



ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Our school is a place of learning
A place of love

Friday 25th September

Dinners

Week beginning 28th Sept: Week 2

Week beginning 5th Oct: Week 3

Welcome Back

I would like to extend a very special welcome to Jacob and Leo who have joined our school this week. You are very welcome and hope that you feel settled and have made new friends.

Arrangements for the beginning and end of the day.

We have tried the new arrangements for one week and I am very pleased with the mornings. Children are in class more quickly, have settled to work and there is a much calmer atmosphere in the mornings. We are monitoring the end of the day as I am still a little unsure whether it is the right routine for St Paul's. Please bear with us as we review things.

New Gates

I do hope that you are pleased with the new gates. Although we have had a few teething problems, I feel that the school is a much more secure place for your children.

Breakfast Club

This club has now started and it is lovely to see the children playing and eating breakfast together. There are still some places available, so if you are interested in this, please see Ms Diallo.

Recommended Books

Nursery and Reception	'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson
Years 1 and 2	'The Ice Palace' by Tarjei Vesaas
Years 3 and 4	'Stuart Little' by E B White
Years 5 and 6	'The Prime Minister's Brain' by Gillian Cross

Maths

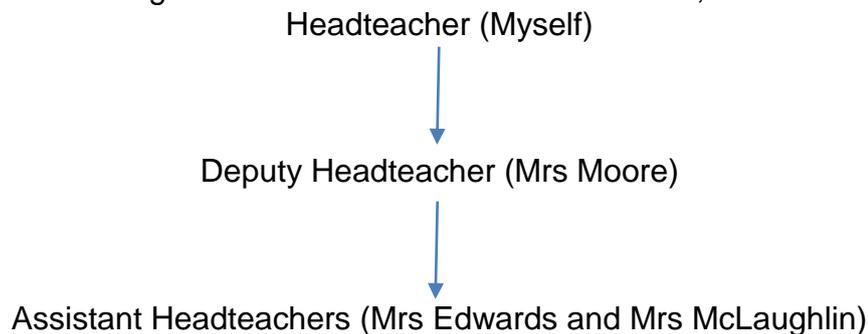
The new National Curriculum for maths requires pupils to be number fluent and able to explain their reasoning. To address this and ensure that our maths teaching is good, we have been working with a maths advisor from Herts for Learning. In order for you to see how we teach maths and what your child is learning we have arranged a maths information evening on Monday 5th October at 7pm and an open morning for you to see maths lessons on Tuesday 13th October. Letters will be going home regarding these two events, so please keep checking your child's book bag.

Illness

I would like to remind you that if your child has been physically sick, they must be off school for 48 hours, even if you think they seem better. Germs are spread easily within large groups of people and so children must remain at home for that time. All absences must be followed up with a letter, even though you have rung, otherwise the absence is marked as unauthorised. We ask parents to ring, so that we know where your child is and that they are safe

Senior Leadership Team

As a headteacher, I am very lucky to have a proactive and enthusiastic senior leadership team consisting of Mrs Moore, the deputy headteacher, Mrs McLaughlin and Mrs Edwards. Both Mrs McLaughlin and Mrs Edwards also have subject leader responsibilities and are teaching full time. In recognition of their hard work and absolute commitment to raising standards, the governors and I wish to appoint them to the position of Assistant Headteachers. The management of the school will be as follows;



It is a pleasure to work with such committed and caring staff.

The children's enthusiasm for the rugby world cup has been fantastic to see. I do hope that you are watching and enjoying the matches. The South Africa v Japan match was amazing. There are a number of crucial and exciting matches coming up over the next two weeks – England v Wales, England v Australia, South Africa v Scotland. Whatever team you support, I wish you all the best.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Y Devereux
Headteacher