

St. Paul's Church of England (A) Primary School

Building each other up



with God as our firm foundation

# St Paul's Newsletter

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Spring Term

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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to welcome you all back to school for the second half of our spring term.

I hope you all enjoyed the half term break, despite the wet and windy weather!

Staff and I are excited by the opportunities that this term will bring. This week we will be introducing our ambitious new History, Geography, Science and Art curriculum as we continue to implement our school improvement plans. More information on this will be sent home to individual classes and will include 'Knowledge Organisers' which we hope will support children and parents in discussing their learning at home. Physical changes are noticeable inside school as our programme of decoration continues as well as outside with further works being carried out on our school grounds. These works will ensure our children are able to enjoy playing, exploring and learning in a safe and stimulating environments that the whole school community can be proud of.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like any advice, please speak to myself. If specific to your child and their class, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. help.

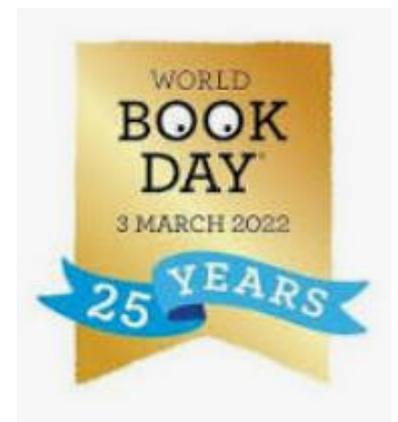
Best wishes,

Mrs J Ferretti, Headteacher.



## World Book Day

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday (3rd March). As per the letter sent home last week, children are invited to wear an outfit inspired by their favourite book character or their pyjamas - ready for a bedtime story! During the day the children will take part in lots of activities to celebrate and promote a love of books and reading including a live 'book show' featuring authors Michael Rosen and Catherine Raynar.

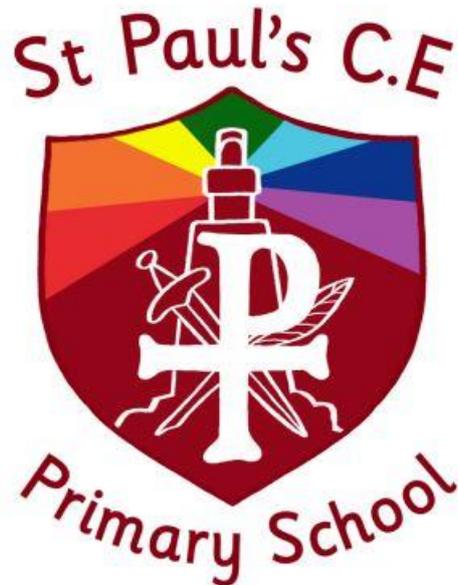


On Monday 14th March, our Book Fair will open to children and parents after school. Children will be given the opportunity to visit during the school and parents can visit after school to purchase any books. £1 Book tokens will be given out at the fair. Further details will be shared soon.

## School Logo

Our previous logo has remained the same since the school opened in 1982. We have taken the decision to update the logo to reflect the school of today - particularly timely as we look forward to celebrating our 40th anniversary in the Summer term.

We are therefore extremely excited to reveal our new school logo to you all;



Our new logo consists of the following elements -

The rainbow – to represent our Rainbow Christian Values. In the Bible, the rainbow is also seen to be a symbol of hope.

The lighthouse – to represent our school and all those within it who radiate our values. The lighthouse can also be seen to represent the light of Jesus, that guides us.

The rocks – representing the strong foundation of God, on which we build each other up.

The P and the cross – to celebrate our link with St Paul's Church.

The sword and the quill – to represent St Paul and the letters he wrote, spreading the teachings of Jesus and the battle he faced against adversity.

We hope you like the logo as much as we do and I'm sure the children will wear it with pride on their uniforms from September. More information on our updated Uniform Policy will be shared soon.

On the first Saturday morning of every month, a second-hand uniform stall will be running at the Oasis Café – parents are invited to come and collect items of uniform for a small donation. If any parents have any unwanted uniform items (clean and in good condition please), please drop them off at Oasis to be included in the sale. Please be reassured that whilst new uniform will feature our new logo from September, there will be a transition period during which children will be allowed to continue wearing uniform featuring our existing logo.

We also have uniform stock in school which we will continue to sell (at a reduced cost.) If any parents are struggling with uniform for their child, please speak to the school office or myself and we will do what we can to support.

We look forward to welcoming parents into school for Parent's Evening appointments on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th March. During these meetings, mid-year reports will be shared and discussed. Appointments can be booked through the booking form [here](#) or via the text sent on 23/02/22.

We are delighted to be launching a selection of after school clubs this half term.

Monday - Football - Y3/4 – Mr Carrier - £2.50 paid in 6 week blocks at the office	
	Monday - Zumba Fun - Y1 – Mrs Turner - No charge
	
Tuesday - Martial Arts - Y3/4/5/6 – Jon Lee - £2.50 paid weekly at start of session	
Wednesday - football - Y5/6 – Mr Carrier - £2.50 paid in 6 week blocks at the office	
	Wednesday - Yoga - Y5 – NEWA - no charge
	
Thursday - Martial Arts - Y3/4/5/6 – Jon Lee - £2.50 paid weekly at start of session	
Thursday - Multi Skills - Y2/3- Soccer 2000 - £2.50 paid in 6 week blocks at the office	
	
Throughout the year we will continue to seek opportunities to offer the children both during the school day and beyond.	

#### Year 4 Residential

Our Year 4 children and staff are looking forward to their Dovedale visit at the end of March. Parents should have received a letter informing them that payment is now due. If you need to discuss your payment, please speak to myself or the office.



## Music



We are incredibly proud of the musical opportunities we are able to offer our children at St Paul's. Whilst school heavily subsidises the cost of this tuition, to enable us to continue this provision longer term we do require parental contributions. If your child receives lessons and you haven't already made a payment, please speak to myself or the office to agree an affordable contribution.

## Payments

Please could we ask that payments for lessons, clubs etc are sent into classes in a sealed envelope marked clearly with the child's name, the nature of the payment (e.g. Football Club) and amount. This will reduce congestion at the front office in the mornings.

## Covid measures

I'm sure you will be aware of the Prime Minister's announcement last week and the change to the Covid laws. We will continue with measures in place such as ventilation of rooms (in balance to ensure we retain comfortable temperatures), increased cleaning measures, and regular hand washing / sanitisation. We are awaiting advice on actions that schools should take should a child or staff member present with symptoms in light of the legal requirement to self-isolate being removed. Whilst it is no longer a legal requirement, it is still advised that those testing positive should isolate for at least five days. For further information please follow this [link](#).

This half term we are looking forward to returning to some whole school activities, particularly worship. This daily act is fundamental to our Christian distinctiveness and whilst worship has continued in classes, we have certainly missed the collective nature of whole school worship. We will also be able to return to our weekly whole school Celebration worship during which children will be recognised for their efforts in learning as well as their behaviour and making a positive contribution.

We will of course continue to monitor the situation closely and should cases increase / become a concern we will respond accordingly and put measures in place in line with advice from the LA Public Health Team.

## Our St Paul's Promise.



- P** – We are **p**repared, we are **p**olite, we are **p**roud.
- R** – We are **r**espectful, we are **r**esponsible, we are **r**esilient
- O** – We make the most of every **o**pportunity
- M**– We **m**ake a difference.
- I** – We are **i**n control
- S** – We are **s**afe
- E** – We **e**njoy and **e**xcel.

## Diary Dates

### March



Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Squirrel Learning IT Day – Year 4

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

World Book Day

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March & 9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

Parent's Evening

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Year 1 and 2 Animal Man visit

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament Y5/6

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Squash Taster Sessions N-Y6

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

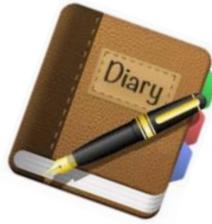
Squirrel Learning IT Day – Year 5

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

Comic Relief

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Year 4 Dovedale Residential.



### April

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Full Governing Body 5.30pm.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Music/Singing Workshop

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

School Closes for the Easter Holidays –  
finish at 1.30pm.

### May

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Bank Holiday

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Fri 13<sup>th</sup> May

KS2 SATs

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> May

KS1 SATs

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Young Voices

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Singing in the Rain

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Queen's Jubilee Garden Party

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

School closes for half term



## Rainbow Christian Values;

Harmony, Patience, Honesty, Forgiveness, Thankfulness, Justice, Humility

Our Mission Statement;

*Building each other up—with God as our firm foundation.*

(The Bible: 1 Thessalonians 5:11)