



The St Paul's Post



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Welcome to our October newsletter.

I can't quite believe September has already finished and we find ourselves in October, half-way through the first half term!

The children have made a fantastic start back to school and we have been delighted to celebrate super conduct around school as well as positive attitudes and efforts in learning. Myself, and Mr Davis-Powell have been visiting classes and looking at the children's work. We have been pleased with the outcomes that already reflect their learning and the pride they are taking with their presentation as we continue to strive towards our school improvement goals.

Please remember to visit our school website for up-to-date information. Our partnership with you as parents is incredibly important to us. Our open-door policy is a significant part of this. If you have any questions or concerns or would like any advice, as always, please speak to myself or a member of the team.

If the query is specific to your child and their class, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance as they are often best placed to answer any questions and resolve any concerns.

A list of diary dates is provided below so parents are informed of events and activities coming up. Whilst we will endeavour to keep to these planned dates, I am sure you understand that there may be times when it is necessary to change dates due to unforeseen circumstances.

Best wishes

Mrs J Ferretti (Headteacher)



Drop off and collection.

The gate will be close at 8.50am each day, it is important children arrive on time – if they are late, they miss valuable learning time. Where children are consistently late, we will be contacting parents to inform them of the number of minutes of learning missed.

Parents are asked to drop off and leave promptly to avoid getting locked in when the gate closes. If still on site after 8.50am, please ask classroom staff to let you out through the front office.

To enable us to lock the gate promptly, parents arriving with their child close to 8.50am will be asked to drop their child(ren) at the gate. A member of staff will ensure that children walk safely to their classes.

Parents arriving with their children after 8.50am will need to take them to the front office where they will be asked to sign them in as late.

It is lovely that many children are keen to stay on site at the end of the school day and socialise and some enjoy a short play on the trim trail. Please be aware that the school is only responsible for use of the play equipment during the school day. Parents choosing to allow their child to play on the equipment after the school day take full responsibility for doing so. We ask that children remain close to their parents at all times and do not go down to the bottom of the field. Staff often have meetings after the school day, therefore, we are required to close the gates at 3.25pm each day. Please ensure you exit the site with your child(ren) by this time.

Toddler and Baby Group Come and join us at our Stay & Play session, Monday mornings in term time from 9am. Tea/coffee/squash and biscuits. Donations welcome but not expected. Monies raised will be used to fund refreshments and future resources. Please spread the word – everyone is welcome!

Come and join us at

St Paul's



'Little

Lights'

Stay & Play

Staying Safe.



We are aware that some of our footpath surfaces are uneven in places and could cause trips. Please be careful when walking and ensure children walk carefully to avoid accidents. Raised surfaces are marked and there is signage to remind people to take care. As a school, we take Health & Safety extremely seriously and as such, we are seeking advice and exploring potential funding routes to address the issue.

A polite reminder to all parents and children that scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the school site – this is for the safety of all. In the mornings, please ensure your child dismounts as they approach the gate and then pushes their bike or scooter to class/the bike rack. Likewise, at the end of the day, ensure your child(ren) push until off the school site. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping to keep our site safe.

We now have new and improved parking signs which you will see around Emsworth Crescent. We hope that these will provide a helpful reminder to all parents and carers parking near our school site to ensure they are parking safely, considerately, and legally. We are very fortunate to have Morrisons car park just around the corner providing ample parking with just a short stroll to school.



School Dinners

Our school dinner menu can be viewed by clicking on the menu; Following children's feedback, please note the following menu change;

A screenshot of a school dinner menu titled 'MAKING A DIFFERENCE MENU • 2023-24'. The menu is organized into three columns: 'Week 1', 'Week 2', and 'Week 3'. Each column lists the days of the week and the corresponding dinner items. The menu includes various dishes like 'Chicken Curry', 'Sweet & Sour Noodles', and 'Roast Dinner'. There are also icons for recycling and other sustainability symbols at the bottom.

Thursday Week 2 - Chicken Curry and Sweet & Sour Noodles has been replaced with **Roast Dinner**.



A polite reminder, not to send items obviously containing nuts into school due to children with severe allergies.

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival celebration on **Friday 13th October**. Donations are invited in from **Monday 9th October**. The collection will be added to the church's collection and split between [The Well](#) and our school Food Bank.



A huge thank you to everyone who was able to support our Macmillan Coffee morning and cake sale on Friday 29th September. A fabulous £272.50 was raised.

Enrichment Clubs... will begin again from Monday 18th September and will run until w/c Monday 23rd October.



| Day | Club | Year groups | Cost/session | Time/collect |
|----------------|--|---|--------------|---------------------------|
| Monday | Football (School led – Mrs Wadelin) | Y3 & 4 Boys * (Y5 & 6 Boys will be Autumn 2) | £2.50 | 3.15-4.15 Gate |
| | Spanish (School led – Mrs Cook) | Y3-6 | £1.00 | 3.15-4.00 Gate |
| | Games / Cards Club (School led – Mrs Scragg) | Y6 | -- | Lunchtime |
| Tuesday | Football (School led – Mrs Clarke) | Y3 – 6 Girls * | £2.50 | 3.15-4.15 Gate |
| Thursday | STEM Investigation Club (School led – Mrs Richards) | Y2 & 3 | £1.00 | 3.15-4.15 Gate |
| Friday | Jigsaw Puzzles (School led – Mrs Ferretti) | Y3-6 * | £1.00 | 3.15-4.15 Front office |
| Every day | Miss Woods' Pupil Choice club Mrs Wadelin's Sports club | Y3-6 | -- | Lunchtimes |
| Mon/Tues /Weds | Mrs Allcott's Playground club | Y1 & 2 | -- | Lunchtimes |

Places are limited and allocated on a first come, first serve basis for the half term. Each half term, club places will be reset and allocated again. Clubs **must** be booked under 'Clubs' **and** then paid for via 'Payments' in the Gateway app to secure the place. A text message will be sent to inform parents when the clubs go live on the Gateway app. Lunchtime clubs do not need to be booked. Funds raised through school-led clubs will be used to fund club resources / other clubs in the future.

Music Lessons

There is still time to sign up for music lessons for children in Year 3-6. please read the relevant information [here](#).



Flu Fighters

The School Age Immunisation Team will be in school on **Monday 13th November** to deliver the nasal flu spray to children in **Reception to Year 6**. Please give consent / opt out via this link; <http://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/wolverhampton>



Census Lunch

On **Thursday 5th October**, the kitchen will be cooking a special Superhero themed lunch for the children;

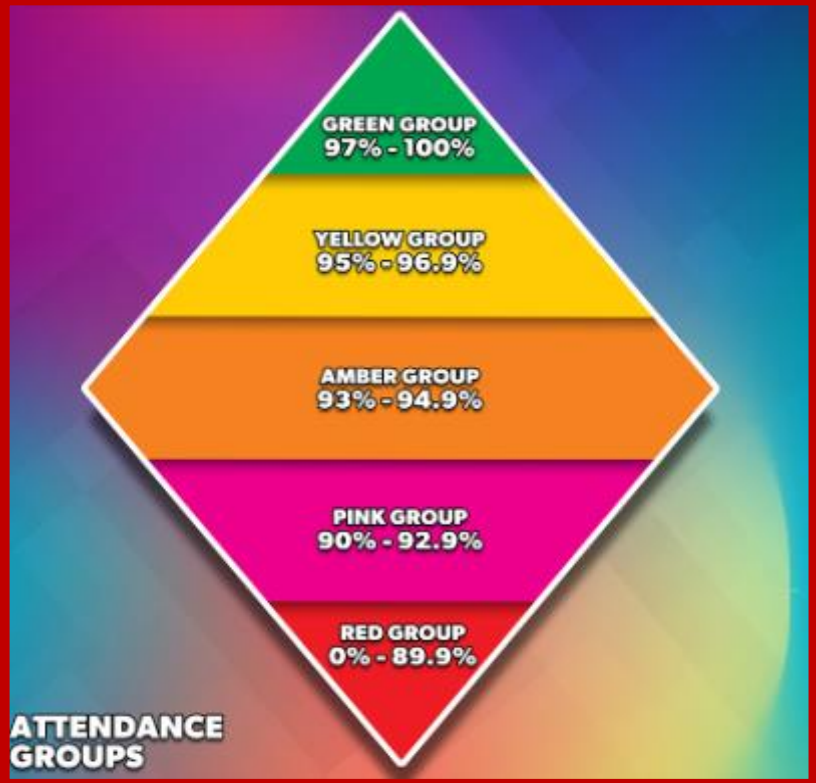


If your child normally has a packed lunch, we would encourage them to have a school lunch on this day **as it directly impacts on the funding we receive**, benefiting **all** children in school. Children do not need to dress up for this 'super' lunch they are already super!!

Diary Dates

September Attendance

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|--------------|-------|
| Nur | 93.6% |
| Rec | 93.6% |
| ★ Yr1 | 97.9% |
| Yr2 | 95.3% |
| Yr3 | 94.3% |
| Yr4 | 93.4% |
| Yr5 | 96.7% |
| Yr6 | 93.0% |
| Whole School | 94.8% |



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|---------------|---|
| GREEN | Best chance of academic success |
| YELLOW | Risk of underachievement |
| AMBER | Serious risk of underachievement |
| PINK | Severe risk of underachievement |
| RED | Extreme risk – persistent absentee |

School attendance is vital for a child's future success.

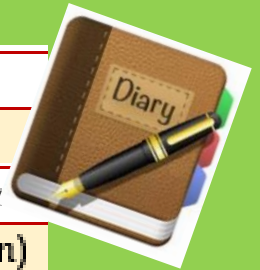
This year we intend to improve our whole school attendance and appreciate parents' support in ensuring children are always at school when they are able to be.

The parent of every child whose attendance is at least 96% at the end of the half term will be entered into a prize draw to win a £25 shopping voucher.

We will also be introducing rewards and incentives for the children in school too.

Please read our information - [Why does attendance matter?](#)

And our school [Attendance Policy](#).



| October | |
|---|---|
| Monday 2 nd | Y6 Laches Wood meeting 2.30pm |
| Thursday 5 th | Y1&2 Author experience - The Grand Theatre |
| Wednesday 6 th | All Aboard Festival - Y2 (Selected children) |
| Sunday 8 th | Education Sunday service at St Paul's Church |
| Monday 9 th | RWI Workshops Rec/Y1 & Y2 parents - 2pm / 6pm |
| Thursday 12 th | Y2 Class led worship - Harvest |
| Friday 13 th | Harvest Festival |
| Friday 13 th | Big Story Day |
| Monday 23 rd | Individual & sibling photographs |
| Tuesday 24 th | Y4 Class led worship - The Big Story |
| Wednesday 25 th | Y6 Laches Wood residential |
| Thursday 26 th | Y5 Class led worship - Black History Month |
| Friday 27 th | Y6 return from Laches Wood |
| Half term - Monday 30 th October to Friday 3 rd November. School reopens on Monday 6 th November. | |

| November | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Monday 6 th | Back to school |
| Tuesday 7 th | All Saint's worship |
| Tuesday 7 th | Y1/2 Animal Man visit |
| Tuesday 7 th | Y3 Stone Age visit |
| Tuesday 7 th | Parents Evening |
| Wednesday 8 th | Y1 Class led worship - Guy Fawkes |
| Wednesday 8 th | Parents Evening |
| Thursday 9 th | Y6 Class led worship - Remembrance |
| w/c Monday 13 th | Anti-bullying Week |
| Monday 13 th | Odd Socks Day |
| Tuesday 14 th | Y3 Gurdwara visit |
| Friday 17 th | Children in Need |
| Monday 20 th | Full Governing Body 5.30pm |
| Thursday 23 rd | Y3 Class led worship - Light |
| Saturday 25 th | Church Christmas Fayre |
| w/c Monday 27 th | Parent Christmas craft workshops |

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**ppportunity
- M** We **m**ake a difference.
- I** We are **i**n control
- S** We are **s**afe
- E** We **e**njoy and **e**xcel.



At St Paul's, we are: **safe, prepared and respectful.**



Plow a little farther
Dig a little deeper
Sow a little greater
Pray a little harder
Love a little sweeter
It's Harvest Time

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: I Thessalonians 5:11)



Term Dates 2023-24

Autumn Term 2023

Term starts: Wednesday 6th September
Half Term: Monday 30th - Friday 3rd November
Term ends: Thursday 21st December
Christmas Holidays: Friday 22nd December 2023 -
Friday 5th January 2024

Spring Term 2024

Term starts: Monday 8th January 2024
Half Term: Monday 12th - Friday 16th February
Term ends: Friday 22nd March
Easter Holidays: Monday 25th March —Friday 5th April

Summer Term 2024

Term starts: Monday 8th April
Half Term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May
Term ends: Thursday 18th July
Summer Holidays: Friday 19th July —Monday 2nd September

Training Days—school closed to pupils:

Monday 4th September, Tuesday 5th September

Friday 22nd December

Friday 19th July

Monday 22nd July

Autumn Term 2024

Term starts: Tuesday 3rd September 2024

As a school we are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all of our children.

St Paul's C of E Primary School



Keeping You Safe



SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

- Do you have concerns?
- Has someone made a disclosure?
- Who can you talk to?



At St Paul's the safety of our children is of upmost importance. It is everyone's responsibility to safeguard our children but speak to one of the people below if you are worried.

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| <p>Mrs J Ferretti Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead</p> |  | <p>Mr L Davis-Powell Deputy Headteacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p> |  |
| <p>Mrs S Lalli Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p> |  | <p>Mrs J Ferretti Headteacher Online Safety Leader</p> |  |
| <p>Mrs L Clarke Safeguarding Governor</p> |  | <p style="text-align: center;">  <i>Protect and safeguard the welfare of all our children.</i> </p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Working together to help safeguard our children </p> | |

If you have a concern about the safety of a child contact **Wolverhampton Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub** by clicking [here](#) or by phone; **01902 555392**

Opening times: Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 5pm, Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

Outside of the above hours for emergencies on **01902 552999**

If the child or young person is at **immediate risk** of **serious harm** dial **999**

If you suspect or believe a child is suffering or is likely to suffer Significant Harm, including any form of mistreatment or abuse, **you must report your concerns**. All referrals must be confirmed within one hour by completing the on-line multi agency referral form ([MARF](#)).