

St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter

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

Friday 22nd September 2023

Phonics and Reading Workshop for parents.



We would like to invite you to our phonics and reading workshop which will take place in school on **Friday 6th October at 9.15am**. The aims of the workshop will be to help you gain a clearer understanding of how we teach phonics and reading throughout school. The session will also include helpful tips and suggestions of how you can further support your child at home. The workshop is open for parents and carers of children across our EYFS and Key Stage One unit.

If you would like to join this session which will be delivered by Miss Cavaney (Phonics Leader) and Mrs Ormerod (English Leader), please send an email to school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk confirming your attendance by Friday 29th September so we can ensure we have enough space. Please also state your child/children's name and how many adults will be attending. If you have a specific question or area you would like us to cover, then please state this in your email. We may not be able to cover everything requested but we will endeavour to cover as many requests and questions as possible.

Year 6 information

All our Year 6 children have been invited to attend the Alder Grange open day on Thursday 5th October (8.45 - 3pm). Parents will need to register on the link in order for their child to attend. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFvHMjgx3M1X5HRFncX8mHIG5vrP-P3ZcRwyCKoqBG_6laQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

If there are any children at BYT in the morning or afternoon and need taking/collecting, please could they either let their class teacher know or email school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk

Thank you

Change of details

Please can all parents inform us of any changes to mobile numbers, email addresses, home address and in addition make the changes on your Parent pay account. We cannot access your account to update this for you.

Hello Autumn Lunch - Thursday 5th Oct

Hello Autumn

5th October

Pork or Vegetarian
Sausage
Toad in the Hole
with
Herby Potatoes,
Seasonal Vegetables
& Gravy
or
Puff Pastry
Cheese Whirl
with
Herby Potatoes
& Baked Beans

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Jam Sponge & Custard

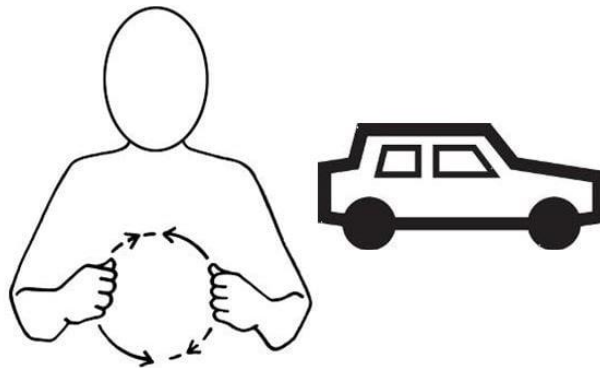
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The Hello Autumn special lunch will take place on Thursday 5th October. If your child has a packed lunch and would like the Autumn special lunch, please inform our office by the end of the school day on Wednesday 27th September.

Word of the week

Each week the children in the EYFS & KS1 have been learning a new word in British sign language. We thought it would be lovely if we shared each week's new word on the newsletter so that we can all learn together. This week the infants are learning how to sign the word 'car.'



Dates for your diary...

- ***Wednesday 27th September - Book Fair***
- ***Thursday 28th September - EYFS Welcome service at St. Paul's Church***
- ***Friday 29th September - Macmillan Coffee afternoon - 2.00pm-3.00pm***
- ***Tuesday 10th October - Hello Yellow day***
- ***Tuesday 17th October - Harvest service***
- ***Friday 20th October - School finishes at 3.10pm for Half term***
- ***Monday 30th October School re-opens for the second half of the Autumn term***
- ***Friday 10th November - Individual and sibling photographs (am)***

PE timetable - Autumn 1

St. Paul's PE.					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Amazing Acorns			Indoor PE		
Awesome Ashes	Indoor PE				
Super Sycamores		Indoor PE with Sports coaches	Outdoor PE		
Outstanding Alders		Indoor PE with Sports coaches		Outdoor PE	
Enchanted Elms	Outdoor PE			Indoor PE	
Marvellous Maples	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE			
Dazzling Elders	Outdoor PE			Indoor PE	
Wonderful Willows			Indoor PE		Outdoor PE
Mighty Oaks	Swimming				Indoor PE

If you child has outdoor PE they will need (weather dependent) Suncream, water bottle, PE hoody.
 All classes other than Acorns and Ashes will need to bring their PE kit and leave it in school. Acorns and Ashes can come to school for the day in their PE Kit which consists of Navy-blue shorts, tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, PE hoody/school jumper and pumps.

Forest School timetable - Autumn 1

Week starting 25/9/2023

- **Monday - Alders**
- **Tuesday - Elms**
- **Wednesday - Elders**
- **Thursday - Willows**
- **Friday - Maples**

Attendance/Holiday information

Attendance to school is compulsory, 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. [School-Holidays-23-24.pdf](https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk/School-Holidays-23-24.pdf)
stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk

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.

Let's celebrate weekly awards

<u>St. Paul's Awards.</u>			
	<u>Learner of the week</u>	<u>Topic award learner of the week</u>	<u>Value winner</u>
Amazing Acorns	Jessica	Jack	Jasper
Awesome Ashes	Finlay	Bradley	Ollie
Super Sycamores	Finn	Charlotte	Oliver
Outstanding Alders	Myla	Freddie	Amelie
Enchanted Elms	Logan	Lewis	Sophie
Marvellous Maples	Archie	Ruby-Mae	Rina
Dazzling Elders	Matilda	Jonah	Layton
Wonderful Willows	Zara	Clara	Aqsa
Mighty Oaks	Lennon	Finlay	Alice
Brilliant Berries	Myla -Rose		
Budding Blossoms	George		

Starting Reception in 2024 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 2024 are at 11.59pm on:

Secondary applications – 31st October 2023

Primary applications – 15th January 2024

PTA

PTA News

On Friday 29th September 2023 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, sesame seeds or citrus fruit in cakes eg lemon drizzle due to allergies of children 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 you name and contact details at the school office and we will get back to you.



On Tuesday 8th November 2023 at 3:20pm we will be holding our AGM. 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! If you would like to attend please email us at stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com and we will send you the link. We look forward to seeing you there.



🎄🧡 With the festive season growing nearer, your children will be getting letters sent home over the next few days with their Christmas artwork attached, to give you the chance to order cards, labels or mugs. Along with these, there will be instructions on how to order.

**** Artwork for any orders placed will need to be returned to school by 9am on Monday 9th October 2023 as orders cannot be printed without the returned artwork. ****

If anybody has any questions or problems, please message us, or speak to one of the PTA Committee



♻️ 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





WHAT WE WILL ACCEPT



WHAT WE WON'T ACCEPT





It's not too late to join us for our School lottery. Please help support school with this new lottery, you can visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk for all the details.

PLAY OUR SUPERDRAW

WIN A HARRY POTTER BUNDLE

- Win Tickets to Harry Potter and the Cursed Child
- AND a family pass to the Warner Bros Studio Tour!
- Tickets from just £1 a week
- Play now and support our school!

BUY TICKETS:
Go to: YourSchoolLottery.co.uk
And search for: St Paul's Rossendale

Draw date Saturday 28th October. See website for terms and conditions

GambleAware 16+

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.

Also for anyone entering our Your School lottery before 28th October 2023 will also be entered into the draw for the chance to 'Win a Harry Potter Bundle'.

These prizes are on top of the usual cash prizes.

Thank you for your continued support. Kath McArragher (PTA Chair)

Are you able to help in anyway...

We are in the process of enhancing our play and lunchtime provision and are accepting donations of any children's dressing up clothes and board games that you may no longer use at home or your children may have grown out of.

If you would like to or are able to donate any items please let Mrs Lee or the school office aware.

We are very grateful for any donations to support the play of all children across school.

Lost property...

We also have lots of lost uniform in school that have no names on them for us to return them to their owners. Please can you ensure that every item of clothing both inner and outer wear is named so we can help to return them to you. We know how much uniform costs. Please help us to help you.

This week we have been learning...

Amazing Acorns

Acorns have had another amazing week. We have been practising our counting and doing some sorting. We have learnt all about the sounds s, a, and t.

Next week on Thursday all of Reception children will be visiting our Church. It is a service just for the children to officially welcome them into the family of St. Paul's.

PE will start on Wednesday. Please bring your child dressed in their PE kit.

Brilliant Berries

This week in Berries we have been learning the creation story from the Bible. We have learnt that Christians believe that God made the world in 7 days. On day sixth day, God made animals, so we worked as a group painting drawing and sticking a bug hotel to take care of God's creatures. We will put this in Larkhill Rise Forest school for the animals to enjoy.

Awesome Ashes

This week in Ashes our Forest session had to be cancelled due to the heavy rain. However, that did not stop our plans. Miss Pounder collected some of our forest apples and we learnt how to peel them ready to make apple crumble. On Friday we put the crumble top on and sent them home to bake in the oven for a delicious Friday night treat using our very own forest apples. Miss Pounder and the year 1 children are really looking forward to welcoming the new reception Ashes children that are starting on Monday. I hope you enjoyed our cooking time together on Friday and I am excited for you to join our class on Monday. Please note we have PE on Monday can all of Ashes come in their PE kit.

Super Sycamores

Sycamores have had a super week! We are really enjoying our topic 'Amazing Animals'; playing in our vet role play to discover how to care for animals, learning about grouping animals in Science and we'll hopefully see Derek the rabbit in Forest School today! This learning is linked to our English unit of work based on 'The Perfect Pet'. The children are creating adjectives to describe their own perfect pets before writing their own descriptions next week. Have a good weekend everyone! You deserve it after a busy and productive week 😊

Outstanding Alders

Alders have really enjoyed having the sports coaches in to teach gymnastics this week.

We have forest school on Monday 25th September please ensure that all your waterproof kit and waterproof footwear is in school.

Enchanted Elms

Just a reminder that forest will be on Tuesday 26th September 2023. If you haven't brought in wellies for your children, please can ensure that they have them for Tuesdays session.

This week we have started to learn how to play the Ukulele - The children really enjoy their lesson and are looking forward to perform their new skills later in the term.

Marvellous Maples

Marvellous Maples have been learning how to write diary entries linked to the book - The Tin Forest. In Geography Maples have been using Atlas' to locate the UK and Africa as well as recalling the seven continents and five oceans.

Dazzling Elders

Elders have had a great week. In History, they have been using maps to identify changes over time. The children are enjoying reading 'The Nothing to See Here Hotel'. Our next class novel will be The Boy at the Back of the Class, if you would like to order a copy from the library or if you wish to purchase a copy for your child to read in class.

Timetable change Elders class- Change to Forest school session will now be every other **Wednesday** starting on Wednesday 27th September.

Wonderful Willows

Forest school will be on Thursday 28th September for Willow's class. Please remember to bring all of your kit into school.

We are thoroughly enjoying investigating different forces in our Science lessons. Willow's class have been busy testing aqua dynamic's and gravity. We have been trying to see how we can make objects travel quickly and slowly as well as working on how we record our findings.

















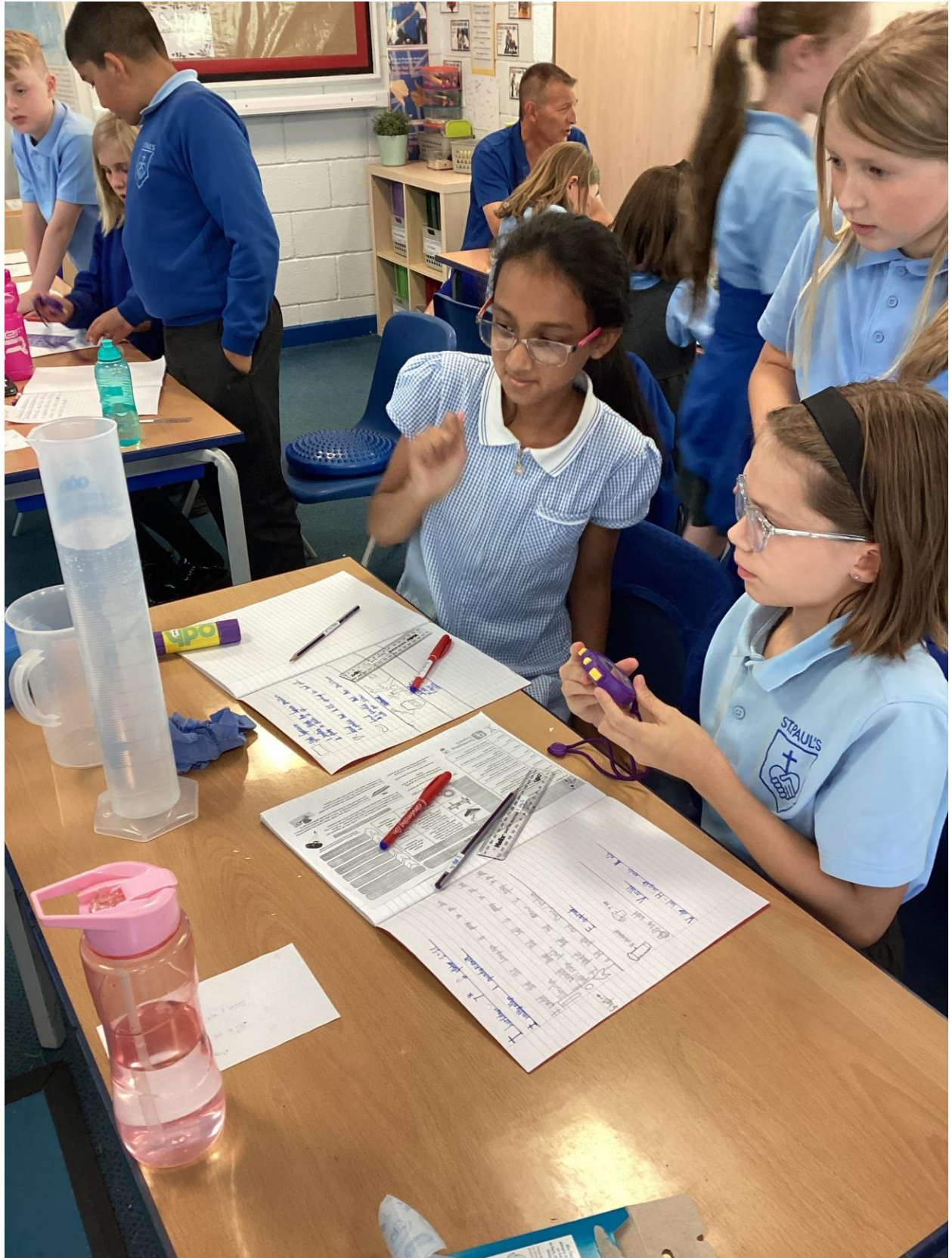














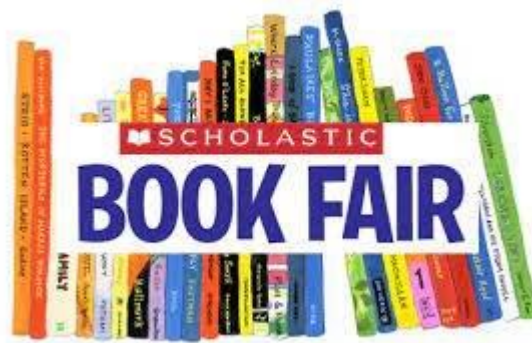


#HelloYellow



On Tuesday 10th of October we are asking for all children to wear something yellow. It doesn't have to be a whole new outfit so please don't feel like you have to purchase anything. We are wearing yellow to help to raise the awareness of young people's mental health and throughout the day at school, your child will be participating in different activities to embed the importance of looking after our mental wellbeing. There will a parent pay option for you to donate £1 and all proceeds will be going to the Young Mind charity.

Scholastic Book Fair



From Thursday 28th September, we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in school. There will be a wealth of books for children of all ages with some great offers included. There will be an option for you to pay cash or by phone using a QR code.

You can visit the book fair at the following times:

- Thursday 28th September from 3:15 pm in the infant yard (this may take place inside weather permitting TBC)
- Friday 29th September from 2pm-3pm during our Macmillian Coffee morning in the school hall
- Monday 2nd October from 3:15 pm in the infant yard (this may take place inside weather permitting TBC)

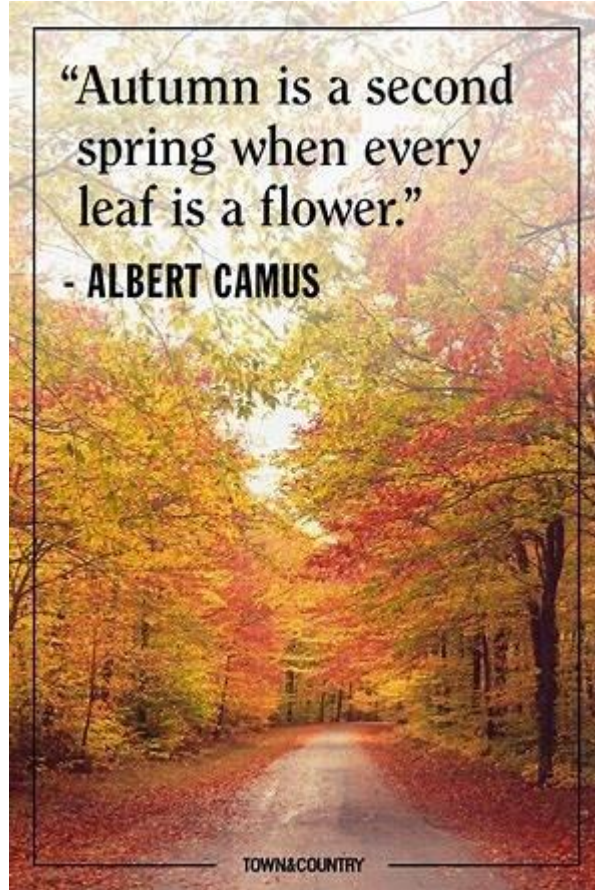
The Great Lancashire Debate



Over the past couple of weeks six of our Year 5 pupils have been preparing for a competition run by Lancashire County Council known as 'The Great Lancashire Debate'. The theme of the competition is to "Tell us about an important issue affecting Lancashire and how it will be resolved by 2050". The children decided to choose the theme of education with a particular focus on reading. They have researched, written and delivered a recorded debate which has been sent to a team at Lancashire County Council. If we are shortlisted, the children will have the opportunity to present their debate in public at County Hall, Preston which will run alongside Parliament Week.

Well done to Millie, Mac, Amara, Elijah, Zara and Martha. You have done St Paul's proud!

Reflective Friday



Hoping you all have a wonderful weekend, filled with fun and laughter. Mrs Charlesworth