



# St Paul's Newsletter

## Autumn - term

### Term dates:

We are changing our Staff training day. Children will now be in school on 5<sup>th</sup> January and our PD day will be **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January**.

This will allow a specialist trainer in reading to work with all Staff to enhance the reading provision at St Paul's

### Important dates:

**Virtual Tour of School and Q&A – New EYFS Parents**  
**3.45pm Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

**Beema Ark, Art Day - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December All Day for Children**

**Virtual Christingle Service – 14.12.2020**

**End of Half Term – 16.12.2020**

### Important contacts:

Please telephone the school by 8:30am if your child is unable to attend school.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that I will be with you in school until Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It has been great getting to know some of you and hopefully I'll get to know a few more by Christmas. This year Christmas will be different in school, although all staff will do their best to make the most of everything they can. For example, we will be holding a virtual Christingle Service for all the children led by Capt. Paul Whitely.

We will put up our decorations next week and the children will be able to share cards we need to store them for three days so will ask for cards in to school on a **Monday/Tuesday** and we will send them back out on a **Friday**. This can start this Monday coming (**30.11.2020**).

I've just got off the phone to a lovely parent who has offered to donate a Christmas Tree. We will gladly accept this generosity and hopefully we will have it up in the school hall for all to see by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Kind regards,

Grant Hopkins

INTERIM Headteacher

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## Online Learning/Website:

Parents, how many of you look at our school website? How do you find the school Padlet system (Year 5 are currently Using this)?

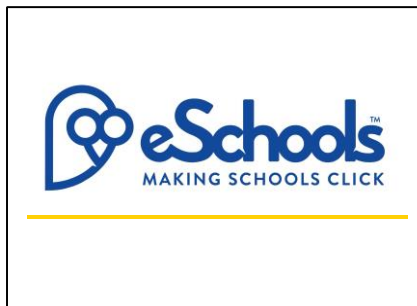
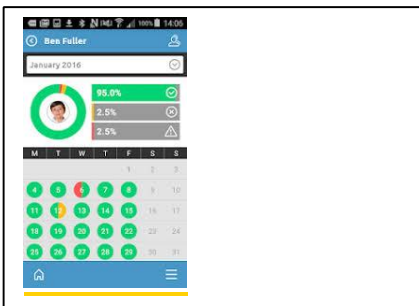
Behind our school website there is the capability to have a Virtual Learning Environment or VLE which allows you to access your children's work that the teacher puts on and also submit it. We can also send direct messages to you or whole school letters. You can even keep track of your own child's attendance. All this can be done from an app on your smart phone or via a tablet or PC.

I expect most parents now have access to a smart phone and if you download the app you can get all information the school sends out with the added bonus of notifications in case of those unforeseen emergencies.

If there is something that you feel is missing from our Website, please let us know. The system is now much more user friendly and we can easily put something on that you feel would be beneficial for all.

Also would you like to see and celebrate the great work that the children do in class or around school? We are looking at a system that allows you to see a selection of their best work so you can see the great progress the children are making.

Finally remember that next Tuesday tell your friends with young children we have a Facebook Live virtual tour of the school for new Nursery and Reception Children and their Parents.



## Attendance record:

**On the news this week you might have seen that attendances in schools across the country is falling and on average is now well below 90% which is considered persistent absence. Well this isn't the case at St Paul's. We have an attendance of approximately 95% which considering the circumstances that we are in is very good.**

**We really want to keep this up because as you know if a child is not in school their learning will be affected negatively. Although we need to be mindful of the Covid symptoms and remember that the children will need a Covid Test if they are displaying the symptoms we all know. A new persistent cough, a high temperature, a loss of smell and taste.**

**Please also be mindful of the time your child's class is due into school. Lateness disrupts the whole class as well as having a negative effect on your child. Please try to get to school on time!**

## School Lunches:

Since coming to school four weeks ago I've been surprised about how many children bring in a packed lunch. The school lunches are great, cooked with fresh ingredients and are very tasty. I'd love to see more children enjoying a warm school meal rather than a cold pack lunch. Why not give them a go? You won't regret it!

Get it touch with the school office if you want to try the school lunches.

Our Christmas Dinners this year is as Follows: **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Nursery, Reception and Year 1**, **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Year 2 and Year 3**, **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December Year 4** and **Year 5** and Finally Year 6 on **December 16<sup>th</sup>**.

## EYFS Virtual Tour

This Tuesday we are holding a virtual Open day for anybody who has a Nursery child who will be statutory school age and joining School in the Reception class in September.

We are holding this through Facebook Live and will Start at 3:45pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Please let any of your friends know this is happening you are the best people to reach our community and know of children ready to start with us in the near future!

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"My child has very safe at St Paul's and the school is a wonderful happy place to go to every morning."

WE OFFER:

- A friendly caring atmosphere
- A stimulating environment
- A broad and balanced curriculum

Please visit our website to view a VIRTUAL TOUR of our school:  
[www.spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk](http://www.spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk)

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## Governing board update:

The Local School Board met last week to discuss everything about the school. Caroline Glass, our Chair led a full meeting of representatives from the school, the community and the CIT in a very good and productive meeting.

Over the coming Newsletters you will get a chance to meet the governors in this section with a short pen portrait of our governors and a photo hopefully too.

The Governing body play an important part in leading the strategic direction of the school. If vacancies arise for parent governors, we will advertise them on the Newsletter as well as a formal letter. If you may think this may be of interest don't hesitate to give us a call and we can talk you through the role.

