



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

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*The Christian family of St Paul's... moving forward together.*

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

*Psalms 56.3*

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Headteacher news

It has been an absolute pleasure walking around school and being in classes this week. To end a lovely week, despite it being Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, we have been celebrating the work of Roald Dahl. We have seen some wonderful and creative outfits from both children and staff.

### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Please come and join us at our Macmillan afternoon tea on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September between 2 and 3pm** in the school hall. It's a lovely opportunity to support a good cause, relax and eat cake!

Cake donations very welcome - home made or shop bought! Please remember we cannot accept any cakes with nuts, sesame or citrus.

### 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

### Help us to recycle

As part of our environmental work, the Elder class are collecting empty crisp packets. We know that many crisp packets cannot be recycled effectively so we are going to help by collecting them, use them for our data analysis work and then send them to be recycled correctly and help our planet to be a safer cleaner place.





### **Clubs**

Please keep an eye out for letters regarding after school clubs. Our after school clubs run from 3.15pm - 4.15pm unless stated otherwise.

I am sure, like myself, you are grateful to the staff who give up their time voluntarily to run these clubs for your children. All we ask in return is a commitment via regular attendance and good behaviour so that all involved can enjoy this time.

### **Aldi tokens**

This term, our school is collecting Aldi's Kit for Schools stickers. These are given each time £30 or more is spent at Aldi. Every school who collects 300 stickers will receive a free sports kit bag.

Please help us achieve our target by sending any stickers into school.

### **Attendance/Holiday information**

Attendance for the last school year was 96% 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.

### **PTA**

On Friday 27th September we will be having our Macmillan coffee afternoon 2.00pm - 3.00pm in the school hall (entry through the school office doors). This is open to all parents, carers and younger siblings. It's a lovely way to meet up with other parents/carers over a brew and a piece of cake. We also need plenty of cake donations to make the event a success, shop bought, or home made ALL are very welcome!

(Please note no nuts or citrus fruit in cakes e.g. lemon drizzle due to allergies of a child within school). We are looking for volunteers to help us out at this event, if you can help please message us on our PTA Facebook page or leave your name and contact details at the school office and we will get back to you.

On Friday 4th October it is our annual AGM at 3.20pm held in Super Sycamores classroom. This is a chance for you to see what and how the PTA run and for you to get involved. We always need new volunteers! We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Many thanks

Kath McArragher (PTA chair)

### **Starting Reception in 2020 or moving onto high school**

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary or secondary school place in September 2020 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 2020-21 are at 11.59pm on:

Secondary applications - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019

Primary applications - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020





**Data Collection Forms**

You will find a data collection form in your child’s bag tonight, please have a look over this and make any necessary changes. It would be really helpful if you could use a different coloured pen to mark these changes. Please return the form to school by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September so we can update our system as soon as possible.

*Dates for your diary...*

- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September - EYFS children and Parents Welcome service at St. Paul’s Church 9.30am
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2.00pm
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Travelling Book Fair in the school hall before and after school each day
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Harvest Festival in Church - Infants 9.30am - Juniors 10.30am
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October - PTA AGM - All parents and staff welcome 3.20pm
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - New to EYFS parent meeting for intake 2020/21 6.00pm
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October - PTA Disco
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Half Term holiday - Return to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

**Reflective Friday**



*There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it will be a butterfly.*

**Whole School Newsletter**

If you would like to receive a copy of our weekly newsletter via email please fill out the below slip and return to the school office.

Please send me an email copy of the weekly newsletter every Friday

Child’s Name.....

Child’s Class.....

Email address.....

