'For with God nothing shall be impossible'

Luke 1:37

Friday 4th September 2020

Headteacher news

On behalf of all the staff and Governors here at St. Paul's, I would like to give you all a very warm welcome back. We hope you have had a wonderful break. **We have missed you greatly** 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 are 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 should have received a welcome pack from your class teacher. This will provide information about what your child will be learning and information about when your child will have forest school sessions and PE. Class newsletters will be produced each week which can be found on our class webpages <https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk/classes/>

Whole school information will be written on our school newsletter each Friday. If you wish to receive a paper copy of this, please contact the school office, otherwise it will be sent to the email address you provided on ParentPay and will also be available on the school website.



As you are all aware there is a current peak in Rossendale. We have many staff, parents, grandparents and children who enter our school grounds who have underlying health conditions. Due to the large numbers of people on our playgrounds, despite our staggered start and collection times, **it is extremely important that all adults wear masks at drop off and collection times to avoid spreading the virus further.** If this is not adhered to we will have no other option than to further spread out our opening and closing times and install the one way system again and close off the ring road to all traffic. **Please be responsible and help everyone in our school family to stay safe!**

Updated guidance

Due to the current change in guidance we will send out updated information posters and display them on the front page of our website, the PTA Facebook and Twitter page for ease of reference. The guidance changes frequently so please keep checking the posters for information or contact school.



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What will my child need?

Due to current restrictions your child will only be required to bring to school a waterproof coat, a water bottle and packed lunch box (with their name on) if they do not have school dinners. We will provide all stationary-school bags are not required.

Outdoor PE kits should be worn on the designated PE day. On your child's Forest School day, please bring waterproof clothing and wellingtons in a plastic carrier bag. This should be hung up in the garage on the junior yard prior to going into the class. This will be returned home on the same day. Dates for PE and forest school are in your class welcome pack

School grounds

Staff will meet the children on our playgrounds each morning and will be present from 8.40am. Please do not leave your children in the yard unsupervised prior to this time or let your children play with the equipment that staff have set up in preparation for lessons outdoors.

Once the class doors are open the children can enter their classroom to be greeted by a member of staff. Each class will then leave by their class door at the end of the school day. Amazing Acorn Class will leave from the hall door on the junior playground.

- Please avoid standing near other families and use the blue dots on the playground and paths to distance yourself from others.
- Keep your children close to you.
- Please do not let your children play with the equipment outside that has been setup for learning by staff.
- Please arrive at the designated time.
- At collection time please ensure you leave the playground straight away as both playgrounds will be used for BYT.

Bubble	Class	Start Time	Finish Time
1	Acorns - Miss Cavaney Ashes - Mrs Jabeen	8.40 am	3.00 pm
2	Sycamores - Miss Fielding Alders - Miss Cowgill	8.50 am	3.10 pm
3	Elms - Mrs De Boutemard Maples - Miss Yates	8.40 am	3.00 pm
4	Elders - Mrs Nolan Willows - Mrs Cooper/Mrs Todd Oaks - Mrs Lee	8.50 am	3.10 pm

Parking

We are very fortunate to have a limited number of parking spaces within the school grounds, many schools do not have this facility. 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 a penalty charge notice (PCN) of £70.

If you are asked to move by another parent or member of staff, please do not be abusive towards them, if you are parked in the wrong place it is you in the wrong not them - They are trying to save the lives of others!



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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 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.

Parent Pay

Information regarding the Parent Pay system will be sent home to our new parents before the end of next week. Your activation letter includes information and an activation code. Once set up you will be able to pay for school lunches, Bright Young Things and any school activities and clubs that will occur throughout the year.

Dinner Money

The cost of our daily lunch is £2.30. This allows you to ensure that your child has a choice of well-balanced meals each day. Payment should be paid via Parent Pay in advance at a charge of £11.50 per week however this week the cost for school lunches is £6.90.

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.

Attendance/Holiday information

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

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 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 7th September - Welcome all our new EYFS children

Monday 26th October - Half Term holiday week

Monday 1st November - Staff training day - School closed

Tuesday 3rd November - Children return to school from half term break



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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.

ACTION CALENDAR: SELF-CARE SEPTEMBER 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7 Remember it's ok not to be ok. We all have difficult days	1 Remember that self-care is not selfish. It's essential	2 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	3 Free up time in your diary by cancelling any unnecessary plans	4 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. We all make mistakes	5 Plan a fun or relaxing activity this weekend and make time for it	6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time
14 Talk kindly to yourself like you would to someone you love	8 Notice the things you do well today, however small	9 Avoid saying 'I ought to' or 'I should' to yourself	10 Give yourself permission to say No to requests from others	11 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	12 Let go of being busy. Allow yourself to take some breaks today	13 Make time today to do something you really enjoy
21 Remind yourself that you are loved and worthy of love	15 Find a caring, calming phrase to say to yourself when feeling low	16 Notice what you are feeling today, without any judgment	17 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	18 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside	19 Get active outside and give your mind & body a natural boost	20 No plans day - make time to slow down and be kind to yourself
28 Accept your mistakes as a way of helping you make progress	22 Look at photos from a time with happy memories	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you today	24 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what they like about you	25 Release yourself from inner demands and self-criticism	26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents today	27 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still

Self-care is not selfish. You can't pour from an empty cup

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS www.actionforhappiness.org

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/self-care-september **Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind**

PTA

We would like to say a huge welcome back to existing parents/carers and all those who are new to our fantastic school. This year will obviously be very different from previous years with regards to events, but we will keep you all updated in the weekly newsletters and on our Facebook page.

In the meantime, don't forget we still have our clothing recycling box, this is still being collected regularly and is 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.



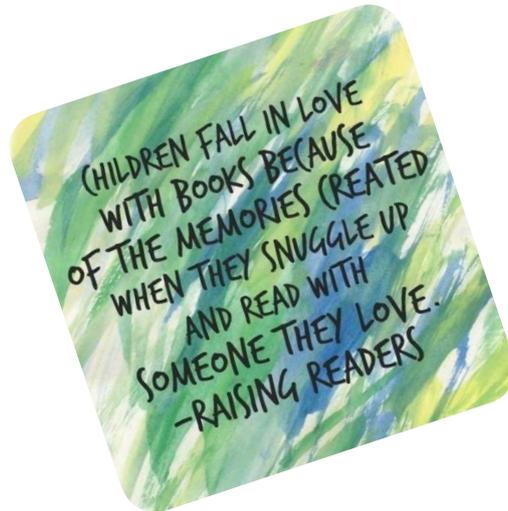
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For more information please see the post on our Facebook page (St Paul's Rawtenstall PTA) or you can contact us by email at stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com

We look forward to a great year ahead!
Kath McArragher (PTA chair)

Reflective Friday



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