



St Paul's C of E Infant School
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Headteacher's Newsletter – 12th March

Distancing in the Playground

Please help us all to stay safe by staggering at drop off and pick up.

Please think about wearing a mask.

The school start time for all classes is 9am and children can come into school any time from 8.50 – 8.59am

Beech Class (Mrs Laxton and Mrs James Class) can be picked up at anytime between 2.50 – 3pm. *So please, no Beech Class parents to arrive in the playground until 2.50pm at the earliest.*

Rowan and Elm Classes (Mrs McGregor and Miss Avery) can be picked up between 2.55 – 3.05pm *So please, no Rowan and Elm Class parents to arrive in the playground until 2.55pm at the earliest.*

Uniform

I hope that you received the email about uniform.

To confirm that we have permanently changed our uniform policy. This means that children can now wear grey or black leggings, trousers, skirts or jogging bottoms to school and trainers or school shoes every day. (These should not be laces unless children can manage laces themselves).

Reading at Home

When children learn to read, we teach first through phonics and you can help your child by going through the activities provided each week via their Google Classroom. Children who are at the reading stage where they need to use and practice phonics as the main way of reading have a login to Bug Club.

In Elm Class, when children are confident fluent readers and are starting to quiz using our accelerated reader system, children will bring books home and will not need to access Bug Club.

Plastic Folders/Book Bags

Until Covid restrictions are lifted a bit further children in Beech and Rowan classes will continue to use the plastic zip folders for their shorts and anything that needs to be sent home.

Elm Class children will now start to use their red St Paul's book bags.

Home Learning

All home learning ideas and class information is now sent out using your child's google classroom. We will also be using Google Classroom for Parent Teacher Meetings

New Parent Governor Needed

We are looking to recruit a new governor. More information on the role can be found at <https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx>. If this is something you might be interested in please let me know. Current governors include the following parents so they would be able to let you know what it involves - Mr Steven Stewart-Farmer, Dad to Chloe in Elm, Miss Louise Kennedy, Mum to Jack Oliver in Beech Class, Mrs Claire Yeates, Mum to Finlay in Rowan Class and Mrs Katy Wright, Mum to Maisie in Rowan Class.

Lateral Flow Testing

As you may know, school staff test twice a week. This provides an additional way for us to minimise risk as the tests help to identify anyone who may have the virus but is not displaying any symptoms.

As parents, you are also able to have Lateral Flow Tests to take at home. These can be ordered online for delivery, or collected from one of the walk in test centre sites.

(<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>)

These tests are not for children, but are for adults in the household. Completing these at home will help to identify any families who are asymptomatic and will help to reduce the illness spreading further and keep more people safe.

Friends of St Paul's/ Trim Trail

As you may know, The Friends of St Paul's were fundraising for the 2nd part of our Trim Trail. As we were unable to have any events last Summer we were behind with our fundraising efforts. However, with 2 kind donations - £500 from Tongham Parish Council and £1000 from NISA we have now been able to complete this work.

As we raised so much from your very generous donations for Christmas, we have been able to go ahead and use these funds plus some of the sports monies provided to schools to order the last part of the trail.

The Friends of St Paul's had their AGM and have started to plan for when Lockdown is over.

Comic Relief Day (19th March)

We haven't done very much since Covid to raise funds for others and charities and so have decided to raise funds for Comic Relief by taking part in Red Nose Day.

- "Donate to Dress Up" – non uniform day in exchange for £1 if you can afford to donate – as there is a superhero theme, maybe dress as your favourite superhero?
- "Nose and Spoon Races" – children will take part in races during the afternoon and will take home certificates. If you can afford to donate to the charity, the details and link will be on the certificate.

PE

There are 3 PE sessions every week, dance on Tuesdays, Games on a Friday and Gymnastics every other week.

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Dates for your diaries

Friday 19th March – Red Nose Dress Up Day – Donate £1 if you can

Tuesday 30th March – Class Photographs being taken

Thursday 1st April – last day of term – school finishes at 2pm

Monday 19th April – First day of Summer Term

Thursday 22nd April – Friends of St Paul's Meeting at 8pm

Monday 26th April – Parent Teacher Meetings using Google Classroom/Meet – 2.30 – 4pm

Tuesday 27th April - Parent Teacher Meetings using Google Classroom/Meet – 2.30 – 4.45

Wednesday 28th April - Parent Teacher Meetings using Google Classroom/Meet – 6-8pm

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June – Half Term

Saturday 10th July – Summer Fete (If Covid restrictions allow)

Wednesday 21st July – Last day of Summer term

Wednesday 1st September – Surrey first day of the Autumn Term (St Paul's closed for InSet day)