



# St Paul's CofE VC Junior School Newsletter

Newsletter Date

January 2020

## Key Dates

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
E Safety training for Parents 6.00-7.00pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Break up for Half Term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Return to School for pupils

2<sup>nd</sup> March – 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Book Week

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day  
(Dress as Book character)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March Make the Sunshine –  
Final Performance

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March Bikeability (Year 6)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March Bikeability (Year 6)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March School Disco 6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March Mufti Day –please bring an Easter Egg

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March Full Reports to Parents

23<sup>rd</sup> March – 27<sup>th</sup> March Science Week

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March Science Mufti Day – Dress up Scientist Day

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm all years/classes

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.30pm all years/classes

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March Year 3 Trip to Cheddar Caves

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April Easter Service (Church 9.15am)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Partnership Easter Bingo Time to be confirmed all welcome

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Break up for Easter

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April Return to School for pupils

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April Year 6 River Trip

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April Class Photographs

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Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April House Matches

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April Year 5 to Whitstone

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May Open Morning for new parents only 10.00am – 11.30am

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May VE day History day

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May BANK HOLIDAY – School closed

11<sup>th</sup> May – 14<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 SATs

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May Disco 6.30 – 8.00 p.m.

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May Healthy Schools Week

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May Year 6 Campout

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Attendance* – the school regularly monitors children's attendance. We are aiming for at least 97% attendance for every child to give them the best chance of reaching their full potential. Research has shown that if a child's attendance is lower than 90%, they have less chance of success and find it harder to make progress. With this in mind, we will keep you informed of your child's attendance if it drops below 95% so you are aware of this and we can work together to support you, if needed, thereby giving your child the very best opportunity to achieve maximum success. Alongside this, is a need for your child to be punctual. A good, punctual start to the day is essential for children and is an important habit to learn whilst they are young. This is a life skill employers look for in candidates for jobs as they get older.

*Medicines* - a brief reminder about our policy on medicines - if your child needs medicines or antibiotics during school time, or whilst out on a school visit/residential, we will supervise the administration of those medicines, provided you have completed an indemnity form and you have written, and signed, an accompanying letter to the class teacher which names the medicine and number of days you would like us to supervise its administration. You should hand over the medicine to the office or to the class teacher with the accompanying paperwork. All medicines need to be in their original packaging (this includes the outside packaging as well as the blister pack). We cannot supervise the administration of a tablet that has been cut from a blister pack, or a tablet in a blister pack alone, without the outside packaging. I hope you appreciate that this protocol will be enforced to safeguard all our children.



*School uniform* – I would very much appreciate it if the children could wear long trousers, or skirts with tights, as the weather is likely to become unpredictable and intermittent (wet, icy etc) as well as being very changeable throughout the day. In the next few weeks, Mr Evans (Sports Leader) and I are in a conversation about changing our PE kit. We are looking at purchasing some sport tops like these with a school logo from September 2020.



*A big thank you* to all the Y6 parents who attended the Y6 SATs meeting, your support for the home school partnership is greatly appreciated. If you were unable to make the meeting, please see dojo for future possible dates.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** Break up for Half Term  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** Return to School for pupils  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June** Sports Morning and Picnic  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** Summer / Music Concert 6.00pm – 7.30pm  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June** French Day  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** Year 4 Trip to Haynes Motor Museum the Teacher evening 6.00pm for new Year 3 (Years 4/5/6 will be in September)  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June** Reserve Sports Morning (if 4<sup>th</sup> June is cancelled)  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** Mufti Day (please bring raffle prizes for Summer BBQ)  
**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June** INSET Day – children do not attend  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** All Change Day Year 6 to Whitstone and Year 2 to St Paul's  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** Year 6 second day at Whitstone  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** Partnership Summer BBQ  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** Year 6 Party/Prom  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July** End of Year Reports to Parents  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** Leaver's Service (Church 9.15am)  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July** Leaver's Show – School 10.30am & 6.00pm  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** Last Day of School Year  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July** Hospital Fete in school grounds – all welcome  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July** INSET DAY – Children do not attend  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** END OF TERM

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*E-Safety Presentation* to Parents **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. 6:00pm** We are holding a presentation for parents about keeping your child safe on the Internet. We will have practical advice and information on privacy settings and current concerns. This supports our Safer Internet Day – which will take place on Tuesday 11th February. During this day, pupils will be looking at keeping safe online and be involved in various activities around this. Useful website – Can I draw your attention to the following website [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org). This website gives parents/carers and educationalists information and advice about the age range for apps and games, movies, television shows and books? It is a great site for support, particularly regarding apps and games as it can be hard to keep abreast of the latest ones.



*Class Dojo and Twitter* – Remember to view our social media for news and exciting insights into Life at St Paul's. Last week several year groups had a brilliant Enrichment Day and teachers shared images of the day. 98% of parents are now registered on Dojo and Parentmail as this is a brilliant way to be reminded about, news and if we have to reschedule or cancel an event due to weather or other circumstances.

*100 things to do* Remember to keep a track of the 100 things to do before you leave St Paul's – see if you can cross off some activities over the holidays.

*Governors* – We would like to welcome Ian Phillips, to the Governing Body. The role of a Governor is not just about attending regular meetings; they also take on various tasks including responsibility for getting to know one important aspect of the school in a bit more detail. Over the next few Newsletters, I will be asking Governors to write a small section for the Newsletter – keeping you updated from their perspective. We are always grateful for their time and appreciate the support they give the children and staff at St Paul's.



*Parking* – As the winter months continue to be upon us, I trust that you will be mindful of where you park and consider all our residents living on surrounding roads. Please do not park on pavements or block resident's driveways. This is one opportunity for us, as a school, to show our respect to the local community.

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*Have a Great Term from everyone at St Paul's*

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