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The St Paul's Post

Happy New Year - What a start to 2021!

Firstly, I would like to say a huge 'thank you' for all of your support in these uncertain times. It has been a very busy week at St Paul's but I have been impressed with many of the children for engaging in remote learning so positively from the start (we are aware it is a juggling act with many of you working from home also!). I have received many emails from staff working remotely so I am aware there have been some fantastic Zoom sessions and Padlet learning going on already – well done!

This week, we have also welcomed new members of staff:

- Mrs Lee as our new Year 1 teacher,
- Mrs Pang has stepped up to the role of SENDCo,
- Miss Collett has officially joined us and will be working with Year 5 in the future,
- Mrs Smith has joined our cleaning team,
- Mr Yeldham has been getting stuck in to his new Site Manager role.

I am sure you will all agree that our staff team have been working incredibly hard to set up remote learning platforms for all of our pupils. The links for the Padlets should now have been sent to you all. If you have had any issues in accessing these or any other concerns regarding remote learning, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or your child's class teacher via the office by calling 01775 723326 or emailing enquiries@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk

We have a busy few weeks ahead but I am sure we will conquer it in true St Paul's style... with positivity and enthusiasm!

I will be dipping in to the Padlet and Zoom sessions over the next few weeks so I hope to see you there.

Remote Learning

As mentioned above we are now all set for our Remote Learning. Each class is being set daily learning tasks on the Padlet and there are daily Zoom sessions too. We have taken on board that many siblings are sharing devices and therefore have tried our best to stagger our Zoom slots as below:

EYFS – 1.30p.m., Y1 - 9.30a.m., Y2 - 10.00a.m., Y3 - 10.00a.m., Y4 - 10.30a.m. Year 5 - 9.30a.m., Y6 - 9.00 a.m.

As our children are not in school, our Zoom sessions offer us the opportunity to register children's attendance for the day ahead, so please join us.

Our current minimum expectations are:

- EYFS will access daily Zooms for story time,
- KS1 will access 3 hours of learning each day including, Read, Write Inc, Writing, Mathematics and Topic.
- KS2 will access 4 hours + of learning each day including, Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Topic

Our staff will also continue to make calls to you on a weekly basis to discuss your well-being, engagement in learning and answer any questions you may have.



Keep up to date with the latest news on our new Facebook page!



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Free School Meal Updates

On 10th January the Government updated its guidance for Free School Meals:

“Schools should also continue to provide free school meal support to pupils who are eligible for benefits related free school meals and who are not attending school.”

Free School Meal vouchers will be sent out via email on Tuesday 12th January to cover from Monday 4th January- Monday 11th January. They will be issued weekly in arrears every Tuesday until we return to school.

If you have any problems accessing your email or voucher, please contact the school office on 01775 723326 or email enquiries@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk

Provision at School for Vulnerable and Key Worker Children

We are currently only offering places to key worker children at school following the Government’s guidance below:

“Children with at least one parent or care who’s a critical worker can go to school or college is required, but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can. “

We would advise that if you can make provision for your children to be at home safely supervised then this is the safest option. However, if you have no other means of childcare, please see our website for the link to sign up for Key Worker Provision.

Staying Safe Online

Please see our guide to staying safe online on your child’s Padlet or on our school website.

Here are some links to guide you:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

Coronavirus – What to look out for!

What to do if your Child has Symptoms of Coronavirus If your child shows any of the symptoms of Coronavirus

- A new persistent dry cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
 - A high temperature of 37.8C or above
 - A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell

What should you do?

- Contact 119 as it is important to get the test done within the first five days of having symptoms.
- All family members are advised to stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result.

We appreciate that not every child with a cough or high temperature will have the virus, but I am sure you will understand that we have to act on the side of caution, therefore we will ask you to collect your child and get them tested if they present any of the Covid-19 symptoms. It is vital that we all follow the guidelines in order to keep our school and community safe.

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children’s social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling: 0800 046 8687 Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm