



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'.

'Trust in the Lord and don't be afraid'

Isaiah 12:2

Friday 23rd October 2020

Headteacher news

Well this half term has been like no other Autumn half term before, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our staff for all the extremely hard work and time they have given to ensure that all the children settle back into school life so smoothly.

This half term essential building works will start on our school building. We are hoping that these will be completed prior to the children returning on Tuesday 3rd November. If not, please take extra care when walking around the front of our building to socially distance from each other whilst avoiding the scaffolding which could still be in place.

We are currently planning a Virtual Parents Evening after half term, details of which will be sent out after the half term break.

Please continue to inform us over the half term break if you or your child requires a Covid test as we will need to track those that your child may have been near. It will also help us to organise our staff and bubbles for a safe return for the majority of our school on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

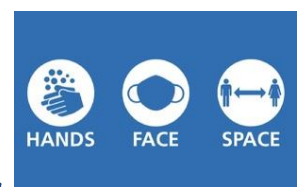
I know that this half term break will be like no other before, but on behalf of the staff and Governors we hope you all manage to get some kind of a break and take some time to look after you as well as your family.

Harvest

Thank you for your kind donations for the local Raft Charity- your generosity will make a huge difference to many families in our local community. The foodbank is in need, especially this year. Thank you also to the members of St Paul's church who collected and quarantined the donations before delivering them to RAFT. Many thanks for your support and kindness.



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Photographs

On **Wednesday 4th 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.

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

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 - 31st October 2020 Primary applications - 15th January 2021

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).*

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

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

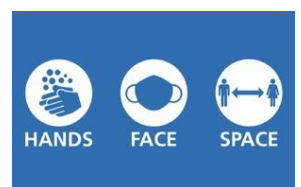
If you are isolating you will find the home learning sessions timetabled for the week and the links you need to access them through Oak Academy. When there is a bubble or class closure, you will be sent further information regarding recorded sessions that will be provided by our teachers, unless your class teacher is unwell. In this event, information will be given of how to access the teaching and learning sessions provided by school.

LiveWellUK.com

Are leading a group of businesses in East Lancashire who want to help those who will suffer from Holiday Hunger next week. They recognise that many people are going through really challenging times at the moment, and so as a business community they have come together to provide lunches for East Lancashire children next week, given that the Government are not extending the FSM provision for the half term.



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LiveWellUK.com has seen that lots of places are ad hoc offering free meals etc. if you walk in, but they want to provide a structured way to make sure no child in East Lancashire goes hungry next week, and working with local charities they'll do that.

Parents can book meals at www.holidayhungereastlancs.com, and they will be distributed on Monday. These will be funded by East Lancashire businesses and LiveWellUK.com. The meals will be prepared by established food businesses.

ALSO

Rossendale Council are working in partnership with these fantastic organisations to make sure no families struggle over half term to provide meals for their children. Please contact them if you need help.




Struggling to provide meals over half term?

28th – 30th October 2020
half term food provision for children

If you are struggling to provide meals for your children over the half term week somewhere in Rossendale, then help is at hand.

HASLINDEN COMMUNITY LINK 01706 230116
A free food pack containing enough food for children's lunches for the week can be picked up from Haslingden Community Link from Monday morning.

RAWTENSTALL - CRAWSHAWBOOTH COMMUNITY CENTRE – 01706 507167
Linking in with the local primary school, a free food pack is available for the week from Monday.

RAWTENSTALL - FREE CHILDREN'S PACKED LUNCHES
Available Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12 from the school room next to the Drs. Surgery, St James the Less, Rawtenstall. Open to all. Will also deliver to local schools, businesses and organisations if required. Contact Kelly.conroy@btinternet.com.

RAWTENSTALL - POSITIVE START –
Food packs available all week. Contact Sean Serridge on 07947 444732

BACUP TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH - FREE CHILDREN'S PACKED LUNCHES
Packed lunches available for collection Monday – Friday 12 – 1pm
Donations of food or packed lunches welcome 8am - 9am

WHITWORTH – Food box will be topped up with food donated by local business to help families feed children during the holiday.

All food boxes in the borough will be kept topped up.



Dates for your diary...

- Monday 26th October – Half Term holiday week
- Monday 2nd November – Staff training day – School closed
- Tuesday 3rd November – Children return to school from half term break
- Wednesday 4th November – Tempest Photos (Individual and school aged siblings only)
- Monday 23rd November – Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme / All classes

PTA News

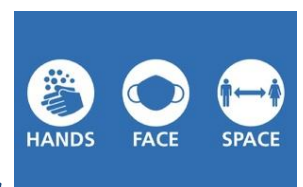
On Wednesday 4th November at 4pm we will be holding our AGM. This year it will be a little bit different as we holding it virtually on Zoom. This is a chance for you to see what and how the PTA run and for you to get involved.

We always need new volunteers! If you would like to attend please email us at stpaulsrawtenstallpta@gmail.com and we will send you the link. We look forward to seeing you there.

Many thanks
Kath McArragher (PTA chair)



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Poppy Appeal

After half term we will be 'GETTING INVOLVED' in the Poppy Appeal.



Your child can bring in their donations from **Tuesday 3rd November until Friday 13th November**. The items shown are available to buy or you can just send in donations and still get the normal poppies. Donations are to be sent in with your child and then they need to be handed to their class teacher.

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
"Choose to be optimistic. It feels better" - Dalai Lama			1 Write down your most important goals for this month	2 Look for reasons to be hopeful even in difficult times	3 Take the first step towards a goal that really matters to you	4 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good
5 Start your day with the most important thing on your list	6 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation	7 Remember that things can change for the better	8 Make progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Just find the best way forward	10 Take time to reflect on what you have achieved this week	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
 Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/optimistic-october Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

Reflective Friday



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