



St Paul's C of E Infant School
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Headteacher's Newsletter – 25th September 2020

Harvest

Celebrating harvest and thinking of others is an important part of our year.

In past years we all went to church with harvest gifts and celebrated together with parents and family members invited too, but this year things must be different.

We will be celebrating harvest in school with each class in their classroom and Claire Holt at the vicarage all joining together remotely via Google Meet.

As with previous years, we join with the church harvest appeal and collect for the local charity "Step By Step" which supports young local homeless people.

I hope that you will support the appeal by sending your child into school with a non-perishable harvest gift, for example, tins, packets and toiletries between Monday 5th and Wednesday 7th October (a list of specific items that the charity prefer can be found below). The gifts will be put into boxes and then at the end of the week Claire will take these to the charity.

toothpaste/toothbrush	cooking sauces	marmalade/jam	noodles, pasta or rice
shower gel	shampoo	tinned meat or fish	cereals
oxo cubes	long life milk	couscous	long life fruit juice

We will be recording the Google Meet and will then be able to send the link to parents to watch and listen to. This is a first for us, so please bear with us – it won't be like a professional production!

School Places for September 2021

If your child is in Elm Class you will need to apply for a Junior School place. Please watch out for information from local junior schools regarding parent tours etc.

If you have a child who will be 5 between September 2021 and August 2022 you will need to apply for a school place.

Applications are made through the local authority. The websites open for applications early in November. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2021.

Visits to the School for parents whose children are due to start school next September

The pandemic means that we cannot offer visits as we did in the past. However I am very aware that when choosing your child's first school, visits really help many parents to make decisions.

To keep everyone safe, we will be offering appointments from 2.30-4.30pm on Tuesday 20th October. To do this we will need to close the school that afternoon at 2pm. (Tongham Daycare directors have kindly agreed that children who normally go to After School Club on a Tuesday will be able to attend from 2pm) The school will, of course, be thoroughly cleaned after the visits.

Please help us to publicise St Paul's by letting friends and family know. (Information sent as a separate attachment)

Uniform Policy

We have updated our uniform policy in light of the current pandemic and other feedback from parents and so please find the updated policy attached to the email.

The main changes are that children may wear grey or black skirts, trousers, shorts or track suit bottoms as uniform and that if a child has pierced ears and parents are happy with the level of risk their child may wear small stud earrings to school which, when the children are young, do not need to be removed for PE.

Children will not need separate PE kits in drawstring bags, but when gymnastics restarts, they will need a pair of shorts which they will keep in their trays in the classroom.

Reminders

School photos will be taken on Tuesday (29th September)

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