



St. Paul's Newsletter

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Lent: Charity Work

The Chaplaincy team have been planning a fundraising event to follow the Key Stage 2 Easter Presentation on Thursday 4th April at 3.30pm in the school hall.

We are appealing for cakes– homemade or shop bought to sell at the cake sale. There will also be an opportunity to buy a knitted toy with chocolate egg and a few other stalls.

Please bring in any donated cakes on Thursday morning.

Money raised will be donated to the St. Kitizo's babies home and orphanage in Uganda. Mrs Feldman visited the home in October 2017 and hopes to visit again this year. We hope you will be able to join us in the hall for the sale.

The Fundraising Forum will be running the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Friday 5th April. This is a **FREE** event and each child in the school (all 199 of them!) will be gifted an Easter Egg. This is an opt out event, please let us know if you do not want your child to have the chocolate egg. They will not be consumed at school.

Change of Circumstances

From time to time, your personal circumstances may change. The changes may be temporary or more permanent. Changes such as an illness, a separation or the death of a family member naturally can have an emotional effect on the children.

I appreciate that these things are personal and you may not want to discuss the details with school, but I urge you to let us know what your child might be experiencing either via your class teacher, Mrs Dinning (Parent Link Worker) or myself. I can assure you confidentiality.

We may be able to signpost you to information and support including charities and organisations that can also support you. It might be you are entitled to benefits you were not aware of or can access support via a referral from school.

After School Care Options

Wild About Play is an after school and holiday club provision which operates out of The Ridgewood Centre. The organisation is gauging whether there is a market for after school care with them. Attached is part of the programme planned for the Easter Holidays, with contact details. If you are interest in after school care please contact:
wapridgewood@yahoo.co.uk
www.wildaboutplayridgewood.co.uk

✝ Easter Holiday Club Programme Spring Themed		WILD about PLAY			
APRIL	Monday 8 th	Tuesday 9 th	Wednesday 10 th	Thursday 11 th	Friday 12 th
Open 8am-6pm 9:30am 12:00pm Lunch time	Live Butterfly Gardens 	Chocolate Treat Making 	Bread Baking 	Easter Egg Hunt 	Cross Stitch  Lava Lamps 
1:00pm	Park Play 1-2 pm (More info TBC) 	Dinosaur Small World Play 	Spring Gardens 	Waffle Making 	Circle Games 
3:00pm	DIY Daffodils 	Stress Balls 	Team Games & Captained Challenges 	Salt Dough Eggs 	Chill Out ICT Time 
	Design Your Own Easter Egg Colouring Competition 	WaterPlay 	Sand Play 		

The Ridgewood Centre, Yate, BS37 4AF www.wildaboutplayridgewood.co.uk Sian (Owner): 07531 344 549 Email: wapridgewood@yahoo.co.uk
 If you'd like to speak with a staff member please phone our new 'landline' number operating during each session: 07938 17 01 84

Parents Questionnaire

Each year we try and capture views and opinions about the school. It is really important to us that we know what parents think about the work we do as a school.

We don't pretend to be perfect. We develop plans about what we think we should be improving, but it is crucial that

we get that information from you too.

The questionnaire itself is anonymous, although we do ask for the year group your child is in. The link will be circulated via text and email and can be completed on line from all devices. Paper copies available on request.

If there is something the questionnaire makes you think about that you would rather discuss in person, please contact the office for an appointment. Thank you for your participation.

<https://eSurv.org?u=ParentQuestionnaire>

Family Bingo: update

Unfortunately the date for Family Bingo had to be rearranged. The new agreed date is, **Saturday 11th May at 5pm** in the school hall.

Look out for details and tickets soon.

If you are unable to support the event itself, perhaps you would be able to help in other ways...

Do you, or someone you know have a business that might be able to donate a prize? Or even things that we need on the night eg bingo pens and dabbers?

Please have a think and let us know if you have any contacts that you could share:

fundraising@stpaulscatholicprimary.co.uk

Learning Together Project (KS2)

Starting on the 29th April, we will be offering parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 a unique opportunity to take part in a county-wide family learning reading and writing project. The course will run every Monday afternoon from 1.30pm – 3.30pm in school. It will be delivered by an external trainer, experienced in classroom teaching and family learning. It promises to be a really exciting project, but spaces are limited. There is a short information video here:

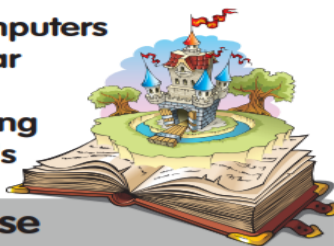
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hor6rO7qnKc>

Learning Together

A weekly course for parents & children

Support your child's reading & writing

- Games & fun activities
- Story writing using computers
- Punctuation & grammar
- Letter & email writing
- Ideas for inspiring writing
- First session: circus skills




Free 11-week course
Starts Monday 29th April 2019
1.30pm - 3.30pm
St Paul's Catholic Primary School

Find out more about the course:

- Talk to Karen Dinning, Parent Link Worker
- Come along to the info session on **Mon 1st April, 9:00 - 9:45am**

This course is designed to measure the impact of family learning on children's attitudes to learning and their academic achievement. For parents of children in KS2.

Delivered in collaboration with  South Gloucestershire Council

If you are interested in finding out more, please collect a letter from the office. The course is open to all Key Stage 2 parents, but spaces are limited to 12 in the first instance. If the course proves to be popular, we have plans to repeat it in September and will be able to offer something similar for Maths.

Mrs Dinning is co-ordinating the course in school so please contact her via the school office if you have questions or want to find out more.

Thornbury Area Youth Music

As you may be aware, Thornbury Area Youth Music is a Thornbury based registered charity, that provides opportunities for music making and music education for children aged 4 – 18 in the South Gloucestershire, Bristol and Gloucestershire areas. We will be distributing information on their behalf soon and wanted to make you aware of Saturday morning Music Centre to all local Primary Schools. They will be hosting Open Days on **Saturday 8th June and Saturday 15th June.**



Run by parents for parents of children who want to learn a musical instrument in a fun and supportive environment

Please keep me handy!

Dates for your Diary

April

1st: Netball vs Tyndale (H)

3rd: Year 6 Class Mass 10.15

Year 5 Big Sing Event 11.15 @ Raysfield, parents welcome

4th: KS2 (Yr3,4,5) Easter Presentation 2pm in St Paul's Church

3.30pm Lent Fundraising event

5th: End of Term 4– Easter Holidays

23rd: INSET DAY

24th: Term Starts

26th: Year 5 Swimming starts

May

24th: Sports Day