



St Paul's Newsletter

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Spring/Summer Term

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Dear Parents,

Spring is finally here and it has brought with us a mixture of weather! It was so lovely to enjoy some sunshine and see the children playing on the school field over the last few weeks. It was certainly a surprise when the frosty weather returned and we found ourselves digging out our warm coats and scarves again! Hopefully soon some more sunshine will return again.

We find ourselves at the end of our Spring term – the weeks have flown by and school has been buzzing with activity and learning. Whilst we are still not mixing for whole school worship, on Thursday we will be celebrating Easter in the hall in classes – thank you to Mrs Godwin for her co-ordination of this.

Myself and all the staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an Easter holiday full of blessings (and a few chocolatey treats!)

Best wishes,
Mrs J Ferretti, Headteacher.



Mr Renwick

Mr Renwick has taken the decision to retire at the end of the Summer term. Mr Renwick has been Deputy Head at St Paul's for 17 years and during that time has taught and supported many children and helped lead the school through many changes, challenges and developments. He will be very missed by staff and children alike but he is now looking forward to spending time with his family and enjoying a slightly more relaxed pace of life! Many of you will know that Mr Renwick loves the outdoors and I'm sure will be looking forward to enjoying a few caravanning holidays in term time!

We are in the process of recruiting a new Deputy Headteacher to work alongside me as we continue to drive school improvement. We will update you further when an appointment has been made.

I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr Renwick all the best for the future as well as thanking him for his contributions to the school. We will enjoy our final term with him and I'm sure it will be full of lovely memories and activities.

Staffing changes



We said goodbye to Miss Baker last week as she prepared to start her new role at a local high school. After Easter, we look forward to welcoming two new members of staff to the St Paul's team - Miss Bishton will be working in Year 1 and Mr Richardson will be based in Year 3. I'm sure they will be made to feel very welcome by the children, staff and parents and will quickly feel at home.



Year 6 SATs

In the week beginning Monday 9th May, our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs. Please could parents support their child with any work set over the Easter holidays to help them prepare for these assessments. The dates of tests are fixed so it is essential that all children are in school every day that week unless circumstances make absence unavoidable. If children miss one paper (for whatever reason), it will mean that they will not get a test grade in the that subject. We will be encouraging the children to have at least eight hours sleep per night and be punctual each day.

Year 4 Dovedale visit

Our Year 4 children enjoyed a lovely (although slightly chilly!) visit to Dovedale House in Ilam last week. Thank you to Mrs Peterson, Mrs Wadelin and Mr Renwick who accompanied the children on the trip. These opportunities wouldn't be possible without our staff. Our next residential opportunity will be for our Year 2 children who will be visiting Kingswood Trust in July. I'm sure they will have a great time too!

Music Lessons

If your child has music lessons through the Music Service, your final payment is now due (if you haven't already made paid in full.) These will be added to Gateway this week. Please make payment by Monday 25th April.

Compassion for Ukraine Day

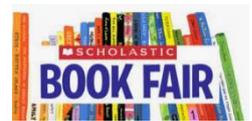


You should have received a letter via text with information about our Compassion for Ukraine day. Our Year 4 children wanted to take action and help those affected by the crisis. On Friday, children are encouraged to wear blue and yellow to school for a £1 donation. Children can also bring in some money to spend at our Compassion for Ukraine stalls.

[For more information please read our letter here.](#)

Book Fair

Thank you to all the parents and children who were able to support our Book Fair last month. It was wonderful to see so many children motivated to choose a book and read. The sales will also help school to buy books to support the children's learning.



Parking

Thank you to parents who park safely and with consideration to other road users, pedestrians and residents. I ask that we continue to work together to keep everyone safe and promote positive relations with those who live and work around our school.



We are very fortunate to have Morrisons carpark just a short walk away – please do make use of it to reduce congestion in Emsworth Crescent.

Attendance



A reminder to please inform the office on the first day of any absence.

Nut Free School

We have a number of children in school who have a nut allergy therefore, from Easter we will be a **nut-free school**. Please do not send your child(ren) to school with **any** items (for snacks or in lunchboxes) that contain nuts. This includes peanut butter and Nutella spreads. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.



Drop off and collection

Please could all parents ensure they enter the school site via the pedestrian gate by the Y5 classroom and exit via the carpark gates when dropping off in the morning and collecting at the end of the day. This helps us to maintain a flow of 'traffic' and reduce congestion on pathways.

Parents of children in Y5 and 6 are able to exit back through the pedestrian gate when collecting as KS1 parents should have already passed through the gate due to the earlier collection time.

When dropping off in the morning, children should arrive at school by 8.55am. Parents arriving at 8.55am will be asked to drop their child off at the gate rather than walking them to their classroom. Staff will ensure they get to class safely. The carpark gate needs to be locked promptly just after 8.55am.

No parents should come onto the school site after 8.55am unless admitted through the front office. This is to ensure the safety of the children and to avoid parents becoming locked in.

School Gateway

We are delighted to have launched School Gateway which will further improve our school communications as well as enable online payments. After Easter, all payments will be made via the app and the office will become 'cashless'. If you have not yet set up your account, please ask for assistance in the school office and they will be happy to help. As with any new system, there may be teething problems. However, we hope to have these ironed out as quickly as possible.



Health Checks for Children

Many parents are not aware that it is recommended that children have their eyes tested yearly and visit the dentist every 6 months to a year. For more information please follow these links:

[Children's teeth](#)

[Eye tests for children](#) (vision screening is no longer carried out in schools in Wolverhampton)

If you have any concerns regarding your child's hearing, please visit your GP in the first instance to check there are no blockages causing a problem. If issues continue, the School Nursing Team can make a referral to the Audiology team at the Gem Centre.

Our School Nurse Team, based at Pendeford Health Centre are available to provide support. If you have any concerns or would like advice regarding any aspects of your child's health, please let us know and we can contact the team.

School Uniform

We have been delighted by the positive feedback on our new school logo and uniform. We are pleased that items bearing our new logo are now on sale at Lads and Lasses in Bilbrook.



Parents can pop into the shop or, alternatively can order online at

<https://www.ladsandlassesschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/primary-schools/st-pauls-ce-primary/>

From September, our [School Uniform Policy](#) will be changing. The updated policy can be viewed [here](#).

A reminder that Oasis Café are running a pre-loved uniform stall on the first Saturday of every month. If parents have any unwanted uniform (clean and in good condition please), please drop off at church or at the school office.

When the children return from the Easter break, they will be able to wear our Summer uniform of grey, tailored shorts or red, gingham dress. If the weather is hot and sunny, please send your child to school with a sun hat and apply all day suncream in the morning.

After School Clubs

We are delighted to be offering a number of after school clubs to year groups across school. We will continue to review this offer and will look into providing a wider range of activities for all year groups both during and beyond the school day.

For the Summer term –



Monday - Football - Y3/4 – Mr Carrier



Tuesday - Martial Arts - Y3/4/5/6 – Jon Lee

Wednesday - Football - Y5/6 – Mr Carrier

Thursday - Martial Arts - Y3/4/5/6 – Jon Lee

Multi Skills – Y1/2- Soccer 2000



Clubs cost £2.50 per week and will be payable in a 5-week block (up until May half term) via the Gateway app (we will inform you when the clubs go 'live' on the app). Places are limited. Places are allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Where there are more children than places, a waiting list will be opened. Clubs finish at 4.30pm unless stated otherwise.

N.B – this term, some football sessions were cancelled due to staffing / weather. For any children wanting to continue with football, this will be deducted on the Gateway app.

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

April

Monday 4th April

Full Governing Body 5.30pm.

Tuesday 5th April

Music/Singing Workshop

Friday 8th April

School Closes for the Easter Holidays – finish at 1.30pm

Monday 25th April

School reopens for the Summer term.



May

Monday 2nd May

Bank Holiday

Mon 9th – Fri 13th May

KS2 SATs

Mon 9th – Fri 20th May

KS1 SATs

Monday 16th May

Young Voices

Tuesday 17th May

Singing in the Rain

Thursday 26th May

Queen's Jubilee Garden Party

Friday 27th May

School closes for half term



FOR GOD SO
loved 
THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE
HIS ONLY *son*
BEGOTTEN
THAT WHOSOEVER
believes 
in Him
SHOULD NOT PERISH
BUT HAVE
Everlasting
LIFE.
JOHN 3:16

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)