



10th December 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing with a few important updates as we come to the end of our Autumn Term 2021.

Development of the outdoor provision at St Paul's

We are really excited to share that in the new year, work will be commencing on our school site to create a variety of opportunities for outdoor play, learning and physical activity for your children. We have asked our pupils what provision they would like to have at St Paul's, taken their ideas and are now making them a reality!

We have made plans for the following to be constructed on our school site:

- Adventure trim trail in the main playground
- Five piece outdoor gym zone
- Communication and language zone with a story telling chair and seating
- Spiritual garden with Gazebo
- Performance stage with chalkboard and picnic benches

During this period of development, please can I ask that you to take care on the school site as there may be some short-term disruption to usual routines and procedures whilst the work is being undertaken.

We will aim to let parents know as soon as possible if any areas of the school site are to be avoided and we really do appreciate your support and understanding. The work is due to start on the 4th January- the day that we return to school following the Christmas holidays.

Staffing update

I would like to share that Mrs Darbyshire and Miss Galtress will be leaving us after Christmas. May I take this opportunity to say a heart-felt thank you to both of them from all of the staff and pupils for their hard work and dedication to the St Paul's community over the years. We wish them all the best in the future!

We will also be welcoming two new teachers to our staff team in January. Mr H. Raheem will be our new Class Teacher for Class Manningham (Year three) and Miss L Dembickjy will be our new Class Teacher in Class Saltaire (Year four).

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Some of our pupils have already met the new staff members and they will both be coming in to school next week to spend some time with their new classes and join in some festive activities with them.

Parents of pupils in year three and four will have the opportunity to meet the new teachers at the spring term parent consultations. Details of this will be sent out early in the new term.

Christmas events

Despite growing concerns due to the Omicron variant, we are continuing to provide opportunities for your children to enjoy the festive season. We have lots of exciting events planned for next week, including the Christmas fayre, performances, 'bouncy treats', school discos and creative sessions too.

Please keep a close eye on Classdojo for updates about our special Christmas events next week.

We do understand that the contingency plans that have been put in place to keep us all safe have at times been frustrating and disappointing for everyone. Please be re-assured that we continue to be guided by the Local Authority and UKHSA and aim to keep our school community safe by keeping the welfare of our pupils, families and staff at the centre of all of our decision making. Our staff have really appreciated the words of kindness and support that have been offered by lots of our parents- this means a great deal to us!

Once again, I would just like to say how wonderful it has been this term to be able to re-introduce opportunities for your children to come together as a school community at breaks, lunchtimes, during collective worship and also during our special 'rainbow days'. As we look to next year, we are hopeful that we will be able to extend this further and invite parents and wider families to come in to school and share these moments with us.

Please can I remind all Parents/ Carers that if you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01274 679183 and we will be happy to help.

Yours Sincerely

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