



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 8th January 2021

Headteacher News.

Firstly, On behalf of the Governors, the staff and myself we would like to wish you a Happy New Year.

Please can I begin by thanking you for your continued support and understanding at this very difficult time. It has been a week like no other. After days of planning and putting things into place for the new start of term, we received the same update as you at 8pm on Monday evening and had to put a plan together quickly to enable your children to attend school and you and your families to be able to work.

We have received lots of positive feedback from parents which has been lovely and has really lifted the spirits of our staff. So, we thank you for that.

Snow update

Thank you for your understanding and support in the difficult decision we made to close the school today due to the adverse weather. This is never an easy decision and one we do not take lightly. We are aware that many schools around the county closed on Tuesday to allow planning time for the partial closure and provision for critical worker children and vulnerable children. However, we did not want to do this and worked through the night to ensure your child could attend school on Tuesday morning. The main reason for closing today was, as well as the weather forecast which predicted snow all day, we have staff that travel from lots of different areas. Due to the new restrictions, we are unable to mix bubbles as we may usually do to allow for the late arrival of staff as they travel to work. Some staff live in areas where main roads had been closed due to serious accidents and we could not predict their arrival time. As always, we needed to ensure our staff and your children were safe. In addition to this we did not want to put any further burden on the NHS or have to put families in the dangerous situation of having to take their child or themselves to the hospital from having an accident on their way to and from school. Health and safety and the safeguarding of our children and families is always paramount to what we do.

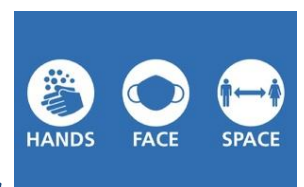
Class newsletters

It is important that the [class newsletters](#) are referred to each week as well as the whole school newsletter. This is where the class teachers add information and reminders for the following week for children who are remote working or those in school.

You can find them by clicking on the class name using this link: [Class Newsletters](#)



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Home Learning

We know as teachers that you are your child's first teacher. We know that many of you are working from home. We know how hard it is to work and ensure your child is completing the work set for them.

Life is hard enough right now. As a minimum listen to your child read every day, model good reading by reading them a good night story. Use Timestable Rockstars or Numbots and spelling shed to practice number and word skills. Your child will not be left behind as everyone is in the same boat across the country. So many of you have enjoyed spending time with your children and learning new skills such as baking, knitting and practical activities.


If you are able to access the learning grids and are able to work with your child or your child is able to work alone then our Home learning grids can be found on our website or by clicking [here](#).

Please do NOT put additional pressure on yourself. Do not listen to others about how much or how little they have done. **Do what is right for you and your family.** We have arranged our home learning so that it can be done at any time, to work around you and your family. We have kept our past learning grids on our home learning section of the website for you to also access if required.


If you are having difficulties with IT such as one laptop between two/three children or require additional internet please let us know as we can allocate free internet for families who cannot access the internet.

If you require access codes please email school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk and we will alert your class teacher.

If you have a PS4 or an X-Box you can access our home learning using the controls by following the instructions below.



1. Turn on PS4
2. Use your controller to scroll to the far right of the bar with games to *Library*
3. Select *Library* application
4. Within the library use the search bar to type in *Internet*
5. Select the *Internet Browser* app
6. Start Internet Browser and press the triangle button on the controller to search
7. Once on the internet, type in the search box *Google Classroom* and select the first link that comes up:
Classroom: manage teaching and learning Google for Education - link below'
<https://edu.google.com/products/classroom>
8. Select *Go to Classroom*. Then log in using student email and password.

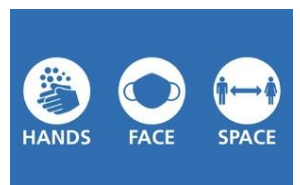



1. Go to Home Menu
2. Select *My Games and Apps*
3. Scroll down to Apps
4. Go to *Microsoft Edge* application
5. Type in a search for *Google Classroom*
6. Select *Go to Classroom*
7. You will need to log in using your student email address and password.

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Free School Meals - Voucher update.

At the moment, Mrs Kenyon is working hard to source the vouchers for our FSM families. We apologise for the delay in getting these to you, we have been waiting for further guidance from Lancashire County Council and the supply chain to be set up. We are hoping these will arrive by Monday. Mrs Kenyon will get in touch with those families who are eligible for FSMs on Monday via text to advise when the vouchers will be ready to collect etc.



IF YOUR FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED – PLEASE READ BELOW. (Only applies to those who are not currently entitled to FSM).

Free school meals.



For any parents, whose circumstances have changed and think their child(ren) maybe entitled to Free School Meals, please can an application form be completed. Parents can apply electronically via the link below or can complete a paper application form.

Registering for the Free School Meal service also means the school will receive additional funding for your child, which is called Pupil Premium.

https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium

Please note that younger siblings of pupils who are already entitled will not automatically qualify for Free School Meals. If a family's circumstances have changed and cease to be entitled to qualifying benefits, the elder children will be protected but any new children will not qualify. This is why Pupil Access Team require applications completing so they can properly assess new sibling's entitlement.

Non Uniform

As from Monday we are requesting that all children and staff attending school come in a fresh set of clean clothes each day rather than wearing their school uniform. This is to avoid as much as possible spreading of any cross contamination. We are hoping this will help to keep us and you safer.

Parental reminders to keep us all safe:

- Please be reminded that only one parent per family should be on site when dropping off or collecting.
- Please stay socially distanced from others on and around the school.
- Please wear a mask when entering our school site
- We are a no smoking school which includes vaping therefore please refrain from smoking or vaping on our school site.

Online Safety Newsletters

Please take the time to read our 2 extra Online Safety Newsletters which are attached:-

- Online Safety Newsletter TikTok
- Online Safety Newsletter January 2021

Reflective Friday



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