



St Paul's C of E Infant School
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Headteacher's Newsletter – 10th September 2021

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. We had the first on Wednesday 1st September. Our next training day is Monday 4th October and so school will be closed for the children on this day.

Individual School Photographs

The photographer will visit school on Tuesday 28th September. If you have more than one child in school we will make sure that they are photographed together and individually.

Pupil Premium

If, as a parent, you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, you may be entitled to additional financial support

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Eligible for Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and the household income (as used by HMRC to assess tax credits) is not more than £16,190. (Please note: anyone eligible for Working Tax Credit, or if you have a partner and they receive it, regardless of Income, you will not qualify)
- In receipt of the 4 week run on of working tax credit (this is where someone becomes unemployed or reduces their hours and so is no longer entitled to working tax credit but will continue to receive it for a further 4 weeks and is entitled to free meals during that time)
- Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned household income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

This is commonly known as entitlement to free school meals. All children in Key Stage 1 receive free lunches but for those who are pupil premium entitled, additional funding is provided to the school for us to support the children. Parents also receive financial support with other things such as trips and uniform. If we went into any sort of national or local lockdown it is likely that supermarket vouchers would be provided and the laptop/tablet loan scheme extended.

Please click here <https://forms.gle/U6TEc1fAYpa93ymK8> to complete the form.

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. This really does help prevent the spread of head lice.

Here is the link to the policies section of the website for the full uniform policy - <https://www.stpaulstongham.com/key-information/>

PE

Children have 3 PE sessions each week. Dance and games are whole class and gymnastics is ½ a class at a time, so children do dance and games weekly, and gymnastics every other week.

- Tuesdays – Dance – Children do not change for this session. They take part in whatever shoes and uniform they wear to school that day.

- Thursdays – Games – Children do not change for this session. They take part in whatever shoes and uniform they wear to school that day.
- Fridays – Gymnastics – Children take off their shoes and socks/tights as they do this barefoot and wear shorts.

School and Current Covid Guidance

In line with current guidance for schools, children are no longer in bubbles and can mix with other children. As you would expect, we continue to have good ventilation, meetings are either outside, in very well ventilated rooms or remote and we promote good hand washing and respiratory hygiene.

The government promotes twice weekly lateral flow testing for **all** adults. If you do not already test twice weekly you can order tests via this website - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

If your child has any of the following symptoms:-

- A high temperature – Feel hot to touch on the chest or back
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to the sense of smell or taste

Please do not send him/her into school and book a PCR test.

Contact Details for Class Teachers

Please do contact your child's classteacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Class teachers take the children into the playground at the end of the day and so parents can catch them there.

Parents can call the school before or after school times and if the teacher is not available a convenient time to talk can be arranged.

We have a facility to send a message to school via the website.

All teachers have email addresses which they will check at least once during their working day.

Mrs Nicky Laxton – nlaxton@stpaulstongham.com

Mrs Caroline James – cjames@stpaulstongham.com

Mrs Jenny McGregor – jmcgregor@stpaulstongham.com

Miss Sally Avery – savery@stpaulstongham.com

“Meet the Teacher” Sessions

Before Covid, these would have been in the classrooms. Last year we could only offer a video. This year, classteachers will record a short video session with class information. We will then have meetings outside in the classroom gardens for parents to come along to ask any questions. Parents who are unable to attend are welcome to send questions via email.

Tuesday 21st September – Miss Avery (Elm Class)– 2.35 – 2.55pm

Wednesday 22nd September – Mrs McGregor(Rowan Class) – 2.35pm – 2.55pm

Tuesday 28th September – Mrs James & Mrs Laxton(Beech Class) – 2.35pm – 2.55pm

Harvest

As we are trying to stay as “Covid safe” as possible we plan to have our harvest celebrations outside on the main playground (behind the school) on Tuesday 5th October at 9.15am. Our church, St Paul's in Tongham, supports the local charity Step By Step which supports young local homeless people at harvest time and we will be doing the same. Parents are welcome to join us on the playground for this event.

Please can children bring a non-perishable harvest gift to school, on Tuesday 5th October. These products work really well as harvest gifts:-

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

Nasal Flu Vaccinations for the children (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine>)

The school immunisations team will be in school on Friday 8th October. Please see the attached information or click here to read it online -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ueGPYiGrSOhw5Ac4ziJzKBt4W6QgsZ4V/view?usp=sharing>

Google Classroom

For parents with children in Elm and Rowan classes please remember to check your child's Google Classroom for weekly information from his/her teacher.

We will soon be able to provide these for Beech Class too.

Google Classroom will be used for 1-1 Parent Teacher consultation meetings.

Friends of St Paul's

The Friends of St Pauls are looking forward to getting going again. Please see their letter or click here to read online - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EisptZ4u-6dKxXZbxOXOXbzyvEJPF1iv/view?usp=sharing>

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/Ipad calendars.

These are some of the dates/events on the calendar:-

Monday 20th September – Friends of St Pauls Coffee Meet Up on the front playground after drop off

Tuesday 21st September – Elm Class “Meet the Teacher” Garden Meeting

Wednesday 22nd September – Rowan Class “Meet the Teacher” Garden Meeting

Friday 24th September - Friends of St Pauls Meet Up on the park after pick up

Tuesday 28th September – Individual and Sibling Group School Photographs

Tuesday 28th September – Beech Class “Meet the Teachers” Garden Meeting

Monday 4th October – InSeT Day – School closed for the children

Tuesday 5th October – 9.15am – Harvest Celebrations on the Playground – Parents Welcome

Friday 8th October – Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Friday 22nd October – Friday 29th October – Half Term (This includes an additional day in lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 3rd June 2022)

Monday 8th November – 2.30pm – 4pm – Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings

Tuesday 9th November - 2.30pm – 4pm – Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings

Wednesday 10th November – 6-8pm - Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings

Friday 17th December – Last Day of Autumn Term

Tuesday 4th January – First day of Spring Term