

# St Paul's C.E. Primary School Newsletter March 2024



Through the love of God, we protect our school community. Together we trust, hope, persevere and flourish on life's great adventure.

## Events in school this half term

#### Movie night

We held our first movie night this half term and this proved to be very popular!
Pupils watched the film 'Hop' and enjoyed hot dogs and popcorn.
We raised nearly £200 at this event and look forward to our next fundraising event in school.



## Decorate an Easter egg/bonnet

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's competition. Once again the entries were all amazing and our judges- both parent governors- had a very difficult time choosing the winners!







## **Living eggs**

Reception class had some very special visitors this month. Children were able to watch the chicks hatch and then help look after them before they moved onto their new homes.



#### Islamic relief clothes collection

Thank you to everyone who donated bags of clothes and textiles towards this worthy cause



#### **World Book Day**

We were joined by visiting author, Deane Narayn who shared his wonderful book 'The loving Earth' with us. This year's theme was focused on the environment and it was great to see everyone's creativity with their costumes. We also hosted 'The scholastic book fayre' and raised £75 to spend on books for our library!

#### **Road Safety**

Pupil's across all year groups took part in various sessions focusing on pedestrian safety. Pupils learnt to identify safe and unsafe places to cross, understand the dangers of crossing between parked cars and understanding the dangers of crossing the road near junctions. The pupils enjoyed the practical focus of these sessions and passing on their knowledge to friends and families

## Sports UK Football

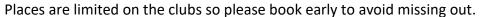
A group of pupils represented St Paul's C.E. Primary School at the Sports UK football festival. The tournament was held at Swain House Primary School and involved 8 other primary schools in the Bradford district. Our team from year 3&4 narrowly missed out on a place in the final and all pupils were praised for the excellent behaviour and team spirit-well done!



## Holiday Activities

Children on benefits-related free school meals are eligible for a free place at a HAF holiday club during the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays.

HAF clubs provide free fun activities and a healthy meal for eligible children, including children with SEND or additional needs.



To book visit: https://bradford.haf.fun/login

## Sponsored athlete visit update

Following on from our sponsored athlete visit earlier in the school year, we have now purchased equipment to enhance sports provision for lessons and sociable times eg at Rainbow Squad, breaks and lunchtimes. We asked our pupils what they would like and were able to choose a wide range of equipment including orienteering resources, a swing ball, parachutes, rounders bats and balls, stop watches, activity kits, tennis and football equipment and flying discs. In total we spent £1251- Thank you again to everyone who took part in the event and made this possible!

# Families and Young Persons Information

FYI are an impartial service offering advice, information and signposting to children, young people and families within the Bradford district. Here you can find information and advice pages for all aspects of family life, a service directory and a guide to local activities and events. Visit: https://fyi.bradford.gov.uk/



## Increased school meal costs

Our catering contractors, FM Catering, have informed schools that as From Monday 8th April 2024, the price of school meals for pupils will rise to £2.30, this includes a main meal/sandwich option and a pudding.



Details of the new lunch menu can be found online at: https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk/

## Late arrivals

Please be reminded that school starts at 8:40am prompt.

Since returning to school on the 19th February there have been a total of **60 children** arriving late to school, collectively missing a total of **70 hours and 12 minutes** of learning time.

- · If a child is late they miss important information about the days activities.
- · A child that is late will miss school work.
- · Children that arrive in good time for registration are able to talk to their friends before school and settle into the school day with them.

EVERY MINUTE	COUNTS 💯
MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY	3.4 DAYS 98.4% ATTENDANCE
10 MINUTES A DAY	6.9 DAYS 97.6% attendance
15 MINUTES A DAY	10.3 DAYS 94.6% ATTENDANCE
20 MINUTES A DAY	13.8 DAYS 92.9% ATTENDANCE
30 MINUTES A DAY	20.7 DAYS 89.22 ATTENDANCE

We understand there may be times when a late arrival is unavoidable however, this should only ever be due to genuine unexpected circumstances.

We will continue to write to all parents of pupils who persistently arrive late to school with details of additional monitoring we will be putting in place. This is to ensure that our families have the correct support and together we can address reasons for repeated late arrivals.

## Attendance

As a school we aim for a whole school attendance figure of 96%, our current whole school attendance is 94.5%.

We understand there are times when you child may be ill and cannot attend and as a school we will support children to miss any work they may have missed out.

Here Everyday Ready On time

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 e.g repeated illness without evidence or consistent late arrivals.

## Rainbow Squad

Our Rainbow Squad childcare provision is now fully up and running. We have crammed in a lot of exciting activities this half term and have enjoyed Easter themed crafts, football and indoor hockey.

The Rainbow Squad childcare is available every Monday to Friday, 3:10pm to 5pm at £6 per day.

To reserve a place contact the school office.



Family law <u>solicitors</u> (<u>Divorce</u>/separation, Financial matters, children, DV, care proceedings & more)

#### Free

tea/coffee

Family Navigators: to provide early help, information, advice and signpost to the right services.

Emergency food parcels, furniture, uniform, support with mental health, teenage issues, domestic abuse & more

Every Thursday 9.30 – 11.30 am @ TFD Centre, Broadstone Way, Bradford , BD4 9BU.

#### Incommunities

Money Matters - free, confidential support to all locommunities customers with UC, debt, bills, money, benefits, budgeting, furniture, utilities, loans and food. Come & join us for a friendly chat

#### **DWP Supporting Fam-**

ilies - employment work coach, Universal Credit, benefit enquiries and debt support.



# Dates for your diary

## April

08 School reopens

12 EID themed lunch

18 Reception and Year 1 flouride applications

22 Whole class photographs

## May

06 School closed for Bank Holiday

13 Year 6 SATS week

21 School closes for half term



