



**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 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### **Headteacher news**

What a lovely start we have had to the year in school! I have been pleased to be out on the yard seeing all the children playing well together and making new friends, as well as walking round the school seeing the children in their new classrooms, with new teachers, working hard.

This week we have been planning out lots of events for both our pupils and parents. We are looking forward to start to invite parents back in to school for some of our upcoming events. This term we have Harvest, Phonics and reading workshops, Early maths workshops, parents evening and our new to reception meeting for parents of children who are currently applying for places for the academic year September 2023. Information our Year 6 residential trip and our choir's 'Sing up' concert have already been sent home. Information about our Early Years parent workshops will go out to parents this week.

I would like to remind all parents that we have an open door policy and like to have constructive feedback to help us to understand what would help you more, things we can improve and of course it is always nice to hear the positive things that are working well. If any of you ever have any worries we would much rather know and would like to help or reassure you. Our class teachers are on each of classroom doors every morning and evening and staff are on the yard in the morning. You are always welcome to email us if you are not around for drop off or pick up time too.

### **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.

### **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 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)

### Maples Egyptian journey

Maples enjoyed having a special visitor from Blackburn Museum in class on Thursday helping us to learn all about Ancient Egypt, how the civilisation began, the importance of the River Nile, Pharaohs, Pyramids and hieroglyphics. The children were able to handle artefacts over 3500 years old and learnt how to write their name in hieroglyphics.



### 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.

### 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](https://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 - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Primary applications - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023





### Lunchtime

On Thursday 6th October, we are hosting a special 'Hello Autumn' Lunch.

If your child already has school dinners there is no need to do anything as they will automatically receive the lunch. If however your child is currently on packed lunches, but would like a special lunch, please reply to: [byt@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:byt@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk) with your child's name and class. All orders must be in by the end of school on Thursday 23rd September. The cost is £2.40 and is payable via ParentPay. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 then there is no charge.



### 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 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Hello Autumn - Special lunch
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA AGM - 7pm on Zoom - further details to follow
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Deadline for Cauliflower Card orders
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 5pm Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 9.15am	EYFS & KS1 Phonic and Reading workshop for parents
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Early Number/ Mathematics workshop for parents
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Evening - New Reception intake 2023
19 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School skipping workshop
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	School closes at the end of the day for half term break.
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	School re opens
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parents Evening - Further details to follow nearer the time
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for the end of Autumn term holiday
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	School closed for staff training day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School closed for staff training day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> 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.

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		



Reflective Friday  
Queen Elizabeth II  
1926 - 2022



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](mailto: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](http://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)

