



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'.

'When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you'

Psalm 56.3

Friday 4th November 2022

Headteacher News

We've had a very Autumnal start to the second part of the Autumn half term and have been busy planning lots of events for you and your children to enjoy. On Monday your child will be bringing home information about our parent's evenings which will take place on **Tuesday 22nd November** and **Wednesday 23rd November**. We look forward to seeing you all back in school and celebrating the amazing learning taking place. Following the success of our phonics and reading workshops, Miss Cavaney and Mrs Lee will be delivering an Early Maths workshop in school on **Friday 18th November**. More details will be sent out shortly. Please also keep an eye out on your class newsletters for class specific information including Forest School days and weekly learning. All class newsletters can be found [here](#).



Please can I remind all parents and carers that **no dogs** are allowed on our school grounds. This includes around the disabled parking bays. Thank you for your understanding.

Say cheese 😊

On **Friday 11th November**, Tempest Photography will be in school taking individual and sibling photographs.

**** For families with younger or older siblings who do not attend our school, please come to the school office for 8:15am if you wish to have photos together. ** For siblings in school, these will be taken during the school day.**

Children who have PE on this day, please come into school in a full school uniform and bring your PE kit in a bag with all items of clothing named. As it is also Remembrance Day, if your child is part of a club such as Brownies or Cubs, they are welcome to bring their uniform in a bag to change into. Again, please make sure this is clearly labelled.



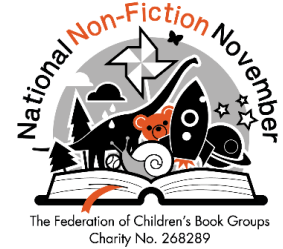


If you are having a clear-out in preparation for Father Christmas...

Miss Pounder and the Eco team would like us to recycle more, therefore if you have any spare children's toy tools, big children's toy trucks such as dumper trucks, diggers or bulldozers our KS1 could make really good use of them.

Non-Fiction November

This month we are celebrating Non-Fiction November in school and would like you to get involved at home. Mrs Ormerod is running a non-fiction competition where she is inviting children in both KS1 and KS2 to complete a book review for a non-fiction book. Every entry will be displayed in our school library and their name will be added into a special prize draw. Please see your class teacher for a book review template.



We are also inviting you to send a photograph of your child reading a non-fiction book which we will display in our library. Please email these to school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk. We cannot wait to hear about the non-fiction books you have enjoyed.

Student Leadership group: The Green Team.

The Green Team have been busy this week forming our group together and getting to know each other, taking part in an environmental review and sharing our findings during a first whole school Green Team Worship. From our environmental review we have identified three areas that as a school we need to develop and strengthen. These are improving our energy consumption, creating more homes for wildlife and making the school grounds more biodiverse and finally looking at how we get to school and using less transport and finding more sustainable ways to travel to school. Have a look at this year's Eco promise code below! We will be sharing lots of tips on our whole school newsletter helping to start the change in our habits around more sustainable living. The Green Team and Miss Pounder

St Paul's Eco Code

At St Paul's, we should all aim to:

- Make less car journeys to school.
- Encourage new animals to make school their home.
- Save more energy and start the search for sustainable alternatives.





Young Mental Health Champions.

On Thursday 3rd November, three Year 5 children were chosen to represent our school at The Valley Academy. They were given the opportunity to participate in a training day where they would be equipped with the skills they needed to become `Young Mental Health Champions`. The day was amazing, from start to finish. all three children were enthusiastic, polite and a great representation of our school. They took part in many practical activities, were inspired by a World Champion Skateboarder, presented their ideas in a 'Dragon's Den' boardroom to over 50 people and created a plan to carry out in school. We are all very excited to deliver an amazing opportunity to the children at St Paul's School.



Starting Reception in 2023 or moving onto high school ...

For families living in the Lancashire area who require a primary school place in September 2023 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 2023 are at 11.59pm on:

Primary applications - 15th January 2023

PTA

Thank you to everyone who has placed orders for Christmas cards and gifts. The printed cards and gifts have now come back, I will be sorting them out this weekend and should be sent home with your child early next week .

Letters should be coming home soon with information about our next event which is a non uniform day for Christmas hamper donations. This will be held on Friday 25th November so please look out for the letter in your child's bag.



🎄🎄 Also for anyone entering our Your School lottery before 10th December 2022 will also be entered into the draw for the chance to 'Win a PS5 Bundle'. This incredible prize includes a PS5 (disc edition), extra controller, 3 amazing games, an official PlayStation Pulse headset, and loads more goodies - as well as a 43" 4k Ultra HD Smart TV to play it on!

These prizes are on top of the usual cash prizes 🎄🎄

Good luck!

Thank you for your continued support.
Kath McArragher - PTA Chair

WIN A PS5 BUNDLE

- Cash prize every week
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Win up to £25,000!

PLAY NOW:

Scan the QR code or visit:
www.yourschoolottery.co.uk
and search for: St Paul's Rossendale



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 10th Dec 2022.

Attendance/Holiday information

Attendance to school this year is **compulsory**, and all children must attend every day unless they are ill or have symptoms of Covid.

We are unable to authorise any absences that are not illness related unless in exceptional circumstances. There is a 'Leave of Absence' form available from the school office, however, we would ask that all holidays are taken within the holiday periods and not in term time, to avoid a fine from Lancashire County Council. A holiday list for this academic year is on our [school website](#).

To enable us to safeguard our children, may we request that if your child is absent from school you, please telephone the school on 01706 215893 by 09:00am to inform us. If we have not received a call, a member of our office staff will call you to ensure that your child is at home and is safe.





Dates for your diary for the Autumn term ...

Wednesday 9 th November	Flu immunisations
Friday 11 th November	Individual and Sibling Photographs
Friday 18 th November	Early Number/ Mathematics workshop for parents Children in Need/World Cup Day- non-uniform day- no need to buy anything new- more details to follow
Tuesday 22 nd November Wednesday 23 rd November	Parents Evening - Further details to follow on Monday
Wednesday 30 th November	Open Evening - New Reception intake 2023 - 6pm
Wednesday 7 th December	Infant Nativity 1:30pm and 5:30pm- more details to follow
Tuesday 13 th December	Infant children to the pantomime - Junior Christmas dinner
Wednesday 14 th December	Junior Carol Service 9:30am- more details to follow
Thursday 15 th December	Junior children to the pantomime- Infant Christmas dinner
Friday 16 th December	School closes for the end of Autumn term holiday
Thursday 5 th January	School re opens for the Spring Term

St Paul's Awards.

	<u>Learner of the Week</u>	<u>Our Topic Superstar</u>	<u>Our school Value Champion</u>
Amazing Acorns	Jack	Aizah	Ivory
Awesome Ashes	Eden	Henry	Rabiul
Super Sycamores	Henry	Lewis	Tobiah
Outstanding Alders	Isobel	Max	Lucy
Enchanted Elms	Sonny	Kian	Ivy
Marvellous Maples	Willow	Ava	Cali-Grace
Dazzling Elders	Ayla	Lexie Scarlett	Kelsey
Wonderful Willows	Anabelle Alfie Rowan	Eliana	Leon
Mighty Oaks	Oliver	Jasper	Oliver C
Budding Blossoms	Learner of the week	Joshua	





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. This month 'New ways November' is encouraging us to try something new.

New Ways November 2022

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month

2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way

3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you

4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community

5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel

6 Try out a new way of being physically active

7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week

9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea

11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

12 Find out something new about someone you care about

13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax

14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."

16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

18 Connect with someone from a different generation

19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them

23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love

24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently

25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show

27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it

28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card

29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times





ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Online safety

Is Amigo a friend or foe?   The chat platform lets users hold private video calls with strangers - and there are other [#OnlineSafety](#) risks to be aware of, too. @natonlinesafety [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guide has the details below. 



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AMIGO

Amigo is a social platform which purports to connect strangers from around the world – and, with built-in translation software, it reduces the expected language barriers. Focusing heavily on one-to-one chats, video calls and live streams, Amigo encourages its users to build up online relationships and unlock exclusive features such as private video and audio calls; essentially, the more that people chat, the more functions become available to them. This is an app designed with mature users very much in mind and is therefore definitely not recommended for children.

AGE RATING 18

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- ONE-TO-ONE COMMUNICATION**
While online chats and livestreaming are a great way to communicate with people that children can trust, features like private messaging, video calls and live streams are designed to encourage children to communicate with strangers through private chats, calls and videos. This can be a serious risk for children's parents, due to the possibility of a child communicating inappropriate content or an online predator.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTACT**
With millions of sign-ups for your child's device, the sheer volume of users using a profile photo, users of the app can receive messaging and suggestive statements such as "You're hot" and "Let's have fun". While the app's mission is to help children connect, some users may use the platform to form inappropriate relationships to a more mature and mature audience.
- MEMBERSHIP COSTS**
Like many apps that are free to download, Amigo is a freemium model. It is designed for the app's purchasers to be encouraged to pay for VIP membership, enabling users to send more messages each day and boosting their profile's visibility. Parents can buy coins (again, for real money) which children receive the number of messages they can send daily.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- MONITOR DOWNLOADS**
As with all freemium apps, parents with your child should check what they're enjoying doing online, you should consider taking the additional step of proactively checking these apps away so often to see which apps they're installed. The safest option could be to enable 'ask to buy' (Apple) or 'purchase approval' (Android) on their device, ensuring your subscription is restricted to approved apps.
- RESPECT AGE RESTRICTIONS**
Apps have age restrictions for a reason, and Amigo is very definitely a mature content platform. Given that many of Amigo's users are reportedly aged 18 and over, you may want to remind your child about the importance of setting up a fake profile – such as being exposed to messages and videos that make them feel uncomfortable or being pressured into chatting with strangers.
- Meet Our Expert**
Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented online bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers reviewed and research for the Australian government, including internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in Australia.
- BLOCK, REPORT, DISCUSS**
If your child already knows their connecting with strangers online is dangerous, but it never hurts to refresh their memory. Whoever communicates with your child, make sure they're fully aware that if anything online makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or upset, then they can block the user, report the content, take a screenshot as evidence and come to tell you straight away.
- ACTIVE LISTENING**
If your child does approach you with a concern, make time to stop what you're doing and actively listen. Let them talk without interrupting or showing any judgement, then discuss their options and the potential outcomes. Being a parent, there are still instances when you're there to be supportive, if the issue is one that has put your child at risk, however, you may wish to contact the police.

NOS National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday

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Reflective Friday



Hope you have a lovely weekend.
Mrs.Charlesworth

