



**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 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Headteacher news

As from yesterday the new lockdown rules apply. Please continue to inform us if a member of your household or your child requires a Covid test as we will need to track those that your child may have been near. **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.**

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 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.**

### Maths week

Next week is Maths Week and to celebrate this, we are taking part in Rock Out 2020. This is a national competition run by TT Rockstars and it aims to boost your child's times tables skills. For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. Class averages will be calculated and there are some great prizes on offer to the winning schools. Please encourage your child to log onto TT Rockstars daily from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Only games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm will be counted.

### Poppy Appeal **REMINDER - LAST DAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Your child can now bring in their donations **until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.** items shown are available to buy or you can just send in donations and still the normal poppies. Donations are to be sent in with your child and then they need to be handed to their class teacher.



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### Update re Photographs

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our photograph day this week, however we have secured a new date and photographs will now be taken on **Friday 13th 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 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:  
Primary applications - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

### 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. **If you do not have access to online facilities at home, please inform us as we can copy packs for your child to complete.**

### PTA News

Thank you to the parents and teachers that attended our AGM this week on Zoom. The minutes from the meeting will be available shortly on the PTA page of the school website.

This years Committee was voted in:

Chair - Kath McArragher

Vice-chair - vacant

Secretary - Kelly Holt

Treasurer - Catherine Wheatley

Members - Leanne Bissett and Miss Cowgill

Jane Barnes has stepped down as Vice Chair this year, I would like to thank her for all her help and hard work during her time on the committee. In due course we will be looking for a new vice chair, but due to current restrictions this is not the best time, however if you would be interested in joining the committee at some point please let us know.

Due to dwindling numbers in the 100 Club we have decided to stop running it, but please keep an eye out for an exciting new alternative launching in the new year!

Thank you for your continued support  
Kath McArragher - PTA Chair



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**Reminder** - Rossendale Hospice 'Penny Pinching Challenge' / Boxes to be returned by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at the latest. Many thanks

**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. November is our **New ways** month. Covid is restricting our lives, but we can find new ways to keep making progress. Trying out new things can actually boost our well-being. When we open up to new ideas, it helps us stay curious and engaged. It can also bring a sense of accomplishment and help to boost our self-confidence and resilience. There are so many ways to learn new things and this month we're encouraging everyone to find new and creative ways to overcome our

frustrating situations. *#newwaysnovember*

**ACTION CALENDAR: NEW WAYS NOVEMBER 2020**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 Give yourself a boost. Try a new way of being physically active	7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire
8 Find out something new about someone you care about	9 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	10 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"	11 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	12 Overcome a frustration by trying out a new approach	13 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about
15 Go outside and do something playful - walk, run, explore, relax	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 Tune in to a different radio station or TV channel	27 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	28 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it
29 Discover your artistic side. Design your own Christmas cards!	30 Look for reasons to be hopeful, even in difficult times					

*"You never know what you can do until you try" ~ C. S. Lewis*

**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**

[www.actionforhappiness.org](http://www.actionforhappiness.org)

Learn more about this month's theme at [www.actionforhappiness.org/new-ways-november](http://www.actionforhappiness.org/new-ways-november)

Keep Calm · Stay Wise · Be Kind

**Reflective Friday**

From the words of St. Paul...

We are hard pressed on every side, but **NOT CRUSHED;**  
 perplexed, but **NOT IN DESPAIR;**  
 persecuted, but **NOT ABANDONED;**  
 struck down, but **NOT DESTROYED.**

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 NIV



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### Dates for your diary...

Wk 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths week
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	World Science Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Armistice day - Remembrance day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Tempest Photos (Individual and school aged siblings only) Children in need
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Diwali
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week Road safety week
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Disability history month begins
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	World Children's day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme - All classes Vision screening - FOR <u>YEAR 1</u> ONLY Bikeability group 1
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening on zoom 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent begins



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