



**ST. PAUL'S C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER NO. 2  
27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, the weather seems to be changing and Autumn is approaching. I prefer the sunshine, but children amaze me in that they are happy to play out in all weathers. We will be trying our best to get them running around so a good coat is needed.

We have now completed our first Celebration Assemblies of the year and it was great to see the smiling faces of our 'Stars of the Week'. I did remind all the children that they are stars and are all special. With 33 weeks left, all the children will get an opportunity. Look out for the text.

A surprise package is arriving next week. It will appear in the playground. More information will follow after the arrival. Exciting times ahead.

And finally, I look forward to seeing you at Parent Consultations next week. If you have not got an appointment please contact the office who will be happy to help you out.

Mr. C. M. Thornton  
Head Teacher

### **'Star of the Week' Awards**

We held our Foundation/KS1 'Star of the Week' assembly on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September and the children below received their award:-

Pippa, Noah, Morgan, Sarraya, Mason, Ella, Mark, Zaydon, Theo, Ryan and Noah.

At today's 'Star of the Week' assembly, the following children received their award:-

Jude, Oliver, Jack, Jacob, Max, Rhiannon, Logan, Scarlett, Jaxon, Oliver, Connor, Kelsey, Summer, Harrison and Devon.

**Well done, everyone!**



### **School Places**

We currently have places in our Year 1 and Year 3 classes. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining St. Paul's School, could you please ask them to call the school office for more information.

### **Scarecrow Harvest Trail**

The Scarecrow Harvest Trail organised by The Friends of St. Paul's is being held on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> October from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the local surrounding streets.

Maps will be available on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October from the school office at £1 per map. This will also act as your voting card.



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Scarecrows will be available for you to judge on the Saturday and Sunday. Once you have made your decision, write your vote on the map and pop it in the post box which will be located on the school gate.

The deadline for entering a scarecrow is today (27<sup>th</sup> September). Thank you for your support.

## The Friends of St. Paul's

The Friends of St. Paul's would like to invite you to join their friendly team as more support is needed. The children benefit from money raised by The Friends, but the group may not be able to continue without your support.

The next meeting is on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September at 9 a.m. – please come to reception. Everyone welcome.

## School Clubs

We have places available in our Ukulele Club held on Wednesdays from 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. at a cost of £22 for the Autumn Term.



The Multi-Sports Club has places, too, on Thursdays from 8 - 8.45 a.m. at a cost of £11 for the Autumn term.

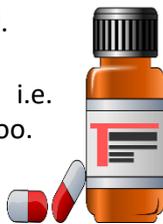
If your child is interested in joining either of these clubs, please pick up a letter from the school office.

## Medication

May we remind all parents/carers that children's medication must be signed in at the school office first thing in the morning. For the safety of your child, and other children in school, medication must not be kept in a child's bag. If you are unable to sign the medication in at the office, then please send a covering letter, giving full details of dosage, and ensure it is handed to the office or class teacher upon arrival at school.

Long-term medication, i.e. inhalers, must be signed in too.

We will ask you to complete a form just once and then the medication can be given on a daily basis without you having to call into the office regularly.



## Parent Governor Vacancy

Nominations are now being invited for the position of Parent Governor on our school's Governing Body.

Parent Governors play an important role as members of the Governing Body, which is responsible for directing the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards of educational achievement. The term of office for Parent Governors, as determined by the Governing Body, is 4 years.

You will need to be able to commit sufficient time. We are looking for someone who can take an active role, attend regular meetings, some of which may be during the day. Attendance at full Governors and Committee meetings each school term will also be expected.

Training is available for all Governors and those new to being a Governor are encouraged to attend induction training. All of our Governors are expected to follow the Code of Conduct.

If you would like to stand for election, please pop into the school office to pick up a nomination form which needs to be returned to the school no later than **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 (i.e. you must get two parent/carers to nominate you, and you must sign to state that you are accepting the nomination).**

Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school. Parents/carers being nominated are invited to provide some brief details limited to no more than 150 words, suitable for inclusion in a ballot paper should there be more than one nomination. More than one nomination will result in voting papers being sent out to all parents/carers with details of the ballot procedure.

If you need any further information, please pop into the school office and speak with Mrs. Glenn.

## Absence from School

We would like to remind all parents/carers, that if your child is absent from school due to illness, etc., the absence **must** be reported on a **DAILY** basis. Failure to do so could result in an unauthorised absence. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Before School Clubs

Can we please ask parents/carers to remain with their child/ren in the hall when bringing them to any of the before school clubs until the trainer arrives. Thank you.

## Parent Consultations

As you are aware, Parent Consultations are taking place on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October. If you have not yet made an appointment, please log on and make one as soon. If you have difficulties making the appointment, please call into the office to arrange a suitable date and time.



Thank you.

## Free School Meals

You will all be aware of the on-going constraints being forced upon school budgets recently. One area in which we can claim additional funding is through those pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals.

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically eligible for a free school dinner under the Universal Free School Meals initiative launched by the Government a few years ago, but some parents may not be aware that unless you 'apply' for Free School Meals through the Local Authority the school will not receive any additional funding.

Whether your child is in receipt of a universal school dinner (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) or in Years 3 to 6, if you are in receipt of any of the below benefits, please apply online [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschool](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschool) meals or by phone: 01926 359189 The decision is instant.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- During the initial roll out of the benefit, Universal Credit

We can offer support towards extra-curricular activities and you will receive a £25.00 uniform voucher for the Schoolwear Centre, per child. We are also offering an Android tablet (one per family on one occasion only, following your initial eligibility onto the Free School Meals register).

## Wellingtons

Do you have any old pairs of wellingtons your child has outgrown and no longer needs? Our Nursery are looking for some spare pairs (up to child's size 10) for wet playtime use. Please drop them into school if you can help. Thank you.



## Cinema Club

Kids Cinema Club is being held at Manor Court Road Baptist Church on the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (registration from 9.30 a.m.). The club is open to children in Years 1 to 6 (7 if with younger siblings). The cost is £5 for the year – one off payment. Popcorn, sweets and soft drinks are available to purchase.



The next screening is on **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October**. As this is a kids only club, there will be space for parents to relax in the adjacent lounge with

a coffee and paper whilst the film is on. All volunteers working on this project are vetted and DBS cleared.

## National Sealife Centre

The National Sealife Centre, Birmingham, presents Ascarium. Help the Sea Witch find the magic ingredients and claim your treasure from 12<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Pick up a voucher to claim 50% off for up to 5 people.

Meet Santa from 23<sup>rd</sup> November to 23<sup>rd</sup> December (included in your entry price). Voucher admits up to 5 people with 50% off the normal price.

Pick up a voucher from the school office.

## Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parent Consultations – 3.30p.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parent Consultations – 3.30 to 8 p.m.
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographs
Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Service
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Group of Year 5 children to YHA Castleton
Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half Term
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset Day
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire Disco (Year 1 to Year 6)
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Annual Health Needs Assessment
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Nasal Flu Immunisations
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Carols
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime in school
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Christmas Concert
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair – 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Carols
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Family Day
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> December to Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day
Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Young Voices
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SAT's
Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Creative Arts Evening
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Sports Day
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Foundation Sports Day
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Induction Day
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Celebration Evening
Tuesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Class Alder Leavers Evening
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Class Lime Leavers Evening
Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for the Summer Holidays



