

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 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

#### Headteacher updates...

This week our new reception children visited St Paul's church to take part in a service led by Claire and Christine. The children had the opportunity to explore the different areas of the church, ask questions and listen to a lovely bible story about 'The Lost Sheep'. Elvis the giraffe - the star of our weekly worship videos - even made an appearance which the children loved. Thank you to Claire and Christine for allowing this opportunity to welcome our new children to St Paul's Church. They are already so excited to return on Tuesday for our harvest service.

Thank you to all those who donated and purchased books from Mrs Ormerod this week. We have raised an amazing £102 which will go towards replenishing our home reading books. Thank you for your contributions towards this and also the books which we were kindly donated. It was lovely to see so many children showing a true love for books which is something we are constantly striving to achieve.

#### **COVID Updates**

Unfortunately, we have seen a rise of cases within school, so we are urging parents/carers to continue to be vigilant and continue to follow the guidelines. We have sent letters via Parent Pay to any parents whose child has been identified as a close contact. After attending a meeting with the Public Health Advisor for Lancashire, it has been acknowledged that some of the new symptoms, although not yet officially confirmed, include headaches, vomiting and diarrhoea. If your child displays any of these symptoms including any of the three official COVID-19 symptoms (continuous cough, loss of taste and smell and a high temperature) please arrange for them to get a PCR test and do not bring them into school.

Please note, if your child is asked to go for a PCR due to being a close contact, they do not need to isolate unless they are displaying any symptoms as listed above.

#### Home/School Agreement

Your child should have brought home a copy of our Home/School agreement which explains our aims and how you can support this at home so that together, we can provide the best for your child/children. Please can I ask that you and your child read through this together and return a signed copy to their class teacher as soon as possible.



#### Harvest

We are excited to be going back to St Paul's Church for our Harvest Service this year on <a href="Tuesday 12th October">Tuesday 12th October</a>. 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. Please note, due to an increase in numbers of positive COVID cases in the junior unit, only the infants will be attending church. The junior children will be joining via Teams.

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. <a href="Donations can be brought into school on Tuesday 12th October">Donations can be brought into school on Tuesday 12th October</a> and will be collected by RAFT later that morning. <a href="Crates will be placed outside classroom doors and the door outside BYT on Tuesday morning for you to drop off any donations.">Crates will be placed outside classroom doors and the door outside BYT on Tuesday morning for you to drop off any donations.</a> Many thanks for your support.



#### **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.

#### 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: <a href="https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools">www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools</a>

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



#### Lunchtime Menu

As you may have seen in the press over the last few weeks there have been some shortages of specific items of food that we would normally have access to. Lancashire County Council have sourced food for a temporary menu for the next three weeks which is attached at the end of this newsletter. These measures are necessary to alleviate the ongoing difficulties schools and the catering team have been encountering in meeting the range and volume demands of the current published menu.

#### 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 News**

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 have come home with a letter and pack containing their artwork. 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 are 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)



#### Church news.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you of events being held at St. Paul's Church Centre.



#### **Reflective Friday**





# Action for happiness- Optimistic October 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. **Especially when things are feeling a bit tough, it can help to set some goals.** Making goals achievable and ensuring that you have a few short term as well as longer term, more ambitious goals helps us feel we're making progress. It doesn't matter if your goal for the day is something really small, the important thing is to give yourself the opportunity to feel like you've achieved something and to celebrate that! This month's calendar is full of ideas to help you think about how you can put this into practice.





### Lunch menu starting from 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021

WEEK ONE	F+ Soup & Sandwich/ Baked Potato Menu Autumn/Winter 2021-2022	MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		
		Homemade Leek & Potato Soup with Choice of filled Sandwiches		Homemade Tomato Soup with Choice of filled Sandwich Roll		Homemade Red Lentil & Sweet Potato Soup with Choice of filled Choice of filled Tortilla Wrap		Homemade Vegetable Soup with Choice of filled Sandwich Baton		Homemade Minestrone Soup with Choice of filled Sandwich Roll		
	Choice 1	Choice of fillings- Chicken & Mayo Roset Ham Tune & Mayo Cheddar Cheese	with Tortilla Chips & Vegetable Sticks	Choice of filings- Chicken & Mayo Rosst Ham Tuna & Mayo Cheddar Cheese	with Tortilla Chips & Vegetable Sticks	Choice of fillings- Chicken & Mayo Roset Ham Tuna & Mayo Cheddar Cheese	with Tortilla Chips & Vegetable Sticks	Choice of fillings- Chicken & Mayo Rosat Ham Tune & Mayo Cheddar Cheese	with Toršilla Chips & Vegetable Sticks	Choice of filings- Chicken & Mayo Roset Ham Tuna & Mayo Cheddar Cheese	with Tortilla Chips & Vegetable Sticks	
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	Choice 2	Choice of two fillings- Tune & Mayo Roast Ham Cheddar Cheese Baked Bears	Freshly Prepared Crunchy Salad Selection	Choice of two fillings- Tune & Mayo Rosst Ham Cheddar Cheese Baked Beans	Freshly Prepared Crunchy Salad Selection	Choice of two fillings- Tune & Mayo Rosat Harn Cheddar Cheese Baked Bears	Freshly Prepared Crunchy Salad Selection	Choice of two fillings- Tune & Mayo Roast Ham Cheddar Cheese Baked Beens	Freshly Prepared Crunchy Salad Selection	Choice of two fillings- Tuna & Mayo Rossi Ham Cheddar Cheese Baked Beans	Freshly Prepared Crunchy Salad Selection	
	Dessert	Apple Crumble & Custerd or Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Organic Milk	Strawberry Jelly or Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Organic Milk	Homemade Shortbread Biscuit or Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Organic Milk	Lancashire Cheese & Biscuits or Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Organic Milk	Homemade Chocolate Cookie or Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Organic Milk	
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	Dessert	Creamy Rice Pudding & Fruit Jam or Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Organic Milk	Lancashire Cheese & Biscuits or Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Organic Milk	Homemade Cherry Cookie or Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Organic Milk	Strawberry July or Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Organic Milk	Homemade Chocolate Brownie or Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Organic Milk	
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	Dessert	Marble Sponge & Custard or Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Organic Milk	Strawbarry Jelly or Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Organic Milk	Homemade Raspberry Bun or Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Organic Milk	Lancashire Cheese & Biscuits or Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Organic Milk	Homemade Chocolate Cupcake or Fruit Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Selection & Organic Milk	

## Dates for your diary...

Tuesday 12th November Harvest Service

Monday  $25^{th}$  October – Half Term holiday week

Monday 1st November - Return to school for all children

