

Friday 6th September 2024



St Paul's News



St Paul's Church of England Primary School vision :

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me' Matthew 19:14.

We are all equally important, listened to and loved by God.



Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you had a lovely summer, and managed to enjoy some quality time together as a family.

We have had a really lovely start to our first week back. The majority of children have come back and settled well into their new classes. I have been particularly pleased to see the attitude, manners and kindness shown around school. So a big well done to all the children and thank you to you, the parents/carers, for preparing them so well for their return.

This year, not only have we been joined by some new children, but we have also some new staff joining our team. We have a new teacher that has joined us in Lower Key Stage 2 to job share with Mrs Clarke, named Mrs Messenger. We also have a number of new support staff working throughout the school. In our Early Years department, we have been joined by Miss Rowley. In Key Stage 1 we have been joined by Miss Eykyn and Mrs Sharma.; in Lower Key Stage 2 by Mrs Jain and Mrs White. Finally, in Upper Key Stage 2 by Mr Turner. I am sure you will join with me to warmly welcome them into the St Paul's family.

I mentioned in the final newsletter before the summer, about the new Department for Education guidance 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance'. This was officially brought in over the summer holidays and is now statutory for all local authorities and schools to follow. This guidance is nationwide, so Warwickshire will now be doing exactly the same as every other local authority. Whilst this guidance is new, and it will take time for us all to see how this is actioned, please understand that the government are taking school attendance very seriously. As a school we work closely with the local authority's attendance team and **MUST** comply with this new guidance. If attendance is an issue due to the amount of absence, amount of times arriving late to school or unauthorised absences, particularly holidays in term time, action will be taken. The new guidance makes it clear that local authorities and schools must support families with attendance, but it also makes it clear that fines and legal action will be taken much more easily and the penalties and consequences will be considerably higher. So, I urge you to ensure your child is in school if well enough, they arrive on time and holidays are not taken in term time. Due to this new guidance we will have little power to stop any action taken on parents / carers if deemed appropriate.

Finally, can I please draw your attention to a memory walk that is taking place on Saturday 14th September. This is to support Childhood Cancer Awareness month, and is with Neve and others in mind. Please see attached flyer for more information.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Bown
Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

Ripple Prayers

Find a pond, a puddle or even just your bath. Drop a small stone into it and watch the ripples as they grow. Pray that God's kingdom would grow, and that you can create ripples too.



Parents Prayer Meeting

The next parents prayer meeting will take place on:

Tuesday 24th September 2024

The meeting will take place in the Breakfast Club Room at 9.00am. Everyone welcome!

Dinner Menus

Please find attached copies of Educaterers lunch menus for this term.

Pupils Moving from Year 2 to Year 3

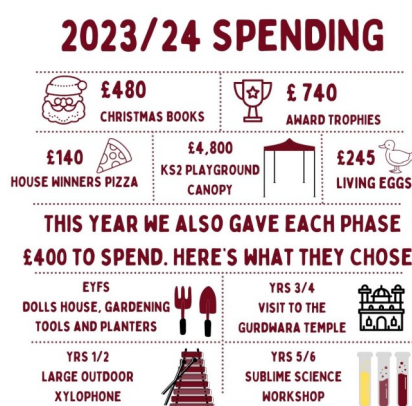
If your child has moved from KS1 to KS2 (Year 2 into Year 3) this is a reminder that from Year 3 children are no longer entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. Therefore, if your child will be having a school meal, you will be charged £2.65.

PTA

A big 'welcome' or 'welcome back' to school from the PTA. We hope you've had a great summer, and have had a great first week back. We hope all the new starters are settling in well.

PTA Meeting Monday 30th September 2024

The first PTA meeting of the new year (and the AGM) will be on Monday 30th September at 8.00pm. Please do come along if you would like to find out more about what we do, or if you have a small amount of time to spare to help the PTA raise much-needed funds for the school - we'd love to see some new faces. You can see below how much we raised last year and how we spent it.



Some dates for your diary:

Bags2School (see more info below) 8th November 2024

Second Hand Toy Sale 29th November 2024

Christmas Disco 13th December 2024

Bag 2 School

This is where you can bring in good quality, unwanted clothing, accessories and some household linen and the PTA will receive a donation, based on the amount that is collected on that day. You can use any bag to put unwanted items in or collect a bag from the school office the week before. A full list of items that are accepted can be found on the website along with more information about the scheme. They do not take school uniforms - <https://bag2school.com/>

Sent on behalf of the PTA Co-Chairs

Kate Murphy and Rachel Bowcutt

St Paul's C of E Primary School PTA Charity No. 505453



ST PAUL'S
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

For the latest news, please check out our Facebook page

FOOD BANK

We would like donations of instant mash, squash (smaller bottles), tinned vegetables, and washing up liquid. There is a box outside the school office where you can place your donations. Thank you.

Autumn Term Clubs

The list of clubs that we will be running this autumn term will be sent out later this afternoon for pupils in Years 1-6.

ATTACHMENTS AND LINKS TO ONLINE RESOURCES

- * Family Information Service Newsletter go to <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1219204-96fqcdqgps-1228292?e=3e5007f40c>
- * Special Edition Family Information Newsletter <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1228132?e=3e5007f40c>
- * Link to a padlet put together by EMTAS designed to support newly arrived/EAL families - <https://padlet.com/emtasadmin/warwickshire-support-networks-for-newly-arrived-families-17w1oinhjbndi0yc>
- * School Term Dates / Holidays 2024/2025
- * School Calendar Dates for 2024/2025
- * Educaterers Lunch menus
- * St Paul's Church Newsletter - September 2024
- * Neive's Walk flyer