



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'.

Friday 4th December 2020

Headteacher news

As the government have released guidelines for Christmas and we now remain in Tier 3, the 5-day Christmas period where 3 families may join together will be our only opportunity to mix with other households.

As a school we want to avoid as far as possible whole class bubbles having to isolate in the 14 days before Christmas and missing their only opportunity for a family Christmas. Also, when you do meet up, we want each of your families to have minimised risk of transmission to keep them safe too.

Therefore, if your child or anyone in your household has any symptoms please ensure that you refrain from bringing them into school until your test results have returned. It is not just your household that is affected if the virus comes into school. It also means that all the keyworker families in our school cannot spend time with their families during the period over Christmas. Please ensure that you abide by the current restrictions and do not mix with other households other than your support bubble on the run up to the five-day Christmas period.

I hope we will all be able to enjoy a safe, happy and peaceful Christmas with our families after this extraordinarily tough year.

Bikeability

Well done to all the children in Year 6 who have passed their Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability course in school over the past two weeks. They are now equipped with the practical skills and understanding of how to cycle on today's roads. If your child is using their bike as a way of travelling to and from school, please ensure that their bikes are road worthy and safe with reflectors and a working set of lights. This is imperative in the dark winter mornings and nights to keep them as safe as possible.

Christmas cards

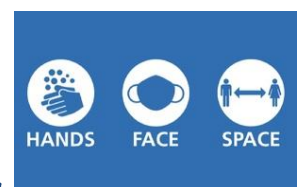
We are allowing Christmas cards to be brought into school. Please ensure they are brought into school on **Monday and Tuesday's only**. We will then isolate them and send them home on a Friday. Class teachers will not allow children to put them into the post box on days other than Monday and Tuesday.

Rosendale Hospice

Thank you to everyone who very kindly gave to the Rosendale Hospice appeal. Once each of the boxes have been counted, we will inform you of the amount you raised for this very worthy cause.



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Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December



On Friday 11th December we will be getting into the festive spirit by wearing Christmas jumpers to school. Don't feel pressured into buying one from the high street; you can bling up using tinsel or create your own. **A £1 donation via ParentPay will be gratefully received.**

Race to Lapland

Don't forget to log your miles for the Race to Lapland on the form

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyCbA1gI2xhjQfmKSD1jVrOt7iGso1Bc1wffUGNELX1blr4Q/viewform>

There are some great prizes up for grabs for the children who log the most active miles outside of school (these can be walked, jogged, cycled, scooted or wheeled!) as well as a special prize for the school with the most miles logged (both in school and outside school as a total).

Christmas Pantomime

It wouldn't be Christmas without a pantomime and although we are unable to visit the theatre this year. PTA are helping the theatre to come to us. During the last week each class will have the opportunity to close all the blinds, put up the fairy lights, take out the popcorn, crisps and drinks and watch an online production of Jack and the Beanstalk. **We are asking for a £2 donation for each child to cover the costs of the production and treats.**

Christmas Party

This year we are moving out of the building and into the forest for our Christmas parties throughout the final week in school. We will spend a full session in the forest where it will be dressed as a winter wonderland. The children will find Santa's grotto, warm around the fire pit, hot chocolate, marshmallows and play party games.

Please ensure that your child is suitably dressed in warm and waterproof clothing for Forest School on the following days.

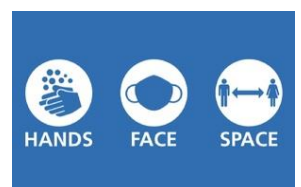
	Mon 14 th Dec	Tues 15 th Dec	Wed 16 th Dec	Thurs 17 th Dec	Fri 18 th Dec
AM	Elders	Elms	Maples	Sycamores	Acorns
PM	Oaks	Alders	Ashes	Willows	School Closed

Flu Immunisation

If your child was absent on the days the Nasal Flu spray was given and you gave consent either via E-Consent or paper consent form then the team will be coming back to school after Christmas. Should you think this may be too late, please contact your GP for an appointment.



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PTA News

Thank you all so much for all the donations last week for non-uniform day. We've made 15 beautiful large hampers for the raffle.

For a chance to win simply visit parent pay and buy a raffle ticket before Monday 14th December. We'll then be allocating numbers and drawing the winners.

If you'd prefer to pay, other than by using parent pay please email us and we'll try to help.

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Thank you for your support and Good Luck everyone

Kath McArragher (PTA Chair)

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. December is our **Do good Kindness** month.

2020 has been a difficult year in so many ways. We have suffered with uncertainty, anxiety, isolation and challenges with our financial situation, health or relationships. One thing that can hold us together and help us get through is **kindness**. Although we can't change our situation, we can choose to respond to others (and ourselves) with kindness. And when we're kind, everything goes better. We help others, we help ourselves and we encourage others to be kinder too. **#DoGoodDecember**

KINDNESS CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 7 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	1 Share the Kindness Calendar with others and spread kindness 8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are 9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment 10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	4 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today 11 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	5 Make a gift for someone who is homeless or feeling lonely 12 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	6 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about 13 See how many different people you can smile at today
14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one 21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you 28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day 22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed 29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to 23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness 30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	17 Practice gratitude. List the kind things others have done for you 24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh 31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2021	18 Give away something that you have been holding on to 25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	19 Buy locally and support independent shops near you 26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	20 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated 27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

Let's look beyond our differences and help each other. Every act of kindness matters

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

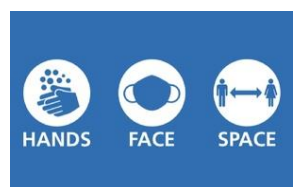
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Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/do-good-december



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It's that time of year...

Winter weather

As part of our winter preparation, I would like to inform you that we take Health and Safety very seriously in school and in the unfortunate event of extreme weather; we will aim to remain open. If we have to close school due to dangerous weather conditions, we will update our school's Twitter page @StPaulsCESch at the earliest opportunity. We will also update our PTA Facebook page, our school website and we will inform BBC Radio Lancashire. Whilst waiting around our school grounds in your cars we would ask that you turn off your car engines in order to help to keep the air around school cleaner.

Reflective Friday



Dates for your diary...

Week 7 th December	Year 2 Phonic Screening	
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper day School Games Santa Dash	
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas lunch	
Friday 18 th December	School closes for the end of term from 1.30pm	
	Bubble number	Name
	1	Acorns - Miss Cavaney Ashes Mrs Jabeen -
	2	Sycamores - Miss Fielding Alders Miss Cowgill
	3	Elms - Mrs De Boutemard Maples - Miss Yates
4	Elders - Mrs Nolan Willows - Mrs Cooper/Mrs Todd Oaks - Mrs Lee	
	Collection time	
		1.30pm
		1.40pm
		1.30pm
		1.40pm



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