



16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and families,

Thank you for helping the start of term run so smoothly. It has been a pleasure to welcome our children and families back to school and very rewarding to see how quickly children have settled into the routines and responsibilities of their new classes.

Good communication is so important to assist in the smooth running of the day to day life of our school. I aim to ensure that a School Newsletter is shared with parents and carers each month, and class teachers will share your child's class newsletter at the beginning of each new term. Teachers will also use 'Seesaw' to share homework or general information. Hopefully, this ensures that we have good communication between home and school. If you do need to update us about anything, you can use the school email address [office@stpauls.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.bhcet.org.uk) or phone school directly.

The purpose of this letter is to share some information with you that I would like you to have as soon as possible, rather than waiting for the monthly newsletter. I hope you find the information helpful; thank you for your support and co-operation with any requests.

### **Class welcome event: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

If your child is in **Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 or Year 5**, we would like to invite you to come into school to meet your child's class teacher, see your child's classroom and some of the learning that happens. You can come in at the end of the school day or come back to school any time before 5pm. This is an informal drop in session, not a formal Parent's Consultation meeting. You may bring your child with you to this event and move from one class to the next if you have more than one child. The event will run from the end of the school day until 5pm so you can drop in any time!

### **Year 2 and Year 6 Parents' Information Meeting: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

If your child is in **Year 2 or Year 6** there are statutory assessment tests which take place towards the end of the year. Mrs Wilson, Year 6 class teacher, and Mrs Miller, Year 2 class teacher would like the opportunity to talk to parents about their curriculum to ensure that you are well informed.

The Y2 meeting will begin at 4.30pm and the Y6 meeting will begin at 5pm. Both meetings will take 30 minutes.

**If you intend coming to this meeting, please email the school office to let us know you are able to attend.**

**Children should not attend this meeting.**

If you have children in other year groups and would like to also attend the Class Welcome event, then you can do this before the meeting.

### **Nursery**

Mrs Williams is going to organise some "Stay and Play" sessions so that parents and carers can further engage in your child's learning journey. More details to follow.



### Homework:

We are currently reviewing our Homework Policy to ensure that home learning is effective in supporting your child's educational and personal & social development. Home learning expectations are shared by class teachers via Seesaw. Thank you for supporting your child's learning journey by ensuring that home learning activities are completed and that any resources or books are returned on the correct day. We know that many children thrive because of regular support at home, with reading, spellings and number work/times tables. Homework should not impact negatively on home life, as we appreciate how precious time is, but the 'little and often' support from home really does make a difference. We will share our Homework Policy with you in the near future.

### Uniform:

The children have returned to school looking very smart. We always encourage children to take responsibility for looking after their belongings, but inevitably jumpers and cardigans do get left behind or mislaid. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL CLOTHING IS LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.** Any uniform which is unclaimed and not labelled will be placed in a box in the porch. Book bags, back packs etc are not needed each day at school. We have very limited storage space. If your child has to bring something to school which cannot be carried eg: a packed lunch box if they are cycling to school themselves, or a change of clothes for an after-school club, then a bag is clearly useful. Otherwise, children should only bring their reading folders/plastic book bags and a water bottle. I do apologise that there has been a lack of communication regarding the red school book bags. These are no longer part of our uniform requirements and we have asked our suppliers to stop selling them.

Our recently updated uniform policy can be found by clicking this link [Uniform Policy](#)

The school holds pre-loved school uniforms for parents to access. Parents are invited to donate their child's uniform when they no longer need it if it is in a good enough condition for another child to benefit from. We kindly request that items are laundered before donating. As part of our environmental sustainability pledge, we encourage all families to make best use of pre-loved uniform sales where items can be sourced at £1 per item or you may choose to make a donation. All profits will go to the Friends of St Paul's. Pre-loved uniform will be sold twice a year, or you can request to purchase items if needed at a different time.

### Cost of Living concerns:

No doubt we are all aware that cost of living increases will be impacting many families. If you feel that there is anything you need to speak to myself or Mrs Peacock about then please contact us. Any conversations will be treated sensitively and we may be able to help or signpost you to further support. Mrs Sharkey and Mrs Millington always treat any emails or phone calls confidentially. We will continue to share any information we receive about supporting families on our Facebook page or through texts or emails.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. As always, if you wish to discuss anything further, then please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher