St Paul's C.E. Primary School Newsletter July 2022



Message from Mrs Palmer

I am writing to you for the final time before we break up for the summer holidays. On behalf of myself and the staff team, I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

I believe that as a school community, we have all had a challenging year but we have achieved a great deal too!

To name a few things; we have begun to develop our school site with a trim trail, story-telling chair and outdoor gym that our pupils love to use.



We have also planted trees in our spiritual garden and designed decorations for the pergola in our DT Rainbow day.

Our year six pupils worked really hard to achieve some great results in our SATS assessments and the whole school performed at St Paul's Church in a beautiful adaptation of the Easter folk tale- 'The Three Trees'. We also started the St Paul's 'Our Bradford' Curriculum across the whole school and introduced our colourful school families–linked to our new core values and vision.

Residential trips were run in years four, five and six and we had lots of exciting educational visits to some wonderful places. It certainly has been busy and I am sure that next year will bring lots more adventures! Please find below lots of useful information for the next academic year. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

We look forward to welcoming all of our pupils in back to school on **Wednesday 7th September** and our new Reception class will be attending for morning or afternoon sessions for the first three days.

Finally, we would like to thank you all, once again, for your continued support and kindness. Have a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again in September. Mrs C Palmer

Headteacher

Arrival to school in September

Current Class	In September	Class Teacher	Entrance for drop off in am and pm pick up	Classroom
N/A	Class Wibsey (Reception)	Miss Riley	Early years entrance	Current Reception classroom
Reception	Class Keighley (year 1)	Miss Briggs	current year 1	current year 1 classroom
Year 1	Class Shipley (year 2)	Mrs. Burke	current year 2 entrance	current year 2 classroom
Year 2	Class Manningham (year 3)	Mrs Raja	current year 3 entrance	current year 3 classroom
Year 3	Class Saltaire (year 4)	Mrs Speight	current year 4 entrance	current year 4 classroom
Year 4	Class Howarth (year 5)	Mr Verma	current year 5 entrance	current year 5 classroom
Year 5	Class Little Germany (year 6)	Mr Mackinnon	current year 6 entrance	current year 6 classroom

The school day

Timings:

For pupils not attending breakfast club, you will be able to enter the school site from **8:35am until 8:40am**. Collective worship will begin at **8:45 am prompt**.

Breakfast Club:

If your child attends breakfast club, they should enter the building at the current year five/ six entrance, on the main playground.



Late pupils:

Children must arrive promptly at their classroom doors by **8:40 am**. At 8:40 the gate at the top of the playground will be locked. If pupils arrive after this, they will need to go to the school office. Pupils should be dropped off at the office and a member of staff will take them to their classroom or to the hall for collective worship.

Lunchtimes:

Children can choose to bring a packed lunch from home or have a dinner prepared by school. The school lunch choices will be sent home to parents and can be viewed on the school's website. We would ask that as usual, children bring a water bottle each day; this must be clearly labelled with their name and is for their use only. In September, we will continue to use the school hall for pupils to eat their dinners.

End of the school day:

Pupils can be collected from **3:10-3:15pm Monday-Thursday and 1:05-1:10pm on Fridays.** Classroom doors will be clearly marked so that parents know which door to use. If your child walks home on their own, they can continue as they usually would and they will leave classrooms at **3:15pm.** We ask that parents be patient during home time routines as staff want to ensure pupils leave their care safely.

After School Clubs:

We will be continuing with our full offer of after school clubs from the autumn term for children in Years 1-6. The clubs will be available Monday-Thursday from 3:15-4:15. Reception pupils will be able to attend clubs later in the school year. More information about the after school clubs will be sent home when the autumn term begins.

Collective worship:

In September, we are continuing to start each school day with Collective Worship. The worship has a different theme every day -reading and singing for example and is a great way for all pupils and staff to come together as a 'St Paul's Family'. Commencing in October, we will have parents in school for our family celebration assemblies. We can't wait to see you all then!

School information

Uniform:

Children should wear school uniform when they return in September and we feel that it is beneficial to all if they continue to come to school in their PE kit on their PE day. This saves time changing and ensures more lesson time. PE days will be confirmed on our return in September. Items of uniform with the new school logo are currently available from MyClothing.com or MadDuck embroidery. Rawcliffes hope to have the new uniform in stock soon. Pupils can still wear uniform with the old logo.

Equipment:

In September, please can pupils bring <u>school book bags only to take home and return reading books.</u> We have limited space inside the building and our lockers do not safely store larger bags. As our pupils now wear their PE kit to school, additional PE kit bags do not need to be brought in. Any educational resources that your child needs will be provided by school; they **do not need to bring in pencil cases or stationery.** Children in Years 5 & 6 should only bring mobile phones into school if this is **absolutely necessary**, these should be handed to the teacher each morning and can be collected at the end of the school day.



Friday afternoons

School –led tutoring will be taking place on a Friday afternoon for lots of pupils across school. More details will be shared in the new term.

We will continue to offer childcare for those families who require their children to remain in school on a Friday afternoon. Childcare places are limited and are currently only available to families where both parents work.

If you do not currently use this provision but would like to apply for a place, please contact the school office for an application form.

Attendance

In September, our usual attendance procedures will be in place. This includes recording attendance and following up any child absences by phone calls and home visits, if necessary.

As usual, if your child is ill and will not be attending school, please contact the school office using either phone or email.

Miss Moore will be conducting more focused work to improve the attendance of our school community, in line with the government drive to ensure that pupils are in school and on time.

. With that in mind, our new aspirational target will be for the school to achieve **97%** attendance next year. WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



We will be running incentives in school to support this drive and hope that you will continue to support us so that we can work in partnership for the good of our pupils.

Support with food during the summer break

St Paul's Church will continue to support families, regardless of income, with food parcels or sign posting to other organisations. For further information please contact 01274 676359.

Swimming Lessons

Year 5 will commence swimming lessons on the 7th September 2022 (first day back after half term) Children will be required to bring the following on their swimming day: one piece swimsuit or swim shorts, goggles (if required) ,towel, long hair must be tied back and jewellery must be removed before the lesson

Summer Reading Challenges.

Your child will be coming home with information about a Summer Reading Challenge and it would be great if they could participate! There will be 2 kindles as prizes (one for each key stage) and everyone that enters will also get a small prize. Let's keep reading over the summer so that we're 'raring to go' in September!

