



ST. PAUL'S
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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 15th October 2021

Headteacher updates...

Ready Set Rossendale held an event at Adrenaline centre last week for the youngest children in our valley schools. This week Jacob was presented with a signed Manchester United shirt which had been donated from Mike Phelan.

As part of the Ready Set Rossendale Project, Miss Cowgill has become a Rossendale Schools Ambassador. We're really looking forward to the exciting things planned for this year.



On Wednesday evening Mr Rush took our Year 4 football superstars to their first football competition of the year. They all went for it and got the result they deserved and are now in the final on Monday. Good luck boys!!! 😊

Thursday, three members of our upper juniors were chosen to participate in a training day to become "Mental Health Champions". The day consisted of learning about the mental challenges we face every day and how we can combat them. I was blown away by the fantastic ideas and the way our children contributed to the group which was led by the first ever British Skateboarding Champion, Neil Dadds. Florence, Jasper and Theo all passed with flying colours and will now be implementing many new strategies within school over the next few weeks in their new, exciting roles. Look out for our new 'Champions' around school.





Dates for your diary...

Monday 25th October - Half Term holiday week

Monday 1st November - Return to school for all children

Thursday 4th November - Penny pinching boxes collected for the Hospice

Friday 12th November - Tempest Individual Photos

Harvest

A huge thank you to those who have helped us to support the valuable work of RAFT foodbank again this year. Your kindness and support will help many families in our local area who are in need of these donations. Many thanks for your support.

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.

Say cheese 😊

Please ensure that your child comes to school on Friday 12th November in their full school uniform as Tempest will be here to take their individual and sibling photographs. Unfortunately this will only include children that attend our school rather than the full family photo opportunity.

Home/School Agreement

Your child should have brought home a copy of our Home/School agreement last week 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.

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

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 - 31st October 2021

Primary applications - 15th 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

Thank you to everyone who has placed orders for Christmas cards and gifts. It's been amazing seeing all the children's designs. All the artwork has now been sent off to be printed and I can't wait to see all the lovely designs on the cards etc.

If you missed the deadline, orders can still be placed, but you will need to post the artwork directly to Cauliflower cards and postage costs will unfortunately apply.

Kind regards

Kath McArragher (PTA chair)

Church news.

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

<p>Afternoon Tea St Paul's Church Centre Burnley Road behind Bambinos Constable Lee BB4 8HU TEL: 07856 920206 lesleyeaton1953@gmail.com Please give generously – all donations presented to invited charity</p>	<p>Afternoon Tea First Friday of the Month 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm 1 October 2021 - Homeless 5 November 2021 – Food Bank 3 December (Christmas) - IAT Shoebox transportation</p>
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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.

Optimistic October 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list	5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good	6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better	7 Look for the good in people around you today	1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month	2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)	3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you
11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward	12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today	13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing	14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation	8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9 Share an important goal with someone you trust	10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished this week
18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead	19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future	20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time	21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you	15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted	16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting	17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society
25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities this week?	26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face	27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time	28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?	22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague	23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise	24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

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We would love to see how you use this calendar throughout the year. If you have any photographs of you/your family carrying out the action for happiness challenges, then please share them with us. You may even appear on our school newsletter. 😊

