



St. Paul's Newsletter

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Welcome Back

I am pleased to welcome children back to school and delighted to see them full of enthusiasm for learning and keen. Everyone one is already busy learning in their new classrooms and with their new teachers. A special welcome to all of our new friends in Reception Class who will start school full time on Wednesday 18th September.

You will also spot some new staff faces around school as well as old faces in new roles! Mrs Youell has joined us as a Teaching Assistant working in Key Stage 2, Mrs Barton has re-joined us in the same role.

Individual Photos (and sibling groups) will be taken on Wednesday 25th September from 8.30am. Any siblings not yet in school can come between 8.30am and 9.00am. Make sure you are looking smart for the camera!

Oak Tree

All of the trees on our school site are inspected annually for signs of disease and damage. Remedial work is carried out to keep them safe and in good condition. Unfortunately, the oak tree at the front of the school dropped a large lower limb towards the

end of the holiday. The fall damaged a piece of play equipment.

The tree has subsequently been checked for safety and signs of disease. The tree is thought to be approximately 300 years old and was important to us all to try to save the

tree. It has been given a clean bill of health....as well as a significant hair cut!

We have been able to keep some of the logs and plans are afoot to make some permanent features of them! Watch this space...

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Uniform

A reminder that school uniform is as follows:

- Blue jumper or cardigan
- White polo shirt or shirt.
- Grey trousers or skirts (black is also acceptable)
- Black shoes (not trainers)
- In hot weather: tailored shorts in grey

or black. Blue and white checked dresses.

The governors of the school have made the decision to have a uniform and as such the staff have a responsibility to uphold it.

I hope you will be able to support me in enforcing the uniform expectations to ensure high standards of presentation and behaviour continue with all our children.

I will expect staff to challenge any uniform that does not conform to our agreed list.

Uniform can be purchased from our official supplier www.initaillyours.co.uk

However, generic supermarket and department store uniform is also widely worn and accepted.

We have built a large stock of good quality second hand uniform in most sizes which will be made available regularly by the Fundraising Forum this year.

Open Day Arrangements: admissions Sept 2020

We will be holding a series of Open Days for prospective parents of children due to start school in September 2020.

If you have a child due to start school next year or have a friend who does and would like to make a visit please join us for a tour at any of the following times:

Wednesday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd October at 9.30am

Applications close on January 15th 2020 and are made via South Glos school admissions.

If you would like to come, please let us know which tour you would like to come on

If you can't make any of these times, please phone 01454 866790 to make an alternative arrangement.

Inhalers and medication

Please ensure all regular medication that is kept in school is in date and the instructions are updated as necessary.

It is particularly important as the weather changes and preventers are starting to be used again that

everything is in date and in working order.

Prescription medication that is required to be taken 4 times a day can be administered on a voluntary basis by school staff. This medication requires a school form to be

filled and handed in at the office.

A reminder that we cannot hold non-prescription medication with a Health Care Plan.

Fundraising Forum

Our next Fundraising event is the SPY Mission treasure hunt taking place on **Saturday 28th September**.

Departing St Lawrence Church, Chipping Sodbury between 10.00am and 11.00am.

Entry: £5 for teams of up to 6
Circular walking route.

Prizes for: Fastest team; best dressed (optional fancy dress) and best team name.

Tickets from the office now!

School Communications

By law, we are required to have **two** different sets of contact details for you so that we can make contact with you during the school day. This should be a parent, family member or trusted friend, that is local to Yate. Please ensure you have completed and returned your contact details form.



Secondary School Applications

Important dates for Year 6 pupils:

Application for Secondary School must be made **by 31st October 2018** and places will be announced on March 2nd 2020

South Gloucestershire Council highly recommend using the online application system. Individual schools advertise their own open days/evenings. Even though we are asked to pass on information letters from schools, please check dates and times directly with them as they are best placed to give you the up to date information.

Dates

As well as the usual list of upcoming dates on the back on each newsletter, I am issuing a list of **key dates for the whole year**. These have been agreed and will not change unless something exceptional happens. I hope this will allow you to plan and organise your diaries more efficiently.

INSET Days

The school year is made of of 195 days, of which 5 are used for staff training and development known as INSET days. Children do not attend school on these days.

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| Monday 2nd September |
| Monday 6th January |
| Monday 24th February |
| Monday 6th July |
| Monday 20th July |

INSET days for 2019-20 are as follows and are also issued in the dates list attached.

Safeguarding

Reminder:

If you are unable to collect your child or the usual arrangements are changed, please inform the office as soon as you can. Children will not be handed over until the arrangements have been verified. We appreciate things can change at short notice, but our first priority is to the safety and welfare of your children.

Easyfundraising

We have registered with Easy fundraising and need your help!

Easy fundraising is a great website where you can help our school raise funds each time you shop online. There are approximately 3600 retailers including:

Amazon, Argos, Tesco, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, ebay, M&S to name a few.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fostpbristol/>

There is also an App available.

All you have to do is remember to make your online purchases via Easyfundraising.

Fundraising Forum

The Fundraising Forum organised many successful events last year and raised nearly £2000, some of which has been earmarked for spending. The next meeting of the Forum will be on **Friday 20th September at 9.00am in the staff room**. The main purpose of this meeting will be to agree spending of the money raised, suggest and plan events for the year and also to consider the structure of the Forum going forward.

I would like to thank all members of the Forum last year for their enthusiasm and commitment

to supporting our school.

We would always welcome new helpers and indeed new suggestions. Please feel free to attend if you can or email: fundraising@stpaulscatholicprimary.co.uk

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

The National Child Measurement Programme

Every year in England, children in **Reception and Year 6** have their height and weight measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP).

The School Health Nursing Service (SHNS) will measure children's height and weight, record it privately and keep it confidential. No individual measurements will be given to school staff or other children.

As research has shown that parents want to receive their child's result, parents/carers of both Reception and

Year 6 pupils will receive their child's results unless they withdraw.

We will let you know when your child will be weighed and measured and you will have an opportunity to opt in or out.

More information about healthy lifestyles for all the family is available on the Live Well section of the NHS Choices web site: www.nhs.uk and on the Change4Life web site at: www.nhs.uk/change4life

Flu Vaccines

In-school flu vaccines are being offered this year to **ALL** children in Reception class up to Year 6. Our designated clinic day **has not yet been confirmed, but we will let you know as soon as we have it**. Please return consent forms by September 18th. The nasal spray will be administered in school by a pharmacist.

Please keep me handy!

Dates for your Diary

September

Tuesday 10th: Yr 6 cycle training begins

Friday 13th: New Reception Parents lunch

Monday 16th: Clubs begin

Thursday 18th: Yr 6 camp meeting for parents

Friday 20th: Fundraising Forum meeting-9.00am

Wednesday 25th: Individual/sibling photos

Friday 27th: Swimming starts for Year 6

October

Wednesday 2nd: 9.30am Open Morning

Friday 4th: Road safety workshops Yr 3 and Yr 6

Wednesday 9th: 9.30am Open Morning

Wednesday 16th: 9.30am Open Morning

Parents evening 4.30pm-7.00pm

Thursday 17th: Parents evening 3.40pm-6.00pm

Wednesday 23rd: 9.30am Open Morning

Friday 25th: Last day of Term 1

Monday 28th-Friday 1st Nov: HALF TERM BREAK

November

Monday 4th: Term 2 begins

Friday 8th: Into Film Festival, Key Stage 2 trip to the cinema (depart school 9.15am)

Friday 8th: Year 6 Class Assembly 3pm

Important dates for the year ahead.

INSET Days (staff training, no school for children)

Monday 2nd September

Monday 6th January 2020

Monday 24th February 2020

Monday 6th July 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Open day for new prospective parents :

Each Wednesday in October at 9.30am

Parents' Evening Consultations

Autumn Term: Wednesday 16th Oct 4.30-6.30pm

Thursday 17th Oct 3.45-6.00pm

Spring Term: Wednesday 26th February 4.30-6.30pm

Thursday 27th February 3.45-6.00pm

Summer Term: Friday 10th July – Written reports to parents

Monday 13th July “Drop In” for parents 3.30-
5.30pm

Class Assemblies (all to start at 3pm prompt unless otherwise advised)

Year 6: Friday 8th November

Year 5: Friday 17th January

Year 4: Friday 7th February

Year 3: Friday 1st May

Year 2: Friday 5th June

Year 1: Friday 19th June

Reception: Friday 26th June

School and Class Masses (dates TBC)

Christmas Arrangements

Reception Nativity:

Wednesday 11th December at 2pm and 6pm

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) joint production:

Thursday 5th December at 2pm and 6pm

Key Stage 2 Advent service(Yr3,4,5,6):

Thursday 19th December at 6.30pm

Easter Presentation

Key Stage 2 (Yr3,4,5):Wednesday 1st April at 2pm

Sports Day: Friday 22nd May from 9.30am

Year 6 Camp: Tuesday 2nd June-5th June