



**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'.*

*'I came to give life. Life in all its fulness'*

*John 10:10*

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Headteacher updates...

Thank you for your understanding and calmness on Wednesday during our emergency school closure. Closing school is always a difficult decision but it was not safe to keep all our children and staff in school with no access to water including use of our toilets and hand washing facilities. This also follows the policies provided by Lancashire County Council as no school can remain open without water. We fully appreciate the inconvenience this may have caused to many of you but we have our fingers crossed that the problem is now fixed.

Our hearts have been filled with joy today as our junior children had their first worship together in the school hall. What an amazing feeling to have our children back together again and celebrating the wonderful work they have produced this week.



### Good-Bye

It is with great sadness that we have to say a fond farewell to three members of our staff family. Mrs Smith, Mrs Ward and Miss B Ashworth will be leaving us at the end of the month. May I take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff, pupils and governors to thank you for all you have done for our school. You will be greatly missed by everyone but we wish you all luck with your new adventures.

### St Paul's Book Sale - rescheduled

Mrs Ormerod will be hosting a book sale after school **from 3pm on Tuesday and Thursday on the junior playground**. These will be second hand books which are in a good condition and are suitable for a range of ages. We will be using funds raised to replenish our home reading books so we can continue to encourage and promote a love of reading. The prices of the books will range from 50p to £1. If your child attends BYT after school, a member of our BYT staff will take your child to the book sale if they have brought in money.

If you have any books which you would like to donate to our school library or towards the book sale, they would be much appreciated.

"I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book."  
-J.K. Rowling





### Playground Request

Mrs Lee has been working with the children in the upper junior unit to improve our playground provision. We are planning to separate the playground into different zones. The children have requested 'dressing up' clothes so we can create a 'stage and performance' area. If you have any unused costumes at home that you no longer need, they would be greatly appreciated by the children. We would also appreciate any board games for a quiet zone. Thank you in advance.

### Harvest

We are excited to be going back to St Paul's Church for our Harvest Service this year on **Tuesday 12th October**. This is a provisional date which may change and unfortunately this year we are unable to invite parents/family/friends. This is to ensure we continue to keep everyone safe.

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 Tuesday 12th October** and will be collected by RAFT in the morning. More details of our drop off points will be provided nearer the time. Many thanks for your support.

### Penny's Appeal



As you may be aware, every year we support Rossendale Hospice with their 'Penny Pinching Challenge.' This has now been rebranded and will be known as 'Penny's Appeal'. The challenge will start from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September where your child will bring home a box to collect as many pennies as they can. More details will be received by school this week which we will detail in next week's newsletter. This is a great opportunity to raise funds for a very worthy charity.

### 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 leaving 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.

We have also noticed that lots of families are walking up and down the drive in busy times. Please use the footpaths to bring or collect your child from school.

### Starting Reception in 2022 or moving onto high school ...

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary or secondary school place in September 2022 you can now apply online via Lancashire's online system at:

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://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 2022 are at 11.59pm on:

Secondary applications - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Primary applications - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022





### Dinner Money

The cost of our daily lunch is £2.35. This allows you to ensure that your child has a choice of well-balanced meals each day. Payment should be paid via Parent Pay in advance at a charge of £11.75 per week.

### 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

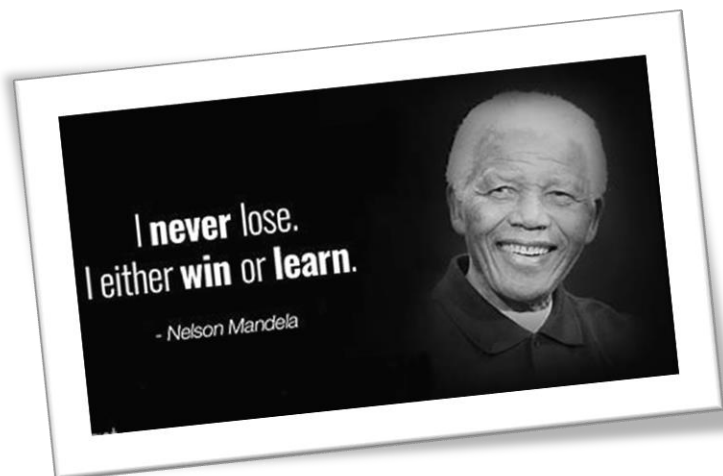
If you require further information, please contact our school office.

### PTA

With the festive season rapidly approaching we are participating in the 'Design a Christmas Card project', this is a fantastic way for your child to see their designs on printed Christmas cards, gift tags and mugs while at the same time raising funds for the school. Your child should come home with a letter and pack containing their artwork in the next couple of weeks. Orders and payment can be made online, details of this is on the letter/pack. Can you please ensure that all artwork where orders have been placed is returned to school by **Monday 11th October** as we need to send the artwork off before it can be printed. **Orders cannot be printed without the artwork being returned to school.**

Kind regards  
Kath McArragher (PTA chair)

### Reflective Friday



**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 2021**

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 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgment	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you	19 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself
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 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	26 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing
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			

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**      **Happier · Kinder · Together**

**Dates for your diary...**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October – All year groups flu immunisations pm**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term holiday week**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November -School returns**

