



St Paul's Newsletter

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Autumn Term

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Dear Parents,

I can hardly believe we are in October already! The weeks are certainly flying by and we find ourselves in Autumn! The weather has changed over the last week with windier and rainier days but there is much to look forward to at this time of year! The children have made a super start back to school and I have enjoyed spending some time in classes to learn all about life at St Paul's and getting to know the children. There is much to be proud of at our school and we are excited to look to the future as we continue to develop and improve. I'd like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' to the whole school community—staff, parents and especially the children for making me feel so welcome at St Paul's. We are delighted that some new children have joined classes since the start of term - we hope they feel just as welcome too.

Best wishes,

Mrs J Ferretti, Headteacher.



Morrisons — It's Good to Grow!



A reminder that we are collecting Morrisons' vouchers. If you are having trouble finding our school on the app, try typing 'Paul' into the search and this should bring our school up!

Bikes and Scooters -

It is great to see so many children riding their bikes and scooters to school!



Please could parents remind their children to push them rather than ride them whilst on the school site to help keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your help with this.

Flu Immunisations

The School Age Immunisation Team will be in school on **Thursday 2nd December** to deliver the nasal flu spray to children in Reception to Year 6. Further information and consent forms will be shared with parents once we have received them in school.



Lunch Special!

Thursday 7th October

Children will be treated to a special pizza lunch - we encourage as many children as possible to have a school dinner on this day. Thank you!

Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival celebrations on Friday 8th.



This year, our theme is **creation**, particularly looking at the role we have in caring for our school, neighbourhood and world. We are using the resources from Christian Aid, who are supporting the Young Christian's Climate Network relay to Cop 26, to campaign for climate justice.

The children will help create a fleet of boats which will be placed around a large world during our Harvest worship. We will then be sending a photo and some of the boats to Cop 26.

Sadly, due to rising COVID numbers locally we have taken the difficult decision not to invite parents in for this year's Harvest Festival. I'm sure you will understand that as much as we want to be able to welcome parents back into school for these events, the health and safety of our school community will always be our priority.

Our Harvest collection will be donated to The Well this year and will provide vital support to members of our local community in need. Please see across for a list of suggested items. They can be sent in to classes throughout this week.

We thank you for your kindness.



SHOPPING LIST

Please choose an item/s from this list to donate to The Well:.

- Milk (UHT)
- Cereal
- Tea/Coffee
- Sugar
- Jam/Spreads
- Squash/Fruit Juice (UHT)
- Meat/Fish (tinned)
- Pasta/Rice/Noodles (dried)
- Pulses/Couscous
- Soup (tinned)
- Vegetables (tinned)
- Pasta/Cooking Sauce (jar)
- Fruit (tinned)/Puddings/Custard
- Snacks/Biscuits
- Nappies (sealed packets, size 4, 5, 6)
- Baby Wipes/Toiletries
- Baby Food(long use by date)
- Ladies/Mens Toiletries
- Household Cleaning products

NO BAKED BEANS PLEASE!

NB: We can only receive food within its Use By/BBE' date.

Thank you for supporting us - God bless you!

Extended School Provision

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are hoping to establish before and afterschool provision in the coming months. Unfortunately, as these things do take time, this won't be in place for the start of November when we return from half term.



We want to feel confident that the provision we put in place will best meet the needs of our families as well as being viable in the long term.

We have already held meetings with local Councillor Adam Collinge who was very supportive of our plans as well as advisors at the Local Authority who are working with us.

I hope to share further details with you in the near future. Keep an eye out for our Extended School Parent Questionnaire which will be coming soon. Please do complete it as this will help us plan our provision according to the needs of our families.

Covid –19 Update.

We continue to observe a number of measures in school to reduce the risk of transmission;

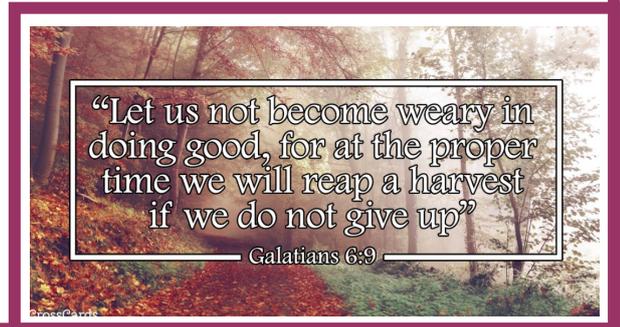
- Regular hand washing,
- Increased cleaning regimes
- Catch it, kill it, bin it
- Keeping spaces well ventilated and
- Engaging with testing recommendations when advised



The Local Authority are continuing to advise that children with **any symptoms** of illness remain home / are sent home and take a PCR as soon as possible. We do understand the frustration this can cause - especially during cough and cold season! In most cases, the child is likely to receive a negative result. However, children are known to have test positive with a range of symptoms and many have been completely asymptomatic. Therefore it is essential we do all we can to identify positive cases in the community and prevent further spread.

We appreciate your understanding and support with this.

Children who have been in contact with a confirmed case can continue to attend school but are advised to get a PCR test as soon as possible. This applies even if the confirmed case lives in the same household. Anybody testing positive should isolate immediately. **Please notify school as soon as possible if your child tests positive.**



October Diary Dates -

- 4th - Individual photographs
- 4th - Year 3 Stone Age Day
- 8th - Harvest Festival
- 11th - Full Governing Body 5.30pm
- 15th - Understanding Christianity Big Story Day
- 18th - Year 6 Height and weight checks
- 20th - 22nd Year 6 Residential to Laches Wood

November Diary Dates -

- 1st - INSET Day. **School Closed to pupils.**
- 12th - Children in Need

December Diary Dates -

- 2nd - Flu Immunisation Team in school YR-6

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)