



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 23rd September 2022

Headteacher news

Our prefects are settling well into their roles, and I am really looking forward to announcing on Monday who has the role of our Deputy and Head children on Monday in our collective worship.

We have a number of events coming up for both parents and children over the next few weeks. We look forward to seeing you all back in school.

Hospice Penny Appeal



As you some of you are aware, every year we support Rossendale Hospice with their 'Penny Pinching Challenge.'

The challenge will start from Friday 23rd September and run until Wednesday 2nd November. Your child should have brought home a box to collect as many pennies as they can.

This is a great opportunity to raise funds for a very worthy local charity.

Phonics and Reading workshop

As advertised on our dairy dates last week, we are hosting a reading and phonics workshop for all of our EYFS and KS1 parents. We plan to hold two sessions. Our first session will be delivered on **Wednesday 28th September at 5pm** and our second session will be held on **Friday 30th September at 9:15am**. Both sessions will take place in school.

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 and which session you will be attending by Monday 26th September. 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.





Scholastic Book Fair

From Wednesday 28th September we will be hosting a Scholastic book fair after school every day until Monday 3rd October (including this date). The book fair will be available from 3:10pm-3:30pm in the school hall where there will be a wide range of brand new and exciting books suitable for all ages. There are over 200 titles to choose from with books starting at £2.99. Every book you buy will help get us to get free books for our school library. As well as books, there will be a range of stationary to purchase. We look forward to seeing you there. If your child is in BYT, they will also have the opportunity to purchase books if they bring money into school.

PE day

We had hoped that coming to school in PE kits on the designated day would help us to save time so we can have a longer lesson and so that lots of kit doesn't get lost. We do require a **full PE kit** to be worn on your child's PE day as this is part of our school uniform.

Children are required to wear:

- a plain white round neck t-shirt
- blue shorts
- school PE Hoody (Can be purchased at Amins)
- 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.

Thank you to those who have been attending school on PE day in their PE uniform. You look very smart!

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

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 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 or are eligible for Free School Meals, then there is no charge.



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.





Free school meals and pupil premium

Your child will get free school meals if they're in Reception class, Year 1 or Year 2. However, you still need to register if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits listed below. If you do not register, then school will not receive extra funding, called Pupil Premium - This funding can then be used to help provide your child with the best education and support. 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 are in receipt of any of the benefits listed and are not currently receiving Free School Meals – then you will be able to claim for these****

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>

If you require further information, please contact our school office.

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 Application' 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.



Contact numbers and Email Addresses - ParentPay

Please can we ask that you all log into ParentPay and check your contact numbers and email addresses are all up to date as we have noticed there are lots of mobile numbers not linked to children, this could delay important information being sent out.

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.

<p>26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents</p>	<p>27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans</p>	<p>28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn</p>	<p>29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself</p>	<p>30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are</p>
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Dates for your diary for the Autumn term ...

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

PTA News

On Monday 10th October 2022 at 7pm we will be holding our AGM. This year we are holding it virtually on Zoom. 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 10th October 2022 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 🎄👤

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





St Paul's Awards.

	<u>Learner of the Week</u>	<u>Our Topic Superstar</u>	<u>Our school Value Champion</u>
Amazing Acorns	Lily	Sebastian	Evelyn
Awesome Ashes	Charlotte	Aurora	Joseph
Super Sycamores	Olivia A	Luca	Ethan
Outstanding Alders	Jake	Heidi	Hamnah
Enchanted Elms	Layton	Teddy	Louie
Marvellous Maples	Erin	George	Nile
Dazzling Elders	Daniel	Sam	Charlotte
Wonderful Willows	Ben	Anabelle	Brooke
Mighty Oaks	Isabel	Luke	Freya
Budding Blossoms	Learner of the week	Dean	

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

Reflective Friday



Hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Charlesworth

