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# The St Paul's Post

## A Happy, Safe and Successful start to Academic Year 20-21!

We are pleased to say that we have all had a very successful and safe return to school, even though things look and feel a little different. Pupils have rapidly adopted new ways of working, playing and moving about school and have been very keen and eager to get on with learning as they knew it before lockdown. It has been wonderful to see their smiling faces and to see them so engaged in what they are doing. It has also been lovely to see all of our pupil's families too!

We have already held assemblies via Microsoft Teams and the children really enjoy seeing the other classes on screen. They can see their siblings and also their friends in other year groups. We are also able to speak to each other through the technology we have! How things have moved on in six months. It is such a treat to have all together even though we aren't in the same room!



Some pupils have found the work a little challenging (after such a long time away from school) and their teachers are working hard to find out what they can remember and then accelerate their learning through to where they need to be. A lot of learning time has been missed and we would urge you to help at home as much as you can! Simple things such as

- Hearing your child **READ EVERYDAY** and talk about what they have read
- Practice their **number** recognition and counting on and back/ their number bonds/ timetables.....
- Practice their **writing** for different purposes- making lists, writing short stories, writing descriptions of objects, keeping a diary of what they are doing at home.....
- Using the internet and books about their **topic theme** and encourage them to ask questions and work together to find the answers
- Complete their **homework** each week and make sure it is handed in on time

You can play a BIG part in helping your child to catch up on lost ground and the teachers are always happy to give advice and help wherever they can. NO QUESTION is a SILLY QUESTION!

If you need to talk to your child's class teacher, please email them or leave a message with the school office.

Even though we are going to be doing everything we can in school, your help can make it easier for your child to catch up and keep up! Let's make this a team effort!

Our teacher's email addresses are as follows:

Nursery Class= [Toby.Gough@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk](mailto:Toby.Gough@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk)

Year 1= [Clare.Haresign@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk](mailto:Clare.Haresign@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk)

Year 3= [Katie.James@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk](mailto:Katie.James@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk)

Year 5= [Lisa.Pang@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk](mailto:Lisa.Pang@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk)

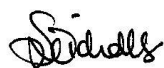
Reception Class= [Emma.Ward@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk](mailto:Emma.Ward@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk)

Year 2= [Grace.Housley-Stott@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk](mailto:Grace.Housley-Stott@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk)

Year 4= [Kate.Moss@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk](mailto:Kate.Moss@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk)

Year 6= [Leela.Norman@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk](mailto:Leela.Norman@spaldingstpauls-cit.co.uk)

Let's make this a time for collaboration and teamwork!



Miss Nicholls

## SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY!

As we are having to use different entrances and exits to ensure class bubbles can stay safe and separate, we are needing to use access to our different gates via the school carpark.

Concerns have been raised that pupils are not being monitored whilst waiting for the gates to open and are even walking between cars/ banging into them.



There is a **walkway around the school's internal gates** that can be used to keep clear of the cars and also the long driveway.

Please also be mindful that staff are still going to be using the carpark as they arrive at school.

Pupils waiting on the driveway should wait in the **gravel area** to ensure they stay safe!

If your child walks to school on their own, please discuss this with them to ensure they know where to be and what is expected of them.

Thank you!

### Food Glorious Food!!



We have decided that, as we are unable to provide our breakfast club and breaktime provisions, we are happy for **pupils in KS2** to bring a snack for morning breaktime.

**KS1 Pupils receive FREE FRUIT DAILY and do not need to bring a snack to school**

As we are a school promoting healthy eating, we are limiting the types of snacks allowed to

FRUIT- (whole or in a tub)- please make sure your child can eat this without support

DRY CEREAL- in a disposable bag or in a tub. This should not be chocolate or a high sugar variety.

CEREAL BARS- This should not be chocolate based and not a high-sugar variety.

**Cakes, biscuits, crisps, chocolate, sweets will NOT be allowed**

All foods brought into school

**MUST NOT CONTAIN NUTS- WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL DUE TO CHILDREN'S ALLERGIES!!**



### PRO-STRIKE CHALLENGE

Hopefully you will have received your letters about this FUNdraising event later this month!

All monies raised will go towards resources for every year group and the children will have fun doing the activities too!

Please collect as many sponsors as possible!

### Election of Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Local Governing Body of St Paul's CP School & Nursery. To be considered for the post you must:

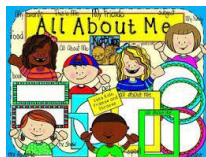
- Be a parent of a registered pupil at the school.
- Provide a proposer and seconder for your nomination. The proposer and seconder must also be a parent of a registered pupil at the school.

If you would like to declare yourself as a candidate please look out for the Election letter coming out soon.

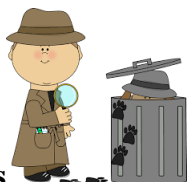
**COMING SOON**

### Topic themes this term.....

**EYFS- All About Me!**



**Year 1& 2- Street Detectives**



**Year 3&4- I am Warrior!**



**Year 5&6- Sow, Grow, Farm**



**Happy Learning everyone!**

### Good Attendance

Good attendance is vital for your child's learning and development- even more so with the amount of time they have had away from school this year. Following statutory guidelines, leave of absences cannot be authorised during term time and may only be granted in the most exceptional circumstances. Please ensure that children come to school promptly every day so that they don't miss out on vital learning time.



### **School Matters!**



### 11+ Tests

This year's 11+ Tests will be taken in school on the following dates:

Saturday 19th September – Verbal Reasoning Saturday 26th September – Non-Verbal Reasoning

These will take place at the High School and the Grammar School

Results letters will be posted out directly to parents by the Grammar and High Schools. Contact Mrs Pang if you have any questions or concerns about your child sitting the 11+ Tests.

### **Meet the new members of our Team!!**

A formal welcome Mrs Ward, our new Reception teacher, who joined us in the middle of lockdown and Miss Housley-Stott who started with us in Year 2 this September! We are also pleased to have our new Head Boy, Marcin and Head Girl, Tilly and their deputies Shelby and Mia join in with the leadership team.

