# St. Paul's Church of England Primary Newsletter 29th September 2023

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

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 <a href="mailto:school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk">school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk</a> 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). The link to express your interest in attending has now closed. You will now need to contact Alder Grange directly.

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 <a href="mailto:school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk">school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk</a>

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



The Hello Autumn special lunch will take place on Thursday 5th October. No further orders can now be made for this special lunch.

### 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 'bus.'



### Dates for your diary...

- · 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
- · Bikeability consent form deadline Friday 20th October
- · Friday 10th November Individual and sibling photographs (am)

### PE timetable - Autumn 1

### St. Paul's PE.

	Monday	Tuesday	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	Friday
Amazing			Indoor PE		
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Awesome	Indoor PE				
Ashes	IIIIIII E				
Super		Indoor PE with	Outdoor PE		
Sycamores		sports coach			
Outstanding		Indoor PE with		Outdoor PE	
Alders		sports coach			
Enchanted	Outdoor PE			Indoor PE	
Elme					
Marvellous	Indoor PE	Outdoor PE			
Maples					
Dazzling	Outdoor PE			Indoor PE	
Elders					
Wonderful			Indoor PE		Outdoor PE
Willows					
Mighty	Swimming				Indoor PE
Oaks					

If your child has outdoor PE they will need (weather dependant) 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 2/10/2023

- Monday -
- Tuesday Acorns
- Wednesday Ashes
- Thursday Oaks

• Friday – Sycamores

#### Week starting 9/10/23

- 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. <a href="School-Holidays-23-24.pdf">School-Holidays-23-24.pdf</a> (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

St. Paul's Awards.						
	<u>Learner of the week</u>	Topic award learner of the week.	<u>Value winner</u>			
Amazing Acorns	Wilson	Thomas	Esme			
Awesome Ashes	Mia	Logan	Sebastian			
Super Sycamores	Hannah	Jacob	Teddy			
Outstanding Alders	Charlotte	Noah LW	Honey			
Enchanted Elms	Orlando	Ollie	Sienna			
Marvellous Maples	Heidi	Alexia	Drew			
Dazzling Elders	Erin	Seb L	Brennie			
Wonderful Willows	Ruby	Max	Isabella			
Mighty Oaks	Sienna	Milo	Noah C			
Brilliant Berries	Kaira					
Budding Blossoms	Charlie					

### 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

Thank you to everyone who attended or helped in any way with the Macmillan coffee afternoon, I will let you know how much we raised as soon as possible.

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



Our next event is the autumn disco on Thursday 19th October 6pm-8pm. Letters will be going out soon with more details but please note it is NOT Halloween themed, any masks will be confiscated until the end of the event. We need lots of volunteers on the night to make the event possible so if you'd like to help please contact us via our Facebook page, email address stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com or leave your name and contact details at the school office and we will get back to you 2

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

Many thanks for all your continued support!

Kath McArragher (PTA Chair)

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.



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.

### A HUGE Thank you!!!

On last week's newsletter we asked if anyone could help us with any donations for our play provision in school. This week we received a call from Little Lancashire Village who very kindly donated a wealth or items for our EYFS, KS1 and BYT provision. We cannot thank you enough for your kindness and support.

Why not try out their new areas at both the Rawtenstall and Burnley venues this weekend. <u>The Little</u> Lancashire Village – Children's Roleplay Centre

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 know.

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**

Another fantastic week in Acorns. We have started to learn all about our Church and why it is a special place for Christians. We explored what is inside a church and learnt about our Church's stained glass window. We made some of our own which are now proudly displayed under our outdoor shelter. Please take a look.

We also visited our beautiful Church this week. We listened to the story of 'The Lost Sheep', had a tour and sang a song. The children's behaviour was impeccable and they were excellent ambassadors for our School.

#### **Brilliant Berries**

This week, Berries children have been reading the story The Three Little Pigs, which the they have thoroughly enjoyed. We have written a wanted poster for the Big Bad wolf, made the Little Pigs houses and reenacted the story. We loved our PE session on Monday. Another lovely week in Berries class.

#### Awesome Ashes

This week in Ashes we were excited to have our Reception boys and girls join us. We are so proud of them and how well they have settled in. We have continued our sessions on the three little pigs and linked it to our science topic materials. We explored what the objects are and what the objects are made of.

Reminder- Please bring Reading books with the reading record and water bottles in to class daily.

#### **Super Sycamores**

This week Sycamores have explored more about keeping animals healthy and safe in Science. Year 1 have played in our vets role play area, writing plans for how to look after their pets. Year 2 have extended this by finding out what humans need to survive.

We loved our Gymnastics session on Tuesday- the children were creating routines, using jumps, walks and rolls. Another super week with plenty of hard work, good listening and lots of smiles!  $\bigcirc$ 

#### **Outstanding Alders**

Alders have had a great week. In maths we have been adding and subtracting and finding missing numbers in problems. In English we have enjoyed learning about riddles and are excited to write our own next week. At forest school we were looking at human and physical features and drew these on maps. Great work Alders.  $\bigcirc$ 

#### **Enchanted Elms**

Just a reminder that forest will be on Tuesday 10th October 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

In Maples Science lesson this week, we have started an experiment to see the effects of different drinks on tooth enamel. We are using eggs to represent the teeth and have made predictions of the effects of water, milk, apple juice, cordial and coke will have on the eggs. We will leave these and check the results next week. In English we have started our setting description of the 'Tin Forest' and have become experts at using prepositions and noun phrases.

#### Dazzling Elders

Elders have had another great week. In Science, they have investigated thermal insulators and conductors, made predictions and recorded data in a table. In our English lessons we have been writing an additional chapter to the story "The Nothing to See Here Hotel". In Spanish, we have been practicing the greetings we learnt last week and learnt some new phrases asking and answering How are you? ¿qué tal?

Reminders: Please can children bring in their reading book daily. With the change in weather, please can all children bring a coat everyday to school.

#### Wonderful Willows

This week Willows have been investigative historians! We have used our skills of enquiry to find out all about Viking Longships and how and why they allowed the Vikings to be such successful raiders and traders. We have been looking at maps to track how the Vikings travelled around the globe.

We combined our Science work with our forest school learning. Our task was to research how forces can enable items to slow down or speed up, as you can imagine, a marble run was the perfect way to test this.

### **Outstanding Oaks**

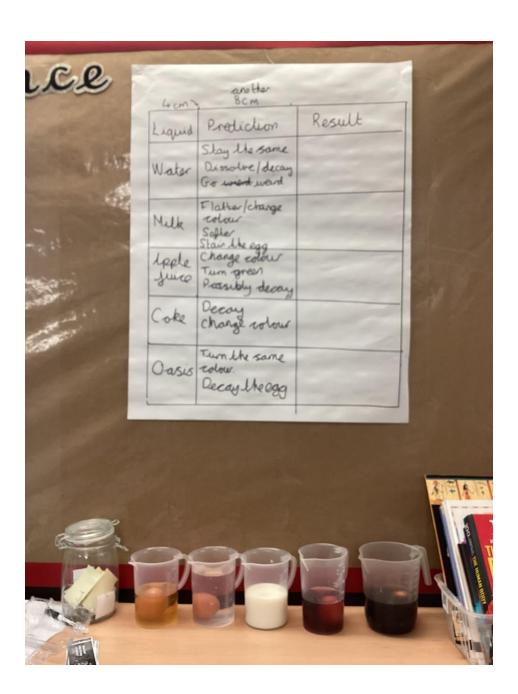
It's been another busy week in Oaks class this week - we have been learning more about the impact of World War Two on children and discussing the pros and cons of evacuation. The children have been really engaged with our story, Letters from the Lighthouse, which tells of two evacuated children sent to Devon to escape The Blitz. In science, we have been looking at how animals have adapted to meet the conditions of their habitats, carrying out our own research.

Letters should have also made their way home about the Year 6 Bikeability course, that is taking place in the first week of November. If you wish for your child to take part, please can the form be returned as soon as possible (deadline is Friday 20th October). Children will not be allowed out on the road without parental consent. If your child hasn't got a bike but would like to borrow one, these can be hired (no cost to parents) from Go Velo for the duration of the session. Please let myself or the office know if you require one.

#### **Budding Blossoms**

Blossoms have had an amazing week, we are reading 'George's Marvelous Medicine' and the children are really enjoying the story. We have written our own descriptions of Grandma, and they are amazing. In Maths we have begun our adding unit and the children have been working so hard to be successful learners. We have been using the practical resources but also our knowledge of number facts to help work out lots of challenging questions.



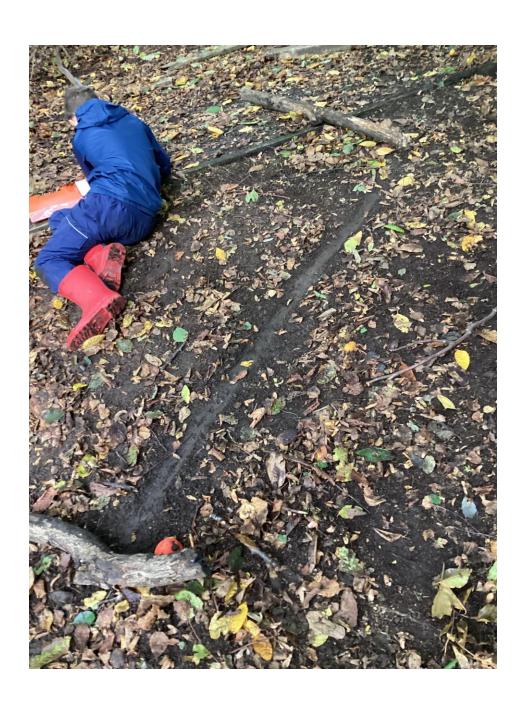


















### #HelloYellow



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 ParentPay option for you to donate £1 and all proceeds will be going to the Young Mind charity.

### Harvest festival

Our Harvest Service will be at St Paul's Church on Tuesday 17th October, with Infants at 9.30am and Juniors at 10.30am.

Each year we collect for the fantastic RAFT foundation in Rossendale. Thank you for sharing what you can to help ensure others in Rossendale have the same.

'Every tin, packet and jar received will be welcomed and make a real difference to those in our local community who are in crisis and experiencing difficult times'.

Please bring donations to school on Monday 16th October. These will be taken to church after registration so they can be displayed in church, ready for the Service.

As always, we are grateful for any volunteers who can help our children walk safely down to church. Please speak to your child's class teacher

#### Year 6 Bikeability

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### Reflective Friday



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