

St Paul's C.E. Primary School Newsletter May 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

Year 3 Trip Murton Park

Year 3 visited Murton park in April and spent the day living and working in a prehistoric village. Pupils got involved in making early types of clay pottery and finding out which crops grew and how grain was ground to make flour. They tried their hand at prehistoric art, studied objects and artefacts and learnt the essential skills of hunting.



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EYFS new play equipment

Our Reception playground makeover has continued with the addition of some fabulous new play equipment which the children are thoroughly enjoying!



EID celebrations

To celebrate Eid al-Fitr we had a special themed lunch in school on Friday 12 April. Children enjoyed a range of delicious foods.

We also held a sweet sale in the playground and sold out within 5 minutes of opening the stall!



Changes to structure of the school day

Thankyou to everyone who completed the recent feedback form regarding changes to the structure of the school day. We received a lot of votes for both options however the majority choose option 1. Feedback was shared with the board of governors for their review and we can confirm from September 2024 we will be progressing with option 1:

- Adjust the start time of the school day from 8:35 to 8:30, Monday to Friday
- Adjust the finish time of the school day from 3:15 to 3:20, Monday to Thursday
- Adjust the finish time of the school day from 1:10 to 1:45 on Fridays

myHappymind open morning

Parents and carers are invited to visit their child's classroom between 8:45am and 9:15am on the 1st July 2024 to learn more about how we have embedded the myHappymind programme into the school day.

If you have more than one child in school there will be the opportunity to visit more than one class during this time.

We hope to see lots of parents on this day!

Rockstar Day

On the 07 June 2024 we will be hosting a Rockstar day in school. On this day, we would like children to come to school **dressed as a Rockstar, to link with TTRockstar Maths**! During the school day we will be having Maths battles with friends and staff to become the ultimate Rock Legend!



Pupils can also get the Rockstar look on the day with a special glitter tattoo for 50p.

As our Year 4 pupils have the multiplication check in June and have been working extra hard with their times tables, they will also have the opportunity to win a guitar! This fantastic prize will be awarded to the year 4 pupil who engages most with TTRS over the period 21st May to the 6th June at 6pm. Medals and a trophy are also available for pupils in Years 2- 6 for the top two participators in the class during this time.

Staff

Prior to our transition morning, on 3rd July, we will be updating pupils and parents with staffing arrangements for September 2024.

During the transition morning our pupils will be spending time in their new classrooms with their September staff and our Year 6 pupils will be visiting their high schools. Transition day allows pupils to spend time with the staff they will be working with

and also get used to the new rooms they will be based in.

As we are a small family school, our pupils regularly see all staff and will already be familiar with their new teacher. Transition day will further support these relationships by giving pupils time to ask any questions they may have about the new school year.



Miss Natalie Stanton left St Paul's as a support member of staff recently and we wish her well in her future career. Thank you to our trainee teachers Mr Dagi and Mr Hamid who have worked with us this year across different classes, we wish them both all the success in their teaching careers. Thank you for all of their hard work.

Mrs Riley- Beck had her baby girl at the end of April. Congratulations to the whole family!

Late arrivals

Please be reminded that school starts at 8:40am prompt. Since returning to school on the 08 April there have been a total of **68 children** arriving late to school, collectively missing a total of **105 hours and 8 minutes** of learning time. Please be reminded parents may be referred to Bradford Council for consideration of a fixed penalty notice fine or legal action if unauthorised absence due to lateness remains at an unacceptable level.

Sports Day and Summer Fayre

Sports day and summer fayre arrangements

Our Sports Day will be held on 23 July 2024. We are planning an exciting day packed full of great sporting activities and would like to welcome parents/carers to come along and cheer on their children and maybe even take part in our adult races!

Sports day will be held at the local cricket field between 9am and 12pm. We will send further information regarding specific times for parents to come and watch their children's events shortly.



Our Summer fayre will be on 12 July 2024 and is being planned by all of our pupils on a special 'Enterprise Day'. Each class is responsible for organising an element of the fayre eg crafts, games and food to help raise money towards our school funds. We are now selling entry tickets on ParentPay to the fayre priced at £2 per family (maximum 2 adults and 3 children) the entry ticket will also be your entry into the prize raffle we will be holding on the day.

To help prepare for the fayre we will be holding a Non-uniform day on Friday 05 July and would kindly ask that all children bring a donation towards our tombola stall on this day.

Free School Meal Uniform Allowance

If your child is currently in receipt of <u>income based</u> free school meals you are eligible to receive 1 embroidered jumper **or** cardigan, 1 embroidered polo and 1 family hoodie free of charge each academic year.

This year we will be issuing vouchers in July for eligible families to exchange at Rawcliffe's uniform shop for one cardigan or jumper and one polo shirt.

If you would like to also order a family hoodie a jot form link will be sent to FSM eligible families during week commencing 03 June 2024 for your orders.

If you do not currently receive income based free school meals, but feel you may qualify, please apply online at:

https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals/._Once we receive confirmation of your eligibility we can then order your free uniform.

Summer school uniform

Please may we remind parents/carers to ensure children bring a water bottle to school and provide a sun hat for play times.

Please be aware we are unable to apply sun lotion to children and would ask that if this is required, parents apply it to their child before arriving for school

Our school website details the full uniform guidance including acceptable footwear.



For health and safety purposes we cannot allow children with incorrect footwear to take part in any physical activities or use the outdoor play equipment.

Rainbow Squad

Our Rainbow Squad childcare provision have been enjoying the warmer weather this half term and been playing lots of team games and sports outside.

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.

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.

Places are limited on the clubs so please book early to avoid missing out. To book visit: https://bradford.haf.fun/login

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/

May

21 School closes for half term

June

- 03 School reopens
- 03 **Reception eye tests**
- 07 Rockstar day
- Year 6 leaver hoodies 07 orders
- 18 Year 1 trip
- 20 Year 4 trip
- **Reception farm visit** 28

July

- 01 Year 6 trip
- 03 Transition morning
- 02 Year 5 trip
- 09 Year 2 trip
- 15&16 Year 6 Performances
- 12 Summer Fayre
- 18 Year 6 Prom
- 22 **Class parties**
- 23 Sports Day
- 23 School closes







