



# ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Our school is a place of learning  
A place of love

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

## Dinners

Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> Sept: Week 3

Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> Sept: Week 1

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new school year. It is lovely to be back and see everyone again. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Reception children, to Ethan and Joseph who have joined us in Year 3 and Year 4 and to our new staff, Miss Conroy, Miss Ribeiro, Mrs Wallace-Hickey, Mrs Vullo and Mrs Pell. I hope that you will enjoy being part of our school community.

## Newsletters

The newsletters are written every two weeks. The first one of each term is sent home via your child's book bag. For the rest of the term they are sent via e mail and are also on our school website. If for any reason, you cannot access the newsletter through these means, please speak to Mrs MacNamara who will ensure that you receive a paper copy. This term, you can expect a newsletter on the following dates;

25<sup>th</sup> September

9<sup>th</sup> October

23<sup>rd</sup> October

6<sup>th</sup> November

20<sup>th</sup> November

4<sup>th</sup> December

18<sup>th</sup> December

## Longest Reigning Monarch

On Wednesday we celebrated the special occasion of Queen Elizabeth II becoming the longest reigning monarch in history. The children made crowns and bunting, researched the life of Queen Elizabeth and learnt the National Anthem. At lunchtime everyone had lunch outside in the playground. A photographer from 'The Mercury' visited, so look out for photographs in the paper next week.

## Uniform

A reminder that children may wear Summer uniform until October half term. If a child wears a shirt, then a tie must be worn. Ties are not worn with polo shirts. All shirts and polo shirts must be tucked in.

## Recommended Books

It is very important that children read on a regular basis not only to an adult but also to listen to an adult read to and with them. Research has shown that children who read regularly are significantly ahead of those children who do not. Every newsletter will have a recommended book for you to read with your child. The sentence construction and vocabulary may be of a higher level than your child's ability so it is important that you share the book.

Nursery and Reception	'Each Peach, Pear, Plum' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
Years 1 and 2	'Paddington at Large' by Michael Bond
Years 3 and 4	'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnell
Years 5 and 6	'Twilight Barking' by

## Morning Maths

As part of our drive to raise standards in maths, every class has morning maths from 8:50am – 9:10am. During this lesson, children will practise the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and complete tasks that reinforce and consolidate learning from previous lessons. It is therefore important that children are in school in time or these valuable opportunities are missed.

## Midday Supervisor Vacancy

Mrs Wells, one of our midday supervisors will be leaving at the end of the month for family reasons. If you are interested in this position, please go to the teachinherts website. The address is [www.teachinherts.com](http://www.teachinherts.com)

## Parent Information Evenings

In September, we run parent information evenings for all the classes. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher, raise any questions/queries and hear about the expectations and learning for the year. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for us to work together in partnership. This year the meetings are organised in phases rather than individual classes.

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September at 6pm	Year 5 (Class L) and Year 6 (Class S6)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September at 6pm	Year 3 (Class A) and Year 4 (Class U)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September at 6pm	Year 1 (Class T) and Year 2 (Class P)
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September at 6pm	Nursery and Reception (Class S)

## PE

It is important that PE kits are left in school as sometimes the days that a class does PE has to change. All earrings must be removed for PE lessons for health and safety. If your child cannot remove their earrings, please tape them as staff are not allowed to remove earrings.

## Learning right up to the end!

In Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6), the last lesson of the day finishes at 3:15pm and the children are then dismissed from class. A number of parents have mentioned how crowded it is along the path at the end of the day, especially when it is raining and there are lots of umbrellas up. I would like to see if we can improve on this and would very much welcome your ideas. If you have any suggestions, please would you let me know before our next staff meeting on Wednesday.

## Dates for the term

Below is a list of the many events that we have organised for this term. Further information about these will go home nearer the time.

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Rugby World Cup Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2:45pm	Welcome Assembly. Reception and Year 6 parents are invited to join us.
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 10:15am	Good Learning Assembly.
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 7pm	Year 6 Residential Meeting for parents and children
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 7pm	Maths Information Evening for parents
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 9:00am – 10:30am	Open Morning. A chance for parents to visit the classrooms and see what happens.
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 9am	Open morning for prospective Reception parents
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 9am	Harvest celebration Assembly lead by Year 5. Parents of Year 5 children are invited.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Children's Disco
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 5:00pm – 7:30pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and Sibling Photographs
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 9am	Come and Write Morning for Year 6 parents. Come and join your child for an English lesson!
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 10:15am	Good Learning Assembly.
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Bazaar
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 1:45pm	Year 1 and 2 Nativity
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 6pm	Year 1 and 2 Nativity
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30am	Nursery and Reception Nativity
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 5:30pm	Nursery and Reception Nativity
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Occasional Day – school closed
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December pm	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December pm	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime for Years 1 – 6
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December am	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 9am	Celebration Assembly. 1 child from each class will be chosen to receive a certificate in recognition of their contribution to the following areas – how they live our Mission Statement, effort, maths, friendship, behaviour. If your child is chosen to receive one of these awards you will be invited to this special assembly.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm	Finish for Christmas Holiday

I do hope your child/ren have had a great first week. I certainly have and am delighted to be back. Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday.

Mrs Y Devereux  
Headteacher