



# St Paul's Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

## *An update from Mr. Rubin...*

Happy new year to you all. I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break. We have started the new term well. Our Value of the Term is Humility and the children have been learning the importance of being humble and caring for one another.

The school was open over the break for our foodbank. A big thankyou to Miss Sharena and Ms Blake who came in to school to support with that. It was a very busy day. Thank you to Miss Janice for her organisational skills too.

Over the Christmas break, I was reflecting on whether we can offer more wraparound support for families I have been looking at different models and sent a survey. It would seem that this is an appealing idea so we will be exploring it in greater detail and intend to have something in place for the beginning of the next academic year at the latest. Thank you for all the feedback.

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.

## School Council Update

It was an absolute pleasure to meet members of our School Council last week. They asked me a number of interesting questions as we talked about their thoughts on the year ahead, what they love about their school and what they would do to make things even better.

We discussed the importance of their role on the School Council and why it is important to have representation from all year groups.

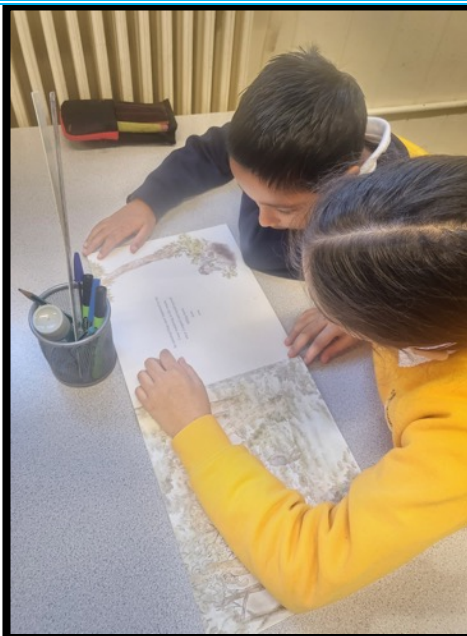


## Kindness Cup Update

I know you will not be surprised that we celebrate Kindness every week in our Celebration Assembly. Kindness and Compassion are such important values.

I was delighted that members of our Caterpillar class joined us and was thrilled to award the Kindness Cup to our first winner of 2024!





### **Year 3 History Update**

Year 3 have started their new unit for History. Our new Key Question is 'How did life change in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?' We started this unit by reading the book 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura.



### **Year 4 Visit to St Katharine Docks**

Y4 went on a local walk to St Katharine's Dock. Along the way they looked out for animal habitats. The children had great fun looking for nests and then looking at the boats linked to their history topic of the London Docks. Thank you to our parent volunteer for coming along.

### **Parent Governor Email Information**

If you would like to contact Mahmud or Shamaila we have set up an email address for any queries which our office team can pass on to them. The email address is :

[parent\\_governor@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parent_governor@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk)



The very best way to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/StPaulsCESchool>. We have 770 followers and the more followers we have, the more people will see what a fantastic school this is!



## **Butterfly Class Update – Ms Robinson**

Our Butterflies class have settled back in after the break really well. They are enjoying learning about their new topic, 'Transport' and are working sensibly together to create various vehicles using junk modelling and being creative with their friends.

Following on from their transport designs, the Reception children have made their own transport using cardboard boxes!





## **St Paul's Food Bank**

A big thank you to Ms Sharena and Ms Blake who came into school over the Christmas holidays to help organise our food banks. We made crates for 45 families. Thank you to

Reynolds who provide all the fruit and vegetables, The Felix Project who donated food and The Hygiene Bank who supply all the toiletries. Thank you also to Ms Janice who organised the food hub delivery and Ms Taybah for organising the slots.



## **Caterpillar Class Update – Ms Sandra**

Children in the Caterpillar class have been working on matching number to quantity and ordering numbers. Children are working hard and making good progress.





### Lunchtime Update

Our Family Dining style of eating lunch is going very well. The children are very sensible and help to serve the food and clear up brilliantly. We are very proud of them.

Here is a picture of one of our recent tables of the week. The winning table receives flowers and the accolade of being the best table.



### Year 5 Trip Update

As part of their financial literacy project, Class 5 visited the Bank of England Museum where they were led on a tour by colleagues from Ion Group. Following on from that there was an interactive presentation.

Did you know that a gold bar weighs approximately 12.5 kg?



### Reading Partners Update

I am delighted to report that we now have reading partners from two companies that come into school to give up their time to read with our children.

Thank you to Mr Boutflour for arranging this and Ms Taybah for all the organisation.





ALL WELCOME



- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January (Candlemas) St Paul's school hall
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February (Lent) St Paul's school hall
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March (Holy Week) St Paul's school hall
- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March (Easter Sunday) St George in the East TBC\*
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May (Easter) St Paul's school hall
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June (Pentecost) St Paul's school hall
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July (Leavers) St Paul's school hall
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July (Dedication Festival) St George in the East TBC\*

Refreshments from 3.40pm service 4-  
4.30pm.





**DISCOVER**  
**FOOTBALL**  
**JUST PLAY**

# FOOTBALL *Training*

**£6.00**

PER SESSION

YOUTH AGE

**5-7**

**WEDNESDAY**

**TERM TIME ONLY**

**4:45-5:45 PM**

**ST PAULS WHITECHAPE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**E1 8GN**

PLEASE USE BACK GATE

**BOOK VIA HAPPITY**

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George  
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**FOOTBALL@STGEORGEINTHEEAST.ORG**





*You're invited to a*

# PANCAKE PARTY

**10am || 13th February**

**St George in the East**

For children and families

*Pancake races, decorating and eating  
pancakes, crafts*





## **Are you concerned about a child or a family?**

Make a factual record of your concern.

(Include day, date, time, other witnesses, concern and your signature)

You must share your concerns without delay.

### **The Designated Members of Staff Responsible for Safeguarding and Child Protection at St Paul's are:**



**Darren Rubin**  
**Executive Headteacher**



**Kathy Blake**  
**Deputy Headteacher**



**John Boutflour**  
**Assistant Headteacher**



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

### Term Dates and Holidays - 2023/ 2024

#### Autumn Term 2023 (75 days)

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

*Christmas Day Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December*

*Boxing Day Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December*

#### Spring Term 2024 (54 days)

*New Year's Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January*

Staff Training	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
First Day of Term	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	Mon. 12 <sup>th</sup> to Fri. 16 <sup>th</sup> February
Second half of term	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Last Day of Term	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March

*Good Friday Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March*

*Easter Monday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April*

#### Summer Term 2024 (66 days)

Staff Training	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
First Day of Term	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Staff Training	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Second half of term	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July

*Ramadan begins Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024\**

*Eid Al-Fitr Tuesday/ Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>/ 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024\**

*Eid Al-Adha Sunday/ Monday 16<sup>th</sup>/ 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024\**

195 days including 5 staff training days

\* to be confirmed