



St Paul's Whitechapel Newsletter

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An update from Mr Bennett...

Jubilee Day

Please note that the school will be closed on May 27th for the Queen's Jubilee. This is an additional day's holiday granted to all those who work in the UK.

Next Term

After Easter we intend to relax some of our Covid measures. **School will start for everyone at 9:00**, with the gates opening at 8:50 a.m. Nursery and Reception children can be taken to their respective doors. Years 1 and 2 can be dropped at their classroom door, as usual. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can be dropped at the back (north) playground gate and go straight in to class.

At the end of the day everyone will finish at 3:30 pm. Nursery and Reception can be collected from their respective doors. Siblings will line up by glass doors at the front of the school. Year 4 will be collected from the hall; parents/ carers can wait just outside the hall. Years 3, 5 and 6 can be collected from the back (north) playground gates.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to the school staff team for their continued efforts on behalf of our children in the most trying of circumstances. I would also like to thank our school governors for their challenge and support and for being empathetic about how the school is coping.

Have a restful and peaceful Holiday, Best wishes, T Bennett

HAPPY EASTER and Ramadan Mubarek!!

Supporting Humanitarian Aid



Thank you to everyone who has supported our Humanitarian Aid events for the people of Ukraine and Afghanistan who are suffering in terrible conditions.

Altogether our events raised almost £500 was raised, which was split equally between the two Disaster Emergency Committee funds (see below).

In addition to this, the school raised over £100 for Place2be in our recent 'Dress to Impress' day.

We know times are hard for everyone, so we really appreciate your efforts to support these worthwhile causes.

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PLEASE NOTE

The school will be closed on Friday 29th April for training and Friday 27th May for the Queen's Jubilee.

For more information on the charities we are supporting:

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/afghanistan-crisis-appeal>

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>

St Paul's School News

Neurodiversity Week

Last week we celebrated Neurodiversity week with a range of activities. Ms Dixon led an assembly explaining what this means (see below) and highlighting the need for us to be 'empathetic' to those who have conditions such as ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia or have autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

Thank you, Ms Dixon, for organising this.

Neurodiversity is based on the idea that **everyone** has a differently-wired brain with their own unique and special way of thinking and experiencing the world.

In Neurodiversity Week, Butterfly class (Reception) discussed 'what makes them different'. They then wrote down their individual strengths. With this information, they made a paper chain showing their unique characteristics and hung it in the classroom.

Great work! (right)



WORD OF THE WEEK

Linked to this, Ms Dixon chose the word empathy as we are keen for our children to attempt to share the feelings and be as understanding as possible to people they meet who are differently abled.

Ms Dixon and Carly ran a Neurodiversity workshop for parents. (right).



St George's Swimming Pool campaign



The local authority recently consulted on proposals to close St George's Swimming Pool. Children from St Paul's School have been part of the campaign to prevent St George's swimming baths from closing! Their efforts were recognised at a special event held at St George's on the East Church. The school was represented by our School Council.

Thank you to Janice and Shadwell Response for your help with the campaign!

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Easter
Scheme 2022
4- 14 April
(9 Days)

Bookings
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Exclusive to Place2Be schools

Parenting Smart – Online Course

Parents and Carers of 4-11 year olds can now access our free online course providing you with **extra tools to deal with everyday parenting challenges.**

The course aims to help you **strengthen your relationship with your child and respond helpfully to challenging behaviour.** You can also join discussions with other parents in your group from across the UK.

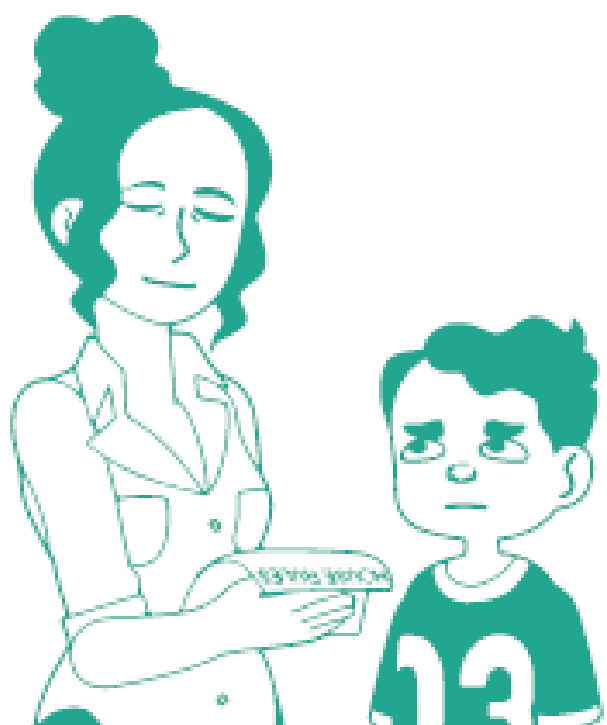
Designed to fit around busy family lives, the 7-week course can be **broken down into short 15-minute sections** and you can access it from your mobile phone, tablet or any other device.

All of the content is based on the latest evidence and experience from Place2Be's Parenting Team, in partnership with South London and Maudsley-NHS Foundation Trust.

- ✓ Free
- ✓ No fixed times
- ✓ Accessible from any device
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or talk to the Place2Be staff member in your school.





TODDLER GROUP PRESENTS....

It's story time!

every session we will read a new
story and bring it to life with
rhymes, themed activities & crafts

£1.50 per child

10:30-11:30am

fortnightly (term time)

at St George in the East Church

25th April 2022 -

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9th May 2022 -

Wait and See

23rd May 2022 -

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book now via the QR code



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St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools

Term Dates and Holidays - 2022/ 2023

Autumn Term 2022 (70 days)

Staff Training	Thu 1st & Friday 2nd September
First Day of Term	Monday 5 th September
Half Term	Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October
Second half of term	Monday 31 st October
Last Day of Term	Friday 16 th December

<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Sunday 25th December</i>
<i>Boxing Day</i>	<i>Monday 26th December</i>

Spring Term 2023 (58 days)

<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Sunday 1st January</i>
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd January
Staff Training	Tuesday 3rd January
First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 th January
Half Term	Mon. 13 th to Fri. 17 th February
Second half of term	Monday 20 th February
Last Day of Term	Friday 31 st March

<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 7th April</i>
<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Monday 10th April</i>

Summer Term 2023 (64 days)

First Day of Term	Monday 17 th April
Staff Training	Friday 28 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May
Half Term	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June
Second half of term	Monday 5 th June
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 st July

<i>Ramadan begins</i>	<i>Wednesday 22nd March* 2023</i>
<i>Eid Al-Fitr</i>	<i>Friday 21st April* 2023</i>
<i>Eid Al-Adha</i>	<i>Wednesday 28th June 2023</i>

190 School Days, **5 Staff Training Days** (2 to be arranged)
* to be confirmed



St Paul's School News Extra



RAIL SAFETY

Our TfL Community Ambassadors, Lynsey and Lorna came into school last week to talk to the children about safety on the railways. The children absolutely loved the session and asked some brilliant questions. (left)



ATHLETICS Our Athletics team enjoyed the competition at Cyril Jackson School yesterday sponsored by the Canary Wharf Group..



DEBATING CLASS

Year 6 had a debate as part of their Oracy development. We are practising and honing our skills ahead of taking on St John's, our Federation partner school. We are grateful to Ian Graham, who came in to support us and provide his feedback and insight. (above)

St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools Term Dates and Holidays - 2021/ 2022

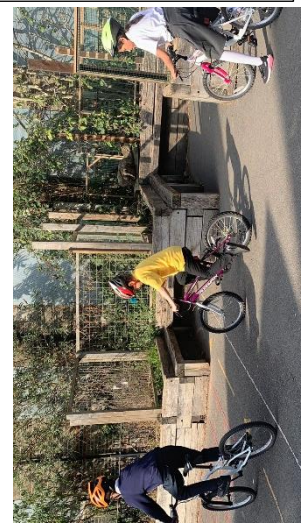
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Last Day of Term	Friday 1 st April
Ramadan begins	Saturday 2 nd April* 2022
Good Friday	Friday 15 th April
Easter Monday	Monday 18 th April

Summer Term 2022 (64 days)

First Day of Term	Tuesday 19 th April
Staff Training	Friday 29 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May
Eid Al-Fitr	Monday 2 nd May* 2022
Half Term	Mon 30 th May to Fri 3 rd June
Second half of term	Monday 6 th June
Eid Al-Adha	Saturday 9 th July* 2020
Last Day of Term	Friday 22 nd July

* to be confirmed



CYCLE TRAINING

Some of our Y6 and Y5 children were learning to ride bicycles last week. The more confident cyclists had the opportunity to experience cycling on the road. Sessions were run by the excellent team at [@BikeabilityUK](https://www.bikeability.co.uk/) (right)

Final Thought

"Let everything you do, be done in love."

*St Paul's first letter to the
Corinthians 16: 14*

