



ST PAUL'S C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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in 2017 and 2018

We are offering 30 hours in the Nursery from September 2019



Your child can now have the opportunity of receiving high quality Early Years teaching for up to 30 hours. Please contact the school office to express an interest in this exciting opportunity.

Message from the Head Teacher

What an incredible weather climate we have been experiencing over the half-term break. Many of us have felt a real surge into Spring like activity. It has been lovely to see families out on walks and bike rides, generally playing outside and leading healthy outdoor activities together as a family.

I have been contemplating the results of the returned questionnaires and considering further how we can provide better experiences for our children at St. Paul's, as part of our ongoing journey.

There are those who have criticised a lack of clubs after school which in reality are dependent upon the staff's skills and expertise not to mention availability to provide such activities voluntarily in their own time. Some comments have referred to lunchtime care and provision. Which I am already addressing.

Many more parents have commented on the positive difference they feel St. Paul's is making to their child's confidence, learning experiences and happiness at school and especially the communication between school and home. Thank you.

I have spent the majority of the half-term break reflecting upon our vision (discussions were held with various stakeholders in the Autumn term) with reference to how much we have progressed over the last two years. I have also identified how the provision has had an impact both in the developing curriculum and with pupils' personal and social development. I am excited about the future prospects and hope parents will continue to support the hard work shared by everyone to ensure the children at St Paul's experience the best opportunities to succeed as responsible citizens able to make a positive contribution to society when they leave the school.

H J Henderson

Attendance

Spring Week 5 wc 11th February 2019

Week 5	Attendance
Lower Resource	100%
Upper Resource	100%
Reception	94.7%
Year 1	97.7%
Year 2	93.6%
Year 3	99.2%
Year 4	98%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	93 %
Overall last week	95.5%
Overall this term	95.8%
Overall this year	96.16%

Well done to both Resource Classes

48.3% of children achieved 100% attendance last half term.

I am sure as we welcome longer days of daylight and warmer times ahead that we can increase our termly attendance to be back in the 96% range by Easter.

Our aim is to achieve 96.5% - 97% across the year. Please help the school to support this goal wherever possible and try to arrange appointments out of the school day.

Thank you

Notifications:

- **Parking** - please do not drive onto the school drive unless by prior arrangement during busy times.
- **Earrings** - trialling plain gold or silver studs which are removed for physical activity.
- **Hair** - Accessories should be in keeping with school expectations and shaved/sculptured hair designs are not recommended for school.



Mental Health and Well-being



We are actively promoting healthy minds as well as healthy bodies to ensure our families have the opportunity to feel positive about themselves and each other.

In March we will be holding our termly parent evenings where you will be able to discuss the progress of your child.

Also, we will be having a mental health advisor from the Local Authority providing two short 15 minute talks surrounding mental health and wellbeing. The focus will be principally surrounding 'anxiety' and how this can be identified in children – *and yourselves* – and what can be done to build resilience and strategies to support those times when events in our lives can trigger these symptoms.

Primary School children are particularly vulnerable to experiencing trauma in their daily lives which, left un-addressed, can lead to mental health issues in the teens and early twenties. We are supporting many pupils at school for various symptoms of mental anxiety.

The advisor will also be available on these evenings for you to discuss any personal issues requiring further advice too. She will also be available at our next coffee afternoon (see below). I do hope to see more parents joining us at this social and very informal event.



Coffee/tea afternoon.



Come and have a relaxing *informal* afternoon -
No cost involved!

WHEN? -Friday 8th March

WHERE? -In School

WHAT TIME? – 2:00- 3:00 p.m.

Please inform school if you intend to join us.

School Environment

I have been asking the children what markings they would like to see on their playgrounds to further encourage positive social interaction at break times. I invited the children to send me designs which I have considered in our final decision. More seating areas will also be available on both Key Stages to enable children to play table top games as well. We are also looking to plant some more trees with a future vision of including Forest School within our learning provision at St. Paul's. Watch out for the eco club taking place soon with Mr Voaden.

OUTDOOR DEVELOPMENTS

1.The 'Daily Mile Track' is being installed on the school field over the next few days. Please be mindful of health and safety issues at school near the field. The track will enable pupils to increase their physical active learning in the wider aspect of the school environment. Please respect any barriers restricting access particularly from the Highlands entrance. (unfortunately this could not be carried out over the half term break) Thank you for your support in this matter. It should be completed during the week.

2. Following the engagement of pupil consultation and ideas, along with generous 'Parent Group' financial support, you will soon see the first phase of playground markings to encourage greater outdoor physical participation starting on the KS1 yard. Phase 2 will see the inclusion of more benches and seating areas for pupils to use for quieter activities when outside – including learning. Phase 3 will be increased markings on KS2.

WORLD BOOK DAY

7 MARCH 2019

The children are able come to school on World Book Day on Thursday 7th March dressed as a favourite Nursery Rhyme character or Traditional/Fairy Tale Character.

No face paints or hair dye.

RED NOSE DAY

On Wednesday 13th March we are holding a bake sale to raise money for Comic Relief. Please send in decorated biscuits and buns to sell after school on this day. On Friday 15th March children can dress in the theme of black and white with a splash of red with a voluntary donation of £1.00. No hair dye as above.

Immediate Future Dates:

- **Wed. 28th Feb – Year 5/6 CSI Workshop all day**
- **Wed. 28th Feb – Year 3 & 4 archery competition 3:30 – 5:00** Royton Hall Primary children selected by Miss Woolley
- **Tues. 5th March year 5 and 6 Handball competition 3:30 – 5:00 OAN (group selected)**
- **Thurs. 7th March – WORLD BOOK DAY – dress up as a favourite nursery rhyme/traditional /fairy tale character.**
- **Fri. 8th March – Informal parent chat in school 2:00 – 3:00** Mental health advisor available
- **Mon. 11th March Parent evening 3:30-5:30 p.m.** Mental health advisor available and providing two short talks about anxiety
- **Tuesday 12th March year 3 linking visit with Bare Trees at St. Paul's all day**
- **Wednesday 13th March – Diary of a Disciple year 5 with 'Ground Breakers'(Diocesan Christian Group)**
- **Wed.13th March Parent Evening 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.** mental health advisor available at 7:30 to provide short talk on anxiety