



### Welcome Back

I would like to begin this first newsletter of the year by welcoming you all to the new school year. An extra special welcome goes to all those new children (and families) who are now part of St Paul's family for the first time! The new term has started well and the children are settled into their new classes. It always impresses me how confidently the children return- even our youngest learners were busy and engaged within minutes of our doors opening.

All information regarding school is available on our website: [www.stpaulscephprimary.com](http://www.stpaulscephprimary.com); further information is also sent in texts and on ClassDojo where appropriate.

We have lots of exciting lessons and activities planned for this term which we are sure the children will thoroughly enjoy.

We continue to reflect on the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II and have been talking to the children in Collective Worship each morning with our special thoughts, memories and prayers.

We have an important role to play in providing support and reassurance to our students and school communities during sad times such as these and continue to provide these opportunities throughout the school day.

### Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

With the sad news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen, we know that adults and children across the district will be affected and mental health support may be vital at this time as people struggle with feelings of loss and grief. A reminder of some of the key services available:

- **First Response**
- **Mind in Bradford**
- **My Living Well**

Queen Elizabeth II  
1926-2022



**Gracious God, we give thanks  
for the life of your servant Queen  
Elizabeth,  
for her faith and her dedication to duty.  
Bless our nation as we mourn her death  
and may her example continue to inspire  
us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

### Staffing Update

Our Business Manager, Miss Wassell, is leaving St Paul's at the end of the month. We wish her well in her new HR role and thank her for her service to the St Paul's community. We would also like to welcome two new members of staff to our team. Miss Osbourne, is our new Business Manager and Mrs Saiao is our Interventions teacher and will be working across school.



## Recent class trips

Years 1,4, 5 and 6 have enjoyed class trips over the last two weeks to Keighley, Saltaire, Haworth and Little Germany. These trips form part of St Paul's 'Our Bradford' curriculum which help pupil's to enhance their learning and brings to life their class names.

The remainder of classes within school will be completing their visits over the coming weeks.



## Secondary School Applications

The online system is now open for Year 7 applications. If your child lives in the Bradford District, you should apply through the online admissions system between 12 September 2022 and 31 October 2022. If your child is currently in Year 6, but was not born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012, please contact the Admissions Team for a paper application form. If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (**EHCP**) please do not apply through the online system, you will be sent a separate letter and preference form by the SEN team.

If you require any assistance making an application for your child please contact the school office and Miss Moore will be happy to help.

## Open Morning and Macmillan Fundraiser

All parents/carers are invited to join us on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October for our Open Morning.

Parents and guardians will be invited to come into school and visit their children in their classrooms, to see how we teach reading (please see further information box about Reading at St Paul's).

We will also be selling refreshments during the morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and would like to invite any keen bakers to bring donations of baked goods on the morning for us to sell. If anyone is able to provide some baked goods for the sale may we please ask a list of ingredients is included with the items for allergy awareness. **Please be reminded we are a nut free school** and cannot accept any items which may contain or have been in contact with nuts.



## Safety around the school site

As we start a new school year, we would like to remind families that are dropping off or collecting children to use our designated crossing areas and park safely.

Please remember:

- No parking on single or double yellow lines
- No double parking
- No stopping, dropping or parking on the School Keep Clear yellow zig zags
- No parking on corners or junctions especially near the school entrances
- Please do not block driveways



### Permission to walk home from school

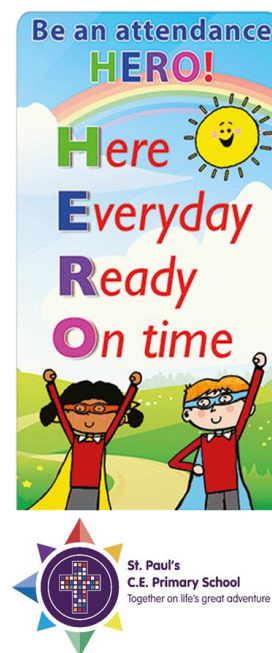
Children in Year 5 and Year 6 are allowed to walk home from school unaccompanied if we have written permission from their parent/carer. Please contact the school office if you require a copy of this consent form.



### Attendance

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to the 188 children who have attended every day so far this term. As a school we aim for a whole school attendance figure of 97%, our current whole school attendance is 96.8%. We understand there are times when your child may be ill and cannot attend and as a school we will support children to miss any work they may have missed out. Unfortunately we continue to have families taking their children out of school during term time for holidays and this has a big impact on the children and the other pupils in class.

***Please be reminded any unauthorised leave of absence during term time can lead to a fine being issued, this can also include days off from school where no acceptable reason has been provided.***



### Harvest Collection

We will be collecting for the St Paul's Church Food Bank as part of our Harvest Celebrations on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

If you are able to bring an item, we would be very grateful for donations of dried or tinned foods to be brought to school on this date.

Within school we will be celebrating harvest within our Collective Worship and during lesson time.



### School uniform donations

We will be starting a termly 'Pre-loved' Uniform Shop/Exchange in the near future.

If you have any good quality, washed second-hand uniform please could you send it in to school from during week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> October.

If we have enough stock, we will then have our first shop/exchange prior to the half term.

Thank you





Changes to how we teach Reading at St Paul's.

### EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Year 3

We have recently purchased a new Early Reading Scheme called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. This is to bring our reading approaches in line with the new guidance about how to teach children to read. Little Wandle Letters and Sounds is a systematic synthetic phonics (SSP) programme. Year 3 will spend the first term consolidating their phonetical awareness which will support them in becoming fluent readers.

#### **There are two types of reading books that your child will bring home:**

- A reading practice book – Collins Big Cat: This will be at the correct phonic stage for your child. They should be able to read this fluently and independently.
- A sharing book: Your child may not be able to read this book on their own, as it is not fully decodable and may not match their exact phonics level. This book is for you both to read and enjoy together.

#### **The Reading Practice Book: Big Cat Books**

This book has been carefully matched to your child's current reading level. If your child is reading it with little help, please don't worry that it's too easy – your child needs to develop fluency and confidence in reading. Please ensure you listen to them read the book. Remember to give them lots of praise – celebrate their success! If they can't read a word, read it to them. After they have finished, talk about the book together.

This reading book will need to be in school every day, ready for our reading sessions.

We recommend that children read for 5-10 minutes each night. Please can you continue to record this reading session in your child's reading record.

#### **The Sharing Book: Oxford Reading Tree, Songbirds, Bug Club or Library book**

In order to encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that they learn to read for pleasure. The sharing book is a book they have chosen for you to enjoy together. Please remember that you shouldn't expect your child to read this alone. Read it to or with them. Discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next, use different voices for the characters, and explore the facts in a non-fiction book. The main thing is that you have fun!

#### **In School:**

During school, your child will read with an adult. This will be in either a small group or 1:1. An adult will write in your child's reading record with advice on how you could further support your child.

#### **Support for Parents:**

These three videos (link below) show you how to pronounce the sounds. Notice how the children don't add an 'uh' sound at the end, so they say: 't' not 'tuh'. Use the downloadable information to help your child remember how to write their letters and say their sounds.

Further Support can be found via this link: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

The resources on the above link will also help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful which demonstrate how they are taught phonics and reading at school. You will also receive a home learning sheet which shows you the graphemes your child has been working on with words and sentences that your child could practise reading.

**KS2 Reading:** In KS2 children will be provided with two books. The first is their Accelerated Reader book, this book is a book that matches your child's reading level. Please do not worry if your child can read their book fluently, as in KS2 children are developing their comprehension skills and understanding of what they have read, not just their fluency. Children then take a quiz after they have finished their book to assess whether they have understood what they have read. The other book children are provided with is a library book, this may be from the school library or their class reading area. This book is selected by your child and is used for whole class reading and to develop a love of reading!

If you require any further information don't hesitate to contact the office.



## Christmas Fayre!

We fully appreciate that families are all feeling the extra financial demands of rising fuel, food and heating costs and have considered this when making our plans for the Fayre and making requests for donations.

To prepare for our Christmas Fayre we would like to hold 3 non uniform days during the coming months in exchange for items towards the stalls (more information will follow later in the term)  
All families are reminded there is no expectation to make donations or contribute towards charity collections in school.

We will be holding the first non-uniform day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022. If you are able to contribute, we kindly ask for any donations towards our prize tombola stall  
e.g unwanted gifts, bottles of toiletries etc.



**CLASSES FROM £5.00**

*AE Performing Arts Academy*

**CLASSES...**  
**MUSICAL THEATRE • STREET DANCE**  
**CONTEMPORARY • CHEERLEADING**  
**LITTLE DIVAS • FLEXIBILITY**  
**BALLET • COMPETITION CLASSES**  
**OVER 18S • PRIVATE LESSONS**  
**ADULTS DANCE**

- HIGHLY EXPERIENCED TRAINED FACULTY
- ANNUAL SHOWS & COMPETITIONS
- PERFORMING AT WEMBLEY AND LONDON STADIUM

07956 797214  
abigailengland26@hotmail.com  
AE Performing Arts Academy

ADDRESS:  
Reevy Road West,  
Buttershaw BD6  
Bradford • UK



**YSD**  
YOUTH SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

**TOTS SPORTS SESSIONS**  
18MONTHS-3 YEARS  
FUN MULTI SPORTS SESSIONS

**MINI KICKERS**  
3-6 YEARS OLD  
Fun Football sessions

**GIRLS FOOTBALL CENTRE**  
SCHOOL YEARS 2-6 (Beginners - advanced)  
high quality football sessions

**ELITE FOOTBALL CENTRE**  
SCHOOL YEARS 2-6  
Specialist coaching for all abilities

LEEDS UNITED ACADEMY

www.youthsportsdevelopment.co.uk  
ross@youthsportsdevelopment.co.uk 07917416842 @youthsportsdevelopment

## Dates for your diary

### September

- 23 Year 2 Trip to Shipley
- 27 Year 3 Trip to Manningham

### October

- 04 Collection for St Paul's foodbank
- 14 Open morning and Macmillan Fundraiser
- 17 Whole school flu immunisations
- 21 Non-uniform day- prize tombola donations

