



St Paul's Whitechapel Newsletter

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This is the last newsletter from me and I would like to use the space to say what a fantastic privilege it has been to have worked at St Paul's School, firstly as Deputy Headteacher under Mrs Chalk from 1997 then, since 2001, as Headteacher and finally, since 2012 as Executive Headteacher.

I have been fortunate in having been able to work with talented staff, committed governors and supportive parents and carers. But the greatest reward in my career has been in working with our wonderful children. Year after year they inspire me with their attitude and behaviour.

To work in Tower Hamlets, in St Paul's School, and later St John's School, has been a humbling experience. My guiding principle has always been that our children can do as well as, or better than, children anywhere else in the country. Time and again, when the children leave us, at the end of Year 6, they demonstrate this. Hopefully, they are equipped with the academic knowledge and skills, along with the confidence and self-esteem, that will see them succeed in life.

I would like to thank you all for your wonderful support.

Finally, to paraphrase Mr Rubin, be kind to yourself and to each other.

Terry Bennett



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St Paul's School Staff News

Goodbye

We are saying 'Farewell' and 'Good Luck' to a small number of staff this year.

Marie Dixon, (right, upper) our SENDCo, has been with us since January 2020, starting weeks before the first Covid lockdown. I cannot praise the work that Ms Dixon has done highly enough; the provision for SEND children in our schools is second to none and Ms Dixon is a vocal advocate for all of our children. In September Ms Dixon will be joining the Phoenix Outreach team.

Angela Wright (right, middle) joined St Paul's School on the same day as me back in 1997. She worked as a teaching assistant for a short while before joining our Early Year's team. Mrs Wright's experience, confidence and expertise meant that she was a 'safe pair of hands' to deputise in the absence of the class teacher. Mrs Wright is retiring which will give her the opportunity to travel to those few parts of the world that she hasn't already visited.

Tom Daggett (right, lower) has been such a good friend to the school teaching singing, overseeing the choir, organising inspirational trips...Tom is leaving us to carry out a similar role in the community around Sheffield Cathedral.

Welcome

Our new Federation SENDCo is **Mads Pontin**, who has a great deal of experience. Having met her last week, I am sure she will fit in well and be an asset to our team.

Former St Paul's teaching assistant, **Safia Ali**, is now a qualified teacher and joins our staff as Year 2 teacher (Ms Reader will be our cover teacher in September).

Our new Nursery teacher is **Sandra Alvarez Perez**. Ms Perez is an experienced teacher who has been working in Christ Church Primary School in Brick Lane.

I am sure you will make them all very welcome.



St Paul's School Fete

St Paul's School Fete took place last week and was enjoyed by young and old. Even a short-lived outburst of rain couldn't dampen the atmosphere!

Although the Fete was all about having fun, it also raised money for the school fund, which is used to buy resources for the children, such as playtime equipment and games or to subsidise class trips and shows, such as the annual pantomime.

This year we raised over £800 which is amazing in these times of austerity.

Thank you so much to Janice and Ms. Blake, who organized the event, and everyone who helped, including nearly the entire staff team, together with a great group of parents/carers:

Khaleda Ahmed; Nadima Begum;
Anita Nila; Rozina Akther; Shamaila
Latif; Majida Miah; Janet-Marie Nhlapo;
Shozwana Khanom; Tamanna Akhtar;
Shana Khatum; Khalda Akter;
Khudeja Khatun

I hope we have mentioned you all, apologies if we have missed any names.



Criminals often use bikes and mopeds to snatch mobile phones from people



Follow these simple steps to help protect your phone.

Be aware of your surroundings

- If you need to call or use your phone on the street, look out for anyone on a bike or a moped near you
- Don't text while you're walking - you won't notice what's going on around you
- If that's not possible, stand away from the roadside, close to a building or wall, so no one can come up behind you
- Go hands free if you can

Know how to identify your phone if it's stolen

- Every phone has an IMEI number which helps police and insurance companies to identify it if it's stolen. UK network operators can also stop a stolen phone from working across their networks with its IMEI

Use security features on your phone

- You must switch on your phone's security features to protect your phone
- Use the keypad lock so that thieves cannot immediately access your phone, or use the biometric authentication if your phone has it (finger print or facial recognition)
- Your phone may have other security features you can use - these could allow you to wipe data, lock your handset, or prevent a thief from restoring a phone to its factory settings

from another internet device

- Consider installing an anti-theft app. These can be an effective way of helping police trace your phone and identify the thief

Remember, never confront a thief or risk your own safety for the sake of your mobile phone.

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023

COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURY'S CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELodge

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

BILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

TO BE CONFIRMED...

M&S and Farmhouse Inns

Summer Fun!

Ideas to support learning, play and well-being.

Visit the Childhood Museum in Bethnal Green

London's beloved Museum of Childhood has reopened on 1 July 2023. Kids have been involved in the building's redesign and it now has a wealth of interactive elements, centred around three galleries: Play, Design and Imagine. Kids can create their own Minecraft version of a town square, get on stage in a performance and storytelling space, play in a sand pit and much more.



INTERVIEW ELDERS

Encourage children to ask grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other relatives about kid friendly topics. Here are a few ideas...

1. What was their favourite childhood toy?
2. Where did they live as a child? What was their home like?
3. What was the biggest event of their childhood?

If possible, record the interviews to keep a video keep sake. Or request written replies to preserve the stories and the handwriting in a scrap book.



WATERMELON FREEZER POPS

You will need seedless watermelon, paper straws, fresh blueberries and vanilla yoghurt. Cut a half inch slice from the watermelon, use a cookie cutter to cut star shapes. Insert a paper straw into the centre bottom of each star. Press a hole into the centre of each star and place a blueberry in it. Use a plastic freezer bag to drizzle the yoghurt over the watermelon by snipping it at the corner of the bag. Enjoy! Try with other fruits such as pineapple, mango and grapes.



SINK THE BOAT STEM CHALLENGE!

The aim is to find out how many coins it takes to sink a foil boat. You will need tin foil, coins and a towel to dry the coins. Encourage your child to construct a boat with tin foil. Test the boat. Repeat the investigation but this time use different sized foil boats. Do smaller boats sink with less coins?

SUPPORTED BY
THE HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES &
FOOD
PROGRAMME



CRICKET COACHING PROGRAMME

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

VENUE: STEPNEY GREEN SCHOOL
BEN JONSON ROAD
STEPNEY
E1 4SD

WEEK ONE: MONDAY 24th JULY to THURSDAY 27th JULY 2023

WEEK TWO: MONDAY 31st AUGUST to THURSDAY 3rd AUGUST 2023

WEEK THREE: MONDAY 7th AUGUST to THURSDAY 10th AUGUST 2023

Every day, 10am-3pm



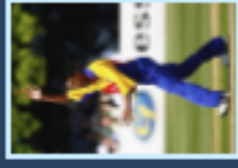
PLATFORM

Supporting young people to progress
through and in cricket



THE COACHES

LEAD: JAHID AHMED



Jahid Ahmed is a former Essex senior bowler who has worked extensively in youth cricket. He is one of an exclusive group of Level 3 coaches, he has led the development of junior cricket in East London and he is a fast bowling and high performance coach with Kent CCC.

OTHER COACHES INCLUDE:

Matt Gidding (current Minor County Cricketer; Level 2 Coach), Jonathan Roddis (Club Youth Lead; Level 2 Coach), Matt Stoddard (London Schools U14 Lead; Level 2 Coach), Radha Maripati (Former Professional player; Level 2 Coach).



IS THIS COACHING PROGRAMME FOR YOU?

This course is appropriate for any child in school years 4 to 7.

Children will experience cricket in a fun, safe and progressive environment, building on their development at an appropriate rate.

Both beginners and children who have experienced cricket before are welcome.

DETAILS

- **COST:** These courses are Free of Charge
- **PLACES:** Allocated to the first 30 respondents on a first come-first serve basis
- **AGES:** 8-12 Years Old
- **LUNCHES & REFRESHMENT:** Parents of children entitled to a Free School Meal will be provided with a hot lunch (Please highlight any dietary requirements when signing-up)
- **CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT:** Regular sports kit & trainers (non-marking soles); Personal protective equipment preferred, although we can supply if a child does not have their own

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR TO DISCUSS ANY ASPECT OF THE COURSE
PLEASE CONTACT:

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St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools Term Dates and Holidays - 2023/ 2024

Autumn Term 2023 (75 days)

Staff Training Mon 4th & Tue 5th September
First Day of Term Wednesday 6th September
Half Term Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October
Second half of term Monday 30th October
Last Day of Term Friday 22nd December

Christmas Day Monday 25th December
Boxing Day Tuesday 26th December

Spring Term 2024 (54 days)

New Year's Day Monday 1st January

Staff Training Monday 8th January

First Day of Term Tuesday 9th January

Half Term Mon. 12th to Fri. 16th February

Second half of term Monday 19th February

Last Day of Term Thursday 28th March

Good Friday Friday 29th March
Easter Monday Monday 1st April

Summer Term 2024 (66 days)

Staff Training Monday 15th April

First Day of Term Tuesday 16th April

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

Staff Training Friday 24th May

Half Term Monday 27th to Friday 31st May

Second half of term Monday 3rd June

Last Day of Term Tuesday 23rd July

Ramadan begins Sunday 10th March 2024*

Eid Al-Fitr Tuesday/ Wednesday 9th/ 10th April 2024*

Eid Al-Adha Sunday/ Monday 16th/ 17th June 2024*

Free Intensive Swimming Lessons

We are offering free intensive swimming lessons during the summer holidays at the centres below. To book please email Sabrina Forde Sabrina.Forde@GLL.ORG.

York Hall leisure centre

Monday 7th August -11th August 9-1130am small pool

Tiller Rd leisure centre

Monday 14th –18th August 9-1130am

Mile end leisure centre

Monday 21st August -25th August -9-1130am small pool.

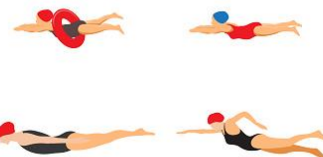
Poplar baths leisure

Tuesday 29th August -1st September

Thank you

Jackie Ayres

Area swim lead, LBTH



Final Thought

"There can be no happiness if the things we believe in are different from the things we do."

Freya Stark, Explorer and travel writer, 'The Journey's Echo'.