



St Paul's C/E Infant School and Sure Start Children's Centre
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Headteacher's Newsletter – 12th September 2018

Welcome

I would like to welcome the new children and families who have joined us this school year. I hope we can work together so that all children make great progress both socially and academically. I hope that this first newsletter of the year will be helpful in providing information or reminding parents about St Paul's.

In Service Training Days (InSeT Days)

Schools must take 5 staff InSeT days each year for staff training. We had the first on Tuesday 4th September. Our next training day is Monday 1st September and so school will be closed for the children on this day.

We have another InSeT day on Friday 4th January, meaning the children will return to school after the Christmas break on Monday 7th January 2019.

The final 2 days will be during the summer term and I will let parents know these as soon as possible.

Jeans for Genes Day

We will be supporting the Jeans for Genes Charity on Friday 21st September so on this day staff and children may come to school wearing mufi (non uniform) in exchange for a £1 donation. As the theme is Jeans for Genes clothing should ideally be some sort of Jeans/Denim.

Individual School Photographs

The photographer will visit school on Monday 24th September. If you have more than one child in school we will make sure that they are photographed together and individually. If you would like your child photographed with a younger brother or sister we can accommodate this. We will arrange for these photographs to be taken first (around 9am) so please bring the younger child(ren) with you and wait in the community room (Off of the hall).

School Uniform

The children all look fantastic in their school uniforms but please can I ask you to check that all uniform is named and that children who have hair which is shoulder length or longer have it **fully** tied back in either bunches, a pony tail or plaits.

Please remember that all children need a PE kit in a drawstring bag – blue or black shorts and a red t-shirt. Children in Rowan and Elm Classes also need plimsolls or trainers and some track suit bottoms for outside games.

Jewellery and earrings

Please remember that children should not wear jewellery in school with the exception of small stud earrings for pierced ears. Earrings must be removed for PE and so if your child is not able to remove his/her earrings they should not be worn to school on PE days. (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)

Reminder – Dogs and Bikes/Scooters

As you know we promote healthy lifestyles and so we have made arrangements for those who leave the car at home and walk with their dog or arrive by bike or scooter.

We ask that dogs, bikes and scooters are not brought into the playground. The area for dogs is the grass area just by the steps, away from the path, and bikes and scooters should be taken around to the right of the school, where the shelter is just at the back of Elm Class. Please accompany children to the bike/scooter area and ensure that the gate is shut afterwards.

For health and safety reasons, please do not let your child ride his/her bike or scooter in the playground.

Website and Calendar

Please remember to check our website – www.stpaulstongham.com for information. It also has a calendar with lots of key dates. The calendar can be added to your phone/lpad calendars.

Key Rings on Book Bags

The children like to personalise their book bags using key rings which is fine and does help them to identify their bag when it is in a large pile but please can you ensure that it is just one key ring per bag.

Clubs

As last year, we will be running after school clubs for Rowan and Elm Classes.

After school, a Tuesday dance club (3-3.30pm) is available for children from Rowan and Elm Classes and on Thursday a multi skills club (3-4pm) is available for Elm Class children.

If your child would like to take part, please complete the slip below and return it to school by 9am on Monday 17th September. If you receive this newsletter electronically please feel free to e-mail me via head@stpaulstongham.com.

Places will then be allocated with clubs starting on Thursday 20th September. If, as expected, we have more demand than places we will split the groups so that they run alternate weeks.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

We have arranged sessions to enable parents of children new to Rowan and Elm Classes to meet the teachers as follows:-

Thursday 20th September – Miss Avery (Elm Class)– 2.30 – 2.55pm

Thursday 20th September – Mrs McGregor(Rowan Class) – 2.30pm – 2.55pm

These sessions will provide parents with the opportunity to meet the class teacher and hear more about what will happen through the year. We understand that some parents will be working and so copies of notes will be sent home for those unable to attend.

There will be a meeting for Beech Class parents on Tuesday 2nd October from 2.30 – 2.55pm. This will provide parents with the opportunity to find out more about Beech Class and the curriculum.

If you need to contact your child's teacher by email, please note that their email addresses are:-

Mrs Nicky Laxton nlaxton@stpaulstongham.com

Mrs Caroline James cjames@stpaulstongham.com

Mrs Jenny McGregor jmcgregor@stpaulstongham.com

Miss Sally Avery savery@stpaulstongham.com

Mrs Rachel Mason rmason@stpaulstongham.com

Rowan and Elm Classes – Word Rockets/Word Walls

If your child is in Rowan or Elm Classes and needs a replacement word rocket or word wall please let your child's teacher know, either by email or by noting it on the board at the entrance door in the mornings.

Friends of St Paul's

The Friends of St Pauls will have their first meeting of the school year on Tuesday 18th September at 8pm at school – all welcome.

The first coffee morning after drop off is on Thursday 13th September. All are welcome to stay (younger siblings welcome too) to have a drink, meet new people and find out more about the Friend's of St Paul's.

All the events that the friends run are volunteer dependant, therefore if you have any spare time to come along to meetings and events we would love to have you on the team. It's also a great way to meet other parents.

Child's Name _____

My child would like to take part in the after school dance club. (Tuesdays - 3pm – 3.30pm)

My child would like to take part in the after school multi skills games club.(Thursdays 3 – 4pm)

(Please delete as appropriate and return by 9am on Monday 17th September.)