



St Paul's C of E Infant School  
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## Headteacher's Newsletter – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Thank you all so very much for your patience and support as we all get to grips with the live lessons and remote learning offer. There is such a lot for everyone to learn – staff, parents and children!

### Remote Learning Sessions for children at home

As you know, we are providing a number of live teaching sessions everyday via google classroom.

Please help us by ensuring the following:-

- All children dressed and logged on for 9.30am every morning for register\* and the first teaching session
- Please check (with your child) the announcements in his/her room(s) as the announcements contain details of the follow up work for each session.
- All to login at 10.30 every morning for assembly

If at all possible please can your child be sitting at a table and so that he/she can really concentrate on the learning, please no toys or eating during the live sessions. Please ensure that you are in the same room as your child or can at least see them from where you are. We are finding that some children concentrate better if they wear headphones with their own microphones or just plain headphones.

As you know the children at home join with those in school via the live sessions and so we suggest the following timetable:

Before 9.30am – get up, eat breakfast, get dressed

9.30 am – logged on for register and follow up activity

10.30am – assembly

*(There will be time for a snack and short time to play with toys either side of assembly)*

Late morning there will be a second live teaching session with times advised by class teachers

12 noon – 1pm – Lunch and time to play with toys

Afternoon (except Thursdays) – a live teaching session with times advised by class teachers.

Fridays at 2.30pm – live story time with the teacher (for this session it's fine to be on the sofa with younger and older siblings too if they would like).

There may be additional sessions that your child's class teacher lets you know about but whatever happens school will be finished by 2.45pm every day.

**\*If your child is unwell/not able to log in at 9.30am for some reason please let his/her class teacher know**

### **Certificates/ RM Easimaths for children at home**

We hand out and clap all children who achieve certificates in our Friday assembly. If your child achieves the next level of their RM Easimaths please email me and let me know and I can then add them to the list for the Friday assembly.

Other certificates will be printed and will be available to collect from the school office any time after the assembly.

### **Internet Safety**

At the moment in particular, the internet is really useful but it does have risks. Parents may find it useful to look at the guidance provided by Thinkuknow on behalf of the government/national crime agency ([https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/?utm\\_source=Thinkuknow&utm\\_campaign=c96a649dde-TUK\\_GLOBAL\\_12\\_11\\_20&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_0b54505554-c96a649dde-64898273](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=c96a649dde-TUK_GLOBAL_12_11_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-c96a649dde-64898273))

### **Friends of St Paul's**

As advised previously, we received additional donations from the parish council and from the Nisa, so along with all the hard earned funds raised there is enough for the next stage of the Trim Trail. Installation has started today so as soon as school is re-opened for all it will be ready for use.

The Friends of St Paul's Annual General meeting (AGM) is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 8pm via zoom so please do join us here -

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77957317009?pwd%3DTHNNQXN4Y3ByaTEwWjgzYmhuTEJLdz09&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1611065793982000&usg=AOvVaw0I8Mzu40u929vezOcdV3Zj>

### **Christmas Play**

Although this seems so long ago now, it was actually only less than 1 month ago.

If you would like to order a permanent copy in either DVD or USB please complete the form here - <https://forms.gle/RJEm8shmW3tQHqs3A> by Wednesday 20th January.

Helen Holdaway, in the office, will be sending out to secure payments next week.

### **Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium / Vouchers**

Although all children actually in school receive lunches free of charge, some families are entitled to income related free school meals or pupil premium.

You may have seen and heard on the news about the vouchers and/or food parcels.

At the moment, families entitled to income related free school meals can receive either a daily hot lunch or a weekly food parcel plus vouchers for the school holidays, although it seems that the government might change their minds again and provide vouchers for term time too.

If we do not already have your details and things have changed for you, meaning that you may now be entitled due to income, then please complete this so that we can provide the support - <https://forms.gle/g6vt9ydxKiPpktbe8>