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with God as our firm foundation

St Paul's Newsletter

November 2022

Autumn Term

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school after what I hope has been a relaxing and enjoyable half term for you all. We are well and truly in Autumn now—my favourite time of year! Last half term at St Paul's went in a flash and I'm sure this term will fly by too, the second half of the Autumn term is always busy and full of excitement as we prepare to celebrate Christmas (there—I've said it!). Further details can be found below.

Best wishes

Mrs J Ferretti

Headteacher.



Welcome!

We welcome a new member in the office this half term. **Miss Westwood** will be working in the office during the afternoons. At the end of last half term, we said goodbye to Miss Cox who has moved on to a new adventure. Miss Cox will be very missed but we wish her all the best for the future.

Interviews took place just before the holiday and we were pleased to appoint **Ms Spears** who will be supporting in Nursery in the mornings when she joins the team in mid November. Until then, Miss Sollom will be supporting in Nursery. I am sure both Ms Spears and Miss Westwood will be very happy at St Paul's and soon feel part of the school community.



The School Day



Last term we saw an improvement in punctuality with fewer children coming in through the office in the mornings. Thank you to parents for getting their children to school in time! Due to the works on the carpark, we have been using just one gate for drop off and collection recently. This will continue next half term. Once the work has been completed, the gate by Year 5 will continue to be used for drop-off but

at the end of the day, the Year 5 gate will be used for entry during collection and the new gate will be used for exit.

Gates open at 8.35am and classroom doors will open at 8.40am, when children should be in school. The gates close at 8.50am.

In the interests of site security, and to enable us to lock the carpark gates promptly, parents arriving with their child at 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.

Parents of children in Nursery and Reception may now exit via the new wooden gate on the KS1 playground to join the path to the KS2 playground, avoiding the bottleneck that can sometimes occur in the courtyard.

A reminder that the **day ends at 3.15pm** for all classes.

Nursery children are collected from the front entrance at 11.45am.



Uniform

Thank you to parents who have purchased our new Active PE Uniform. We are aware that some parents are still waiting for their order to be fulfilled with Lads and Lasses – they have emailed me to let me know that all orders should soon be completed.

If you haven't yet ordered the correct items for your child, please do so as soon as possible. We do appreciate that there are financial pressures on families at the moment, however, parents were informed of the new school uniform before Easter to give parents plenty of time to spread the cost of items. If parents require support with uniform, please speak with me or the school office.

All items of school uniform are available from [Lads and Lasses](#) in Bilbook or [online](#).

A reminder that our 'Active PE' uniform consists of;

Maroon St Paul's sports top

Maroon St Paul's zipped hoodie

Black shorts / joggers / leggings

Trainers.



Our [School Uniform Policy](#) can be viewed [here](#).

A reminder that **Oasis Café** run a pre-loved uniform stall on the first Saturday of each month 10am – 12 noon. There are a range of items available including uniform basics such as trousers, pinafores and shirts.

Supporting the St Paul's Community –

St Paul's Coat and Show Swap Shop and Food Bank

In the front entrance to school we have a number of pairs of school shoes and coats. Parents are invited to come and select a coat or pair of shoes for their child. If you have any preloved coats or school shoes in good condition that you are able to donate or swap, please send them in.



We hope this initiative will support families who are feeling the pressures of the cost of living increases.

We also have a food bank table in the front entrance. If any parents would like to donate or receive, please pop into the school office. A reminder that we do have a link with a local charity who provide support to families and can provide food parcels and vouchers. Please speak to the office or Mrs Ferretti if you are in need of support.



Please follow the link for information on [Wolverhampton food banks](#).

Thank you to all the families who were able to support our Harvest collection. Items were donated to The Well who will distribute it to those in need.

Twitter - @StPauls_CofE



A reminder that we now have a Twitter page which we will use to share information and celebrate school activities events and successes. Please follow us. Our Twitter feed can also be viewed on our school website.

Medicines in school

A reminder that if your child requires medicine during the school day, whether for a long-term health condition such as asthma or a short-term illness such as an ear infection, we are able to administer medicines to children if necessary. All medicines must be signed into school through the office and a form must be completed.

Under no circumstances should children bring medicines into school to keep in their bag and administer themselves.



Flu Immunisations

A reminder that the School Age Immunisation Team will be in school on **Friday 18th November** to deliver the nasal flu spray to children in Reception to Year 6. Please complete your consent form via the link that was sent via text.



Poppies

Poppies and poppy items will be on sale from Monday 7th November in support of the Royal Legion Poppy Appeal. Please see below for items and prices;

If your child(ren) would like to buy any items, please send in the correct money in an envelope clearly marked with their name, class and what item they would like. Items will sent back home during the week.

Paper poppies – minimum 30p donation



Snap bands



Reflector



Wristband

suggested donation £1.50 suggested donation 50p suggested donation - £1.00

Personal items

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named. We have had a number of parents report that their child has come home with the wrong cardigan/jumper/hoodie or unfortunately, that theirs has gone missing. If items are labelled, it makes it much easier for staff to match the correct item with the correct child! Please could parents also check the items that children are bringing home in case they have picked up the wrong one.

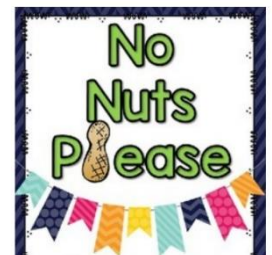
Snacks

A reminder that children in Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2) should not bring in snack items as these are provided by school.

In Key Stage Two (Years 3 to 6), children may bring in a healthy snack to enjoy at playtime. This should be a healthy snack bar or piece of fruit. **No chocolate bars, sweets or crisps.**

Children should bring in a filled water bottle every day. **Fizzy drinks are not allowed in school.**

A reminder that we are a 'no nut school' and ask that parents/carers do not send items that obviously contain nuts in for snack or in lunchboxes. We appreciate your support and understanding with this.



We have two special lunches coming up...

Bonfire - 04/11



Christmas 9/12



Lunches can be ordered on the day. If your child pays for their school lunches, please do so through the Gateway app. More information about Christmas lunch will

be sent home soon – this will need to be booked in advance.

What is my child learning?



New curriculum newsletters will be sent home this week, providing information about topics and what will be going on in their class. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Parent's Evening appointments will held on **Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th November**. Please book your child's appointment using the link in the letter sent out via text.

Open Classrooms / Meet the Teacher

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our '**Meet the Teacher**' session at the end of September due to our Ofsted inspection. Parent's Evening will give parents the opportunity to see classrooms. We hope to arrange some workshops and activities later on in the term, giving parents more opportunities to come in and share in the day to day life of the school.

Attendance

A reminder to please notify school on the first day of absence if your child is unwell and won't be in school.

Open Door Policy

We are very proud of our open-door policy and want parents to know they are always welcome to come into school and talk to staff. Mrs Ferretti will be on the playground every morning from 8.35am to welcome parents and children to school and answer as many queries as possible before the school day begins. However, if you require a private meeting, or to meet with your child's class teacher, please do arrange a mutually convenient time by contacting the school office, or speaking to the class teacher at the end of the day. Please discuss any concerns with class teachers in the first instance.



Christmas 2022

We are looking forward to inviting parents back into school this year to share in some of our traditional Christmas celebrations including Christmas performances!



Children in Nursery and Reception (Early Years) will be performing a Nativity, as will children in Year 1 and 2 (Key Stage 1). Children in Year 3,4,5 and 6 (Key Stage 2) will be performing a Christmas Concert, telling the Christmas story through song, poems and readings. I am sure parents will be excited to come into school to enjoy these performances.

Performances will be as follows -

Early Years - Monday 5th December & Wednesday 7th December at 9.45am.

Key Stage 1- Wednesday 7th @ 1.45pm & Thursday 8th December @ 6.00pm

Key Stage 2. Monday 12th December @ 1.45pm & 6.00pm

& Tuesday 13th December @ 1.45pm

Further details regarding the performances and tickets will be sent home at a later date.

Site Projects

As you know, we were fortunate to secure funding from the Diocese of Lichfield to carry out improvements to our school site. Work on our fire doors and external fencing / carpark is nearly completed but some work will continue into the first week back. We are delighted that the rear of the school site is now much more secure and the carpark is safer and now suitable for use by visitors and staff during the day. A new pedestrian gate has been created so parents and children will no longer need to walk through the carpark to leave at the end of the day.

In the morning, we will continue to use one gate as this has worked well, with a gradual flow of traffic through the gate. At the end of the day however, we will open the new gate too so that parents can exit via this gate. It can be quite congested on the pathway by Year 5 and 6 as parents leave the school site so hopefully this will work better.

We are delighted that our site is now much more secure both inside and out due to these projects and works carried out over the last year. As you know, the safety and wellbeing of all the children and adults who use our site is paramount.

Parents dropping off or collecting from Breakfast or After School Club can now use the intercom on the gate to let staff know they have arrived. Staff will come to the gate as before. The telephone can still be used to call and speak to Club Staff as the office isn't always manned after 4pm.

Firework Safety

Many of our families may be looking forward to firework displays and bonfires in the coming days and weeks as part of Bonfire Night and Diwali celebrations. It is recommended that people attend organised displays, however, if planning your own fireworks display, please find important information and advice here;



<https://www.rospa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety>.

<https://www.wmfs.net/safety/in-the-garden/#fireworks>

We hope our children and parents are able to enjoy these celebrations with peace of mind that everyone is safe.

After School Clubs...

will begin commencing again from 1st November and will run until the last week of term.

This term, our after-school offer is as follows;



Day	Club	Year groups	Cost	Time
Monday	Football (School led – Mr Carrier)	Y3 & 4	£2.50	3.30-4.30
	Maths Club (School led – Mr Davis)	Y6	--	3.15-4.15
Wednesday	Football (School led – Mr Carrier)	Y5 & 6	£2.50	3.30-4.30
Thursday	Dodgeball (External - S2K)	Y2/3/4/5/6	£2.50	3.30-4.30
	Martial Arts (External – Believe2Achieve)	Y3/4/5/6	£2.50	3.30-4.30
	Manga Club (School led - Mr Davis)	Y6	--	Lunchtime

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 and paid for via the Gateway app to secure the place.

Diary Dates



October

Monday 31st October

Inset Day – school closed to pupils



November

Tuesday 1st November

Children return to school

Tuesday 1st November

Warriors of Wellbeing starts – Y6

Tues 8th & Weds 9th November

Parent's Evening 3.30-6.30pm

Friday 11th November

Remembrance Day

Monday 14th November

Anti-bullying week – Odd Socks Day

Friday 18th November

Flu Vaccinations

Friday 18th November

Children In Need

Monday 21st November

Full Governing Body meeting

December

Friday 2nd December

Christmas Disco

Monday 5th December

EYFS Nativity

Wednesday 7th December

EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Thursday 8th December

KS1 Nativity

Friday 9th December

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

Monday 12th December

KS2 Carol Concert

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Movie Night

Friday 16th December

Last day of term.



Children return to school on Tuesday 3rd January

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.



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 2022-23



Autumn Term 2022

Term starts: Wednesday 7th September
Half Term: Monday 24th - Friday 28th October
Term ends: Friday 16th December
Christmas Holidays: Monday 19th December 2022 -

Monday 2nd January 2023

Spring Term 2023

Term starts: Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Half Term: Monday 20th - Friday 24th February
Term ends: Friday 31st March
Easter Holidays: Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023

Term starts: Monday 17th April
Half Term: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June
Term ends: Tuesday 25th July
Summer Holidays: Wednesday 26th July —Monday 4th September

Training Days—school closed to pupils

Monday 5th September, Tuesday 6th September

Monday 31st October

Friday 17th February

Monday 5th June

Autumn Term 2023

Term starts: Tuesday 5th September 2023

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 utmost importance. It is everyone's responsibility to safeguard our children but speak to one of the people below if you are worried.

<p>Mrs J Ferretti</p> <p>Headteacher</p> <p>Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p>Mr L Davis</p> <p>Deputy Headteacher</p> <p>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	
<p>Mrs S Lalli</p> <p>SENCO</p> <p>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>		<p>Mr M Eddies</p> <p>Year 1</p> <p>Online Safety Leader</p>	
<p>Mrs L Clarke</p> <p>Safeguarding Governor</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 ([MARE](#)).