



**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'.*

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Headteacher news

#### 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

#### Photographs

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, the photographer will be here taking individual and school age siblings photographs. Unfortunately, this year we are unable to allow siblings who do not attend our school to have their photograph taken. Children who have PE on this day, please come into school in a full school uniform and your class teacher will inform you of the day that PE will take place that week.

#### Harvest

As part of our Harvest celebrations this year, we are having a virtual Harvest Service in school, but would greatly appreciate donations for the RAFT foundation if you feel you are able.

The foodbank is in need, especially this year. Please bring your donations (tins, packets) and leave outside classroom doors on TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER when you drop your children off in the morning (no items before or after this date will be able to be accepted). St Paul's church will collect and quarantine the donations before offering to RAFT. Many thanks for your support and kindness.

#### WATER BOTTLES



Water bottles are available from school at a cost **£2.50** each.

If you would like your child to have one - please pay via ParentPay and email school.

*(\*\*Unfortunately we no longer accept money/payment at the office).*



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### School grounds

We realise how difficult it can be to park close to school, especially on wet days however, there are a number of parents who have been driving erratically and putting both children and adults life in danger by parking inappropriately. As a parent you are a child's first teacher, set them a good example and be responsible when driving and parking around school.

- **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.

### COVID Reminder

Just a reminder of the actions to take if your child or anyone in your household displays symptoms of Covid-19 or if your child comes into contact with anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19. Please visit our website <https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk/>, our PTA Facebook page or our Twitter feed for regular updates and guidance. Alternatively, if you have any questions or queries please email [school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk)

**If you or a member of your family have any symptoms or have had a test then your household must isolate and not come into school.**

If we have any confirmed cases in school, I will inform those affected and we will close bubbles and classes after following advice from Lancashire County Council and PHE.

**Please can I also remind all parents/carers that masks must be worn when dropping and collecting your child(ren). This is to protect everyone in our school family.**

### Home learning

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.

### PTA News

On Wednesday 4th November at 4pm we will be holding our AGM. This year it will be a little bit different as we are holding the AGM virtually on Zoom. This is a chance for you to see what and how the PTA run and how you can get involved. We always need new volunteers!

If you would like to attend, please email us at [stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com) and we will send you the link. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kath McArragher (PTA Chair)



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**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. 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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>"Choose to be optimistic. It feels better" - Dalai Lama</p>			<p>1 Write down your most important goals for this month</p>	<p>2 Look for reasons to be hopeful even in difficult times</p>	<p>3 Take the first step towards a goal that really matters to you</p>	<p>4 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good</p>
<p>5 Start your day with the most important thing on your list</p>	<p>6 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation</p>	<p>7 Remember that things can change for the better</p>	<p>8 Make progress on a project or task you have been avoiding</p>	<p>9 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Just find the best way forward</p>	<p>10 Take time to reflect on what you have achieved this week</p>	<p>11 Focus on a positive change that you want to see in society</p>
<p>12 Look for the good intentions in people around you today</p>	<p>13 Put down your To-Do list and let yourself be spontaneous</p>	<p>14 Do something to overcome an obstacle you are facing</p>	<p>15 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today</p>	<p>16 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted</p>	<p>17 Share your most important goals with people you trust</p>	<p>18 Make a list of things that you are looking forward to</p>
<p>19 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the week ahead</p>	<p>20 Find the joy in completing a task you've put off for some time</p>	<p>21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters</p>	<p>22 Share an inspiring idea with a loved one or colleague</p>	<p>23 Write down 3 specific things that have gone well recently</p>	<p>24 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise</p>	<p>25 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to</p>
<p>26 Start the week by writing down your top priorities &amp; plans</p>	<p>27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time</p>	<p>28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?</p>	<p>29 Find a new perspective on a problem you face</p>	<p>30 Set a goal that links to your sense of purpose in life</p>	<p>31 Think of 3 things that give you hope for the future</p>	

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**

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Dates for your diary...

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

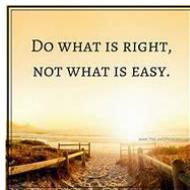
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Staff training day - School closed

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

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Tempest Photos (Individual and school aged siblings only)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme / All classes

**Reflective Friday**



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