



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

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ENGAGE - INSPIRE - ACHIEVE

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

*'Trust in the Lord and don't be afraid'*

*Isaiah 12:2*

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Headteacher news

This week the children have produced some wonderful pieces of art linked to our Remembrance Day work. As a whole school, we wanted to ensure that we could still come together to remember all those who gave their lives for us. We went outside in our bubbles, crated circles of hope and marked our respect.

*Please remember to put the poppy that your child has brought home into your window this weekend.*

**Reminder** - **Rossendale Hospice 'Penny Pinching Challenge'** / Boxes to be returned by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at the latest. Many thanks

### New Reception Open Evening

We are currently following the advice from the Department for Education and Lancashire County Council, therefore, we are unfortunately not able to offer onsite tours of the school at this time. This is a massive disappointment for us as we love showing people around our amazing school! However, we must consider your safety and the safety of the children and staff at school.

We are offering a virtual open evening on **Thursday 26th November** at 6pm. You will be able to hear what life is like here at St Paul's, meet some of the staff and have a short virtual tour of school.

Please email [school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk) to be given the meeting details via zoom. In the meantime, find out a bit more about us by navigating our website [stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk](http://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk)

### Starting Reception in 2021 or moving onto high school

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary place in September 2021 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.

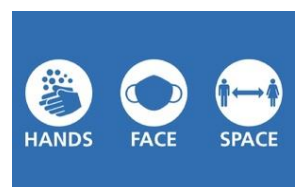
**The closing dates for applications for September 2021 are at 11.59pm on:**

**Primary applications - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Please continue to inform us if a member of your household or your child requires a Covid test as we will need to track those that your child may have been near. **If you or a member of your family have any symptoms or have had a test then your household must isolate and not come into school.**



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### Covid information

Just a reminder of the actions to take if your child or anyone in your household displays symptoms of Covid-19 or if your child comes into contact with anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19. Please visit our website <https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk/>, our PTA Facebook page or our Twitter feed for regular updates and guidance. Alternatively, if you have any questions or queries please email [school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk)

If we have any confirmed cases in school, I will inform those affected and we will close bubbles and classes after following advice from Lancashire County Council and PHE.

**Please can I also remind all parents/carers that masks must be worn when dropping and collecting your child(ren). This is to protect everyone in our school family.**

### Home learning

If you are isolating you will find the home learning sessions timetabled for the week and the links you need to access them through Oak Academy. When there is a bubble or class closure, you will be sent further information regarding recorded sessions that will be provided by our teachers, unless your class teacher is unwell. In this event, information will be given of how to access the teaching and learning sessions provided by school. **If you do not have access to online facilities at home, please inform us as we can copy packs for your child to complete.**

### PTA News

We are once again organising a ‘Christmas Hamper’ raffle to raise funds for the PTA. We ask for each family to bring a food or drink item for the hampers (a sell by date of at least [31 December 2020](#)) and as a thank you for hamper donations the children will be able to “**wear what they want**” for one day in school [on Friday 27th November 2020](#) (appropriate clothing for the weather please).

Raffle tickets can be purchased on ParentPay (**from Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov**) - £1 each, where we will allocate and publish numbers online.

The draw will take place week commencing [14<sup>th</sup> December](#) and it will be posted online and we will contact the winners to arrange the hamper collections.

Thank you for your support especially at this difficult time.

Kath McArragher - PTA Chair

### 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. November is our ‘**New Ways**’ month. Covid is restricting our lives, but we can find new ways to keep making progress. Trying out new things can actually boost our well-being. When we open up to new ideas, it helps us stay curious and engaged. It can also bring a sense of accomplishment and help to boost our self-confidence and resilience. There are so many ways to learn new things and this month we’re encouraging everyone to find new and creative ways to overcome our frustrating situations. *#newwaysnovember*

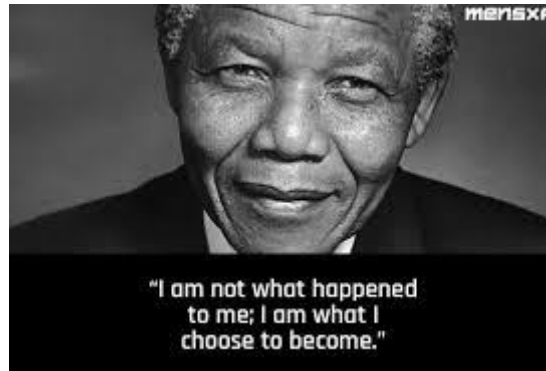


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## Reflective Friday



### Dates for your diary...

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Diwali
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week Road safety week
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Disability history month begins
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	World Children's day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme - All classes Vision screening - FOR <u>YEAR 1</u> ONLY Bikeability group 1
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening on zoom 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent begins
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability group 2 Guru Nanak's birthday
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for the end of term 1.30pm



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