



**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'.*

*'Be strong now, because things will get better.  
It might be stormy now, but it can't rain forever.'*

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

### Headteacher news

During the summer term our then Year 5 children, wrote applications to become our Head boy and Head girl. The role of Head boy and Head girl is a very important role in school and comes with great responsibilities. We know that each of our year 6 children will be great role models who will inspire and encourage our pupils through school. It gives me great pleasure to announce our Head boy and Head girl, Haroon and Lucy, who will be supported by the Deputy Head boy and Deputy Head girl Sam and Evie. Alongside our Prefects, we know you will live by the words of St Paul to 'Encourage one another and build each other up' show great empathy, encouragement, resilience and leadership in undertaking your roles this year.

### 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. There have been a significant number of parents parking and driving inappropriately around the school grounds.

- **Do NOT park or drop off in the disabled spaces unless you have a blue disabled badge.**
- **Do NOT park in our STAFF carpark** even when dropping off and collecting for BYT.
- **Be respectful** to our neighbours by not blocking their driveways or parking on the yellow lines.
- **Please do NOT sit in your car with your car engine 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.

### Young minds



On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October we will be having a 'Hello Yellow' day to raise the awareness of young people's mental health. Please can you send your child to school wearing yellow that day and donate £1 via ParentPay to the Young Minds charity, this will be greatly appreciated. The day will be filled with many activities to raise the children's awareness as well as giving them strategies to help them with many feelings they may be having during these unprecedented times.



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## Home learning

Miss Cavaney has been working hard behind the scenes to make our home learning easier to find alongside key information on our school website. If you are isolating you will find the home learning sessions timetabled for the week and the links you need to access them through Oak Academy. When there is a bubble or class closure, you will be sent further information regarding recorded sessions that will be provided by our teachers, unless your class teacher is unwell. In this event, information will be given of how to access the teaching and learning sessions provided by school.

## Starting Reception in 2021 or moving onto high school

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary or secondary school place in September 2021 the means of application is via Lancashire's new 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 2021 are at 11.59pm on:

Secondary applications - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Primary applications - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## 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. October is our **optimistic** month. Life is far from perfect, but there are lots of reasons for optimism. Setting positive goals for the future gives our lives a sense of direction and purpose. And although we face many challenges there are also lots of reasons to stay hopeful. By consciously choosing our priorities we can overcome issues, make progress

and focus on what really matters. *#OptimisticOctober*

**ACTION CALENDAR: OPTIMISTIC OCTOBER 2020**

MONDAY: "Choose to be optimistic. It feels better" - Dalai Lama

TUESDAY: 5 Start your day with the most important thing on your list

WEDNESDAY: 7 Remember that things can change for the better

THURSDAY: 1 Write down your most important goals for this month

FRIDAY: 2 Look for reasons to be hopeful even in difficult times

SATURDAY: 3 Take the first step towards a goal that really matters to you

SUNDAY: 4 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

11 Focus on a positive change that you want to see in society

12 Look for the good intentions in people around you today

13 Put down your To-Do list and let yourself be spontaneous

14 Do something to overcome an obstacle you are facing

15 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

16 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

17 Share your most important goals with people you trust

18 Make a list of things that you are looking forward to

19 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead

20 Find the joy in completing a task you've put off for some time

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters

22 Share an inspiring idea with a loved one or colleague

23 Write down 3 specific things that have gone well recently

24 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

25 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

26 Start the week by writing down your top priorities & plans

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?

29 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

30 Set a goal that links to your sense of purpose in life

31 Think of 3 things that give you hope for the future

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**

[www.actionforhappiness.org](http://www.actionforhappiness.org)

Learn more about this month's theme at [www.actionforhappiness.org/optimistic-october](http://www.actionforhappiness.org/optimistic-october)

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### Dates for your diary...

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term holiday week

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Hello Yellow Well-being day

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Staff training day - School closed

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Children return to school from half term break

### Reflective Friday



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