# NEWSLETTER

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# A Message from Mr McLean

I hope you have enjoyed the summer holiday and are now settled back into a new routine.

Over the past week it has been an absolute delight to meet with the pupils of St Paul's. With the removal of "bubbles", both staff and pupils have enjoyed the return to more regular routines. It has been wonderful to meet with large groups of children during collective worship and to see the children outside enjoying their playtimes together. I have joined the children in the dining hall as an informal way of getting to know them a little better. I have found them to be polite, inquisitive, friendly and extremely keen to learn. I look forward to seeing them enjoy and excel in all that they do this year.

Our highly committed teaching team were frequently in school during the holiday period and have worked on planning, setting up classrooms and ordering new resources.

The staff attended two days of inset training prior to the children returning to school. We were joined by Father Daniel as we discussed the vision for St Paul's school as we look ahead to the future. This is something that the staff, clergy and the governors having been working hard to develop over the past year. We plan to invite parents to an evening where you can share your thoughts on shaping the vision for the school. We will send more information about this soon. We are very fortunate at St Paul's to have such a willing and engaged group of parents, offering specialist skills and support and we are keen to hear your thoughts.

Over the past two years I have worked alongside Mrs Batsford and Mrs Cresswell in an advisor/support role. They form a fantastic leadership team and have led the school superbly through what has been an incredibly difficult period. They continue to lead the school with great humility, professionalism and integrity, showing a great love and passion for St Paul's school. I am very grateful to be joining such a strong leadership team to continue the smooth running of the school and to build a clear vision for the future.

Our Christian value this half term is 'Love'. We are reminded in 1 Corinthians 13 of the kind of love we should strive to show to one another as part of the St Paul's community.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.



# Uniform

It has been lovely to compliment the children on how smart they have looked this week. Uniform is an integral part of our school and when our children look smart and wear the correct uniform it sends a message to everyone that they are proud to belong to St Paul's. Please ensure your child's uniform is correct and their clothes are clearly named. As the weather looks a little changeable next week, all children should have a coat, with a hood, in case of wet weather.

#### A few reminders:

- Those with pierced ears should have small, plain, flat stud earrings.
- Hair should be securely fastened so it does not fall across / cover the face.
- Ties should show 7 stripes from the knot.
- Shirts should be tucked in and the top button fastened.

Please refer to our uniform policy on the school web site which provides further quidance.

# Communication

Please remember you can use your child's class Tenscope email to contact the class teacher.



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# **After School Clubs and Activities**

We are currently organising our after-school clubs and activities for the autumn term.

Information will be sent out next week and clubs will commence the week beginning 27

September. Please keep an eye out and sign up on ParentPay as soon as you can to secure your child's place.



#### **Meet the Teacher**

Due to the popularity of the Zoom appointments last year we will be holding our autumn term 'Meet the Teacher' appointments via Zoom on 28 and 29 September 3.50pm – 7.00pm. Parents told us how much easier this system was for child care and working life. Details will be sent out and we ask you to sign up for a slot in the normal way.

The spring term meetings, when parents have an opportunity to look at books, will be held at school in the normal way and children from Years 5 and 6 will be asked to attend with their parents.

# **Prayer Meetings**

Prayer meetings for parents are held on the first Friday of each month at 9.00am. New parents are especially welcomed. The dates for this term are as follows:

Friday 1 October Friday 5 November Friday 3 December



# Newsletter Attachments

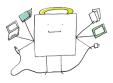
St Ignatius College Open Evening
Fixation Academy Open Day
Palmers Green Food Festival Flyer
Palmers Green Food Festival Pie

**Baking Competition** 



# Volunteer Helpers

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to come and help in school. If you have not yet done so, please can you bring the required documentation for your DBS check to Mrs Zmajkovic in the school office. Mrs Cresswell will be in contact next week to finalise details.





We will be holding our Harvest Festival service at church on Thursday 30 September at 9.00 am for Years 1 to 6. We warmly invite parents to join us for this service. This year we will again be supporting North Enfield Foodbank which provides food and support to local people in crisis. Last year 19,350 people, including 8,767 children were fed with 3-day emergency food parcels. To find out more information about this charity visit www.northfield.foodbank.org.uk

Tinned puddings - rice pudding / custard

Please could each year group send in the following items from Wednesday 22 September: -

Tinned fruit Reception

Year 1 UHT milk - red / green / blue and powdered milk

Year 2 Jam / marmalade / honey

Year 3 Tinned spaghetti hoops / spaghetti in sauce

Year 4 Sweet and savoury snacks Year 5 Pulses – lentils, beans, chickpeas

The Foodbank also welcomes donations of all non-perishable foodstuffs, toiletries and babies'

nappies.



# Parking

Year 6

On Wednesday I received a complaint from a resident in Shrubbery Gardens about a car partially obstructing a driveway. I apologised and have advised the resident to contact our PCSO or Enfield Parking Enforcement if this happens again. Please help us to maintain good relationships with those in our local community and treat our neighbours respectfully.

The School Street continues to work extremely well providing a much calmer environment for the start and end of the day. I would like to thank all our parents who have volunteered to oversee one of the gates. Ideally, we would like two volunteers on each gate, so if anyone could support us further, and would be willing to give up 30 minutes of their time once a week, it would be greatly appreciated. Please email Mr Crouch alvincrouch@st-pauls.enfield.sch.uk . We are particularly short of volunteers on Tuesday/Thursday afternoon and Wednesday morning. We are very happy to look after your child / children before or after school for this purpose.

# **MacMillan Tea Party**

Since 1992 we have hosted a Macmillan Tea Party at the school and over the years we have raised an impressive £23,141. This year we will be holding our tea party on Friday 24 September from 1.45pm to 3.15pm. We hope as many of you as possible can join us and help raise funds for this wonderful charity. Please send in your cakes and biscuits from Wednesday 15 September onwards.

There will be some adjustments to our normal arrangements to ensure we are keeping everyone as safe as possible. We ask that all foods are individually wrapped eg. small cake bars, KitKats, Twix etc. Although we ask parents to avoid products with nuts, children with allergies should bring their own treat which the class teacher will oversee. We ask for a £2.00 donation per child and £4.00 per adult which can be paid via a QR code. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you able to help us run this event please contact the school office.

# MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

# The Garden

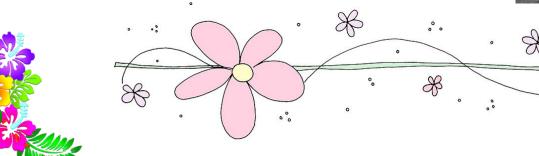
We are delighted to say that we have been able to harvest lots of produce from our edible garden. The garden has been watered over the holidays, thanks to a team of volunteers. The children have dug up some lovely potatoes which Nicky cooked and made into a potato salad for the children to eat with their lunch today. The tomatoes have produced a reasonable crop as well as our runner beans. Some of the children have helped out taking lavender and cuttings which will be planted out next spring. Our herbs continue to grow well. Something or someone (I suspect a squirrel), has been helping itself to our courgettes which have been nibbled and some of our sunflower plants have had their entire heads removed!

It is wonderful to watch the children enjoy walking around the garden observing all the changes as the summer draws to a close and we approach the autumn. Special thanks to Mrs Naylor and Mrs Groves for their hard work with the garden.











# **FOSPS News**

#### **Football Fever Friday**

Welcome back! Hopefully everyone had a relaxing summer break. We're very much looking forward to getting our autumn fundraising calendar underway. There will be lots to look forward to and get involved with, so watch this space over the coming weeks for further updates.

#### It's (nearly) Panto Time

In case you missed it in all the excitement of the summer holidays, it's nearly Panto time. Go on then...Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is!!

Rehearsals are just getting underway so there's still time to sign up for lots of fun and laughter. If you would like to be part of the performance it's not too late to get involved...singers, actors, dancers and musicians (particularly those who play string instruments) this means you!

But the panto is not only for performers... we will also need people to paint, build, sew costumes, make props, technical crew, backstage crew, ticket sellers and programme designers.

If you are interested in being part of the January 2022 panto team, please do email <a href="mailto:suepayne@st-pauls.enfield.sch.uk">suepayne@st-pauls.enfield.sch.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:wadevictoria96@gmail.com">wadevictoria96@gmail.com</a> - we would love to hear from you!

#### **FOSPS AGM**

If you would like to join FOSPS, our AGM will be taking place in October, hopefully in person. Everyone is welcome, so do come along and get involved. More details to follow soon.

#### 200 Club Winners

The 200 Club winners for July were as follows\*:

July (1) £50 – 143 – Marguerita Roberts £20 – 138 – Catriona £10 – 19 – James Graydon

July (2) £50 – 157 – Vacant £20 – 199 – Vacant £10 – 20 – Sarah Prystrawsky

(\* Please note - There were two draws in July due to the August summer holidays)

Congratulations to our winners. We still have some numbers available, so it's not too late to register. It only costs £10 to have a number and registration is quick and easy - just fill in the form using the following link: <a href="https://forms.gle/fcNqHrXb5dUVo7uP6">https://forms.gle/fcNqHrXb5dUVo7uP6</a>

We can randomly select you a number, however if you have a preference or any questions at all please email Alison Perera at: aliiperera@icloud.com

#### **Easy Fundraising**

If you're shopping online remember to sign up to Easy Fundraising. It only takes a couple of minutes and there are over 4,300 shops who will donate to us (for free) every time you shop with them!

Visit: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpaulswinchmorehill/payments/64/

### AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping App

We also receive donations from AmazonSmile. Sign up is simple - there are three easy steps to follow to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations:

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device

2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'

3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process

Once AmazonSmile has been activated in the app every eligible purchase will automatically generate a donation for the school. Shop on AmazonSmile at https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/281060-0 and Amazon donates at no cost to you.

With thanks and best wishes