



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'.

'When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you'
Psalm 56.3

Friday 9th September 2022

Headteacher news

We have had a wonderful week in school this week. We have met our new pupils, given our prefects their roles, introduced our September focus book 'I am not a label', invited parents back into school for our celebration worship (We have missed you all and are giddy to have you back in school!) and we have also ended the week with great sadness and reflection as we heard of our Monarch Queen Elizabeth II passing. We will be paying tribute throughout the period of mourning. Further details will be sent out next week.

Student Leaders

This week we have had a 'Student Leadership' worship where we discussed the importance of our pupils at St Paul's becoming leaders and a voice for all pupils. Mrs Ormerod reminded the children about the wide range of leadership groups across school such as our 'Gift Group', 'Reading Champions' and 'Eco Warriors' and explained the roles and duties these leaders will have. Over the next few days, children in each class will be nominating themselves for the roles they would like to be part of. The leaders for each group will be chosen by members of the class through a voting system. We will announce our leaders next week.

Celebration Worship

As we continue to reduce covid restrictions within school, we would like to warmly invite parents back into school on a Friday morning for our Celebration Worship. Due to the number of children in our school, we cannot invite all parents in at the same time. Therefore, if your child receives one of our awards at Celebration Worship, we will invite you by sending a text message on Thursday evening. **Please do not inform your child that you have received the invite as it is a nice surprise for them in the morning.** Infant and Junior Celebrations are at different times. We will inform you of the time to arrive within the text message on Thursday evening.

Harvest

We are excited to be going back to St Paul's Church for our Harvest Service this year on **Thursday 13th October.**

We would really like to support the valuable work of RAFT foodbank again this year and are asking for donations. They are particularly in need of tinned meat (corned beef or ham), tinned potatoes, tomatoes, long life milk and jam. **Donations can be brought into school on Thursday 13th October and will be collected by RAFT later that morning. Crates will be placed outside classroom doors and the door outside BYT on Tuesday morning for you to drop off any donations.** Many thanks for your support.





Uniform

Please ensure that your child has full uniform including a waterproof coat, as we go out every day no matter what the weather and weather tight 'black' school shoes (no trainer type shoes).

A full PE kit will be required to be worn on your child's PE day which will be notified on the class newsletter and welcome booklet.

Children are required to wear:

- a plain white round neck t-shirt
- blue shorts
- school PE Hoody.



In winter they will need to wear plain black or blue tracksuit bottoms. For example and a school PE hoody rather than their own clothes on PE days.

Your child will continue to have access to Forest School Sessions. Information about the dates for this are on your child's class newsletter and class information booklet.

Please leave a bag in school with long pants, long sleeve top, hoody or jacket, long socks and a waterproof suit or waterproof pants and coat. Children are encouraged to keep their wellies in school. ****PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING EVEN WELLIES****

Further information can be found on our website following this link [Uniform, milk and meals | St Paul's C of E Primary School, Rawtenstall \(stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk\)](https://www.stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk/uniform-milk-and-meals)

Starting Reception in 2023 or moving onto high school ...

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary or secondary school place in September 2023 you can now apply online via Lancashire's online system at:

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 2023 are at 11.59pm on:

Secondary applications - 31st October 2022

Primary applications - 15th January 2023

School grounds

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. **Please do NOT park in the disabled spaces or in our STAFF carpark** even when dropping off and collecting for BYT 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.

Lunchtime & snack reminders from September

Friendly reminder for parents when packing snacks and lunches. We have severe allergies in school, please can you ensure that you only pack food without Sesame, nuts and Citrus to enable us to keep children safe and healthy.

From 1st September the weekly cost of school meals will be £12.00 per week (£2.40 a day). Payment is due weekly in advance via ParentPay.

You can check if you are eligible by visiting: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>





Registering for the Free School Meal service also means the school will receive additional funding for your child, which is called Pupil Premium. We are able to utilise these funds to support your child's education whilst at St. Paul's, this could be used for additional learning support and providing extra-curricular activities

Water bottles can be ordered and paid for on ParentPay (£2.50). We encourage children to fill up their reusable water containers throughout the day to help to keep themselves hydrated.

Attendance/Holiday information

Attendance to school this year is compulsory, and all children must attend every day unless they are ill or have symptoms of Covid.

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 09:00am 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.

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.





Dates for your diary for the Autumn term ...


Thursday 1 st September	School re opens for the Autumn Term - Junior BYT in the school hall and Infant BYT in the Infant shared area. NO PE OR FOREST KIT IS REQUIRED on Thursday or Friday. Information will be sent home from your child's class teacher to inform you of the dates that they will be required.
October	PTA AGM - further details to follow in September
Friday 21 st October	School closes at the end of the day for half term break.
Monday 31 st October	School re opens
Friday 16 th December	School closes for the end of Autumn term holiday
Tuesday 3 rd January	School closed for staff training day
Wednesday 4 th January	School closed for staff training day
Thursday 5 th January	School re opens for the Spring Term

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. 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.

Self-Care September 2022


MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY




THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential

2 Notice the things you do well, however small

3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly

4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it

5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes

6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'

8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed

9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect

10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok

11 Make time to do something you really enjoy

12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost

13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one

14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break

15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low

16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly

17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself

18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you

19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement

20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories

21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside

22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still

23 Let go of other people's expectations of you

24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love

25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing

26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents

27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans



28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn

29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself

30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are

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St Paul's Awards.

	<u>Learner of the Week</u>	<u>Our Topic Superstar</u>	<u>Our school Value Champion</u>
Awesome Ashes	Theo	Noah L-W	Amelie
Super Sycamores	Olivia	Jonny	
Outstanding Alders	Marley	Fraser	Louis
Enchanted Elms	Ruby	Zayaan	Hattie
Marvellous Maples	Elodie	Archie	Joshua
Dazzling Elders	Amara	Miley	Sam
Wonderful Willows	Tabitha	Reeyan	Eden
Mighty Oaks	Theo	Louis	Coby
Blossoms	Learner of the week	Lucy	

A huge well done to our award winners this week. I know it was really difficult to chose as all of our pupils have had a great first full week back in school.

Thank you to the parents who joined us today. It was lovely to have you back in school again. 😊

Reflective Friday





PTA

The PTA has set up an affordable uniform shop online. We recognise that the cost of a new uniform can be daunting and want to ensure a good supply of second hand uniform is available in one central place. This will also have the benefit of reducing the amount of items that end up in landfill and will also raise funds for the PTA.

Once you have purchased your item you can collect at the school office during term time.

Donations to the shop are greatly appreciated and can be left at the school office at anytime.



You can access the shop online at the following link

<https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/227>

Just a quick reminder that our 'Recycle 4 School' drop box is still being collected regularly, so if you are having a clear out don't forget our clothing recycling bag drop for any unwanted clothing 😊. It's 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.

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

It's not too late to join us for our new School lottery.

Please help support school with this new lottery, please visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk for all the details. It's easy to buy tickets, simply visit the website, click 'BUY TICKETS' and search 'ST PAUL'S ROSSENDALE', then click 'SUPPORT US' and 'BUY TICKETS'.

You need to create an account for yourself and pay directly to the lottery company.

As well as a guaranteed local cash prize every week, there is also a chance to win the jackpot of £25,000. For anyone entering our Your School lottery before 29th October will also be entered into the draw for the chance to win the Harry Potter & The Cursed Child theatre voucher or a family ticket for the Harry Potter Warner Bros. Studio Tour. These prizes are on top of the usual cash prizes. Good luck!

Thank you for your continued support.

Kath McArragher (PTA Chair)

