



# St Paul's Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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

It was lovely to see so many of you at the recent parent/carers afternoon/evening. I have gathered some feedback from you which I will be sharing later in the edition. In the newsletter this week, I will be reporting on the recent campaign on affordable housing that our Year five children have been working on in conjunction with St George's in the East plus a few more updates along the way.

I am delighted to say that Ms Janice has now come back to work following her rehabilitation and we are so pleased to have her here. I have shared a lot of dates and flyers in this addition so do please take the time to look through them.

We still have some vacancies in our Nursery class. We know that the birth rate is falling in the borough so if you know families looking for a great school, do please send them our way.

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.



## **Mrs Abrahams**

I wanted to send all our love to Mrs Abrahams who is unwell at the moment and will be taking some time off school to convalesce. Mrs Abrahams always has a 'can do' attitude and is full of positivity.

Ms Blake and I visited her last weekend where she was in good spirits and wanted to let everyone know that she was determined to get back to work soon.



## **Football Teams Update – Ms Blake**

Thank you to Coach Idrees who has trained our boys and girls football teams. They recently took part in the local Mile End tournament and acquitted themselves well demonstrating the values we are so proud of. Thanks to Ms Blake for organising.

## Staffing Update

We say farewell for now to Mrs Reader, who will be off on maternity leave. Miss Reader has made such a big impact in the time she has been here. We say goodbye, and thank you to Miss Evans who has left the school. I am delighted to say that Miss Maya will now be teaching Class Four all week. More fantastic news is that Miss Janice has returned to work. I am so pleased she will be working with our families again.



## Reading at St Paul's

A love for reading is so important. As you come into the heart of the school, the first thing you will come across is our school library. We are so grateful that we have Laura our librarian who along with our staff promotes a love of reading. In the pictures below, you can see some of our children enjoying the library space. Every Friday, Mr Boutflour leads a Reading assembly where children have the opportunity to discuss their favourite book and why they like it.



## Family Dining Update

We have been running our new family dining style service for two weeks now and have been very impressed with how sensible and helpful the children are.

Last week, we invited Eleanor O'Donohoe, from the Tower Hamlets Healthy Lives Team and Rab Brownell, the School Food Improvement Programme Manager from Tower Hamlets Public Health Division to come in and see for themselves how things were going. Children have the opportunity to try different types of food and are supporting one another.

Eleanor and Rab were both very impressed with what they saw. Thank you to Tosca and her team along with our staff who work so hard to support the children at lunchtime. A big thank you to Ms Blake who has worked tirelessly across lunchtime to implement this vision.





## **Parent Carers Evening Feedback**

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who have taken the time to fill out our feedback forms. We had 28 responses. I have included the positives and areas for development below which our staff team will reflect on:



### **Strengths:**

- *Everything was covered we had no questions*
- *Overall I could see my child has been progressing in class*
- *I like the way teacher told me my child overall progress .*
- *The event helped me to know the subjects my child was learning in school and how confident he is.*
- *The event was well organised and went smoothly according to time*
- *The teacher was lovely*
- *Teachers are excellent*
- *The teacher is always happy and friendly .My son is enjoying to coming to school.*
- *Especially for year 6 it's nice to see the progress there making and will be good to be kept updated throughout this year. As obviously year 7 is a big step from year 6 it would be good to be informed of their process as the year goes on with any support we can give from home*
- *I'm very happy because all teachers are really really helpful*
- *Proud of how well my child is doing in school*
- *Very good meeting. It wasn't rushed at all and it gave me a piece of mind regarding my child's progress.*
- *Got to see child's work book*
- *it wasn't over run and went very smoothly*
- *Teacher shows me child's all work books. Her progress & needs to improve.*
- *This school is very good for curriculum.*
- *Friendly and helpful chaperones from Y6 to guide parents to the designated rooms. Great opportunity to get an insight of my children's progress and development in school is paramount and also to speak to the teaching professionals to gain a better understanding of how my child can be better supported if needed.*

### **Areas for Development:**

- *Zoom meetings for the can't attend because of sickness, work etc.*
- *It would be helpful if you show us what the children are doing so we can practice them for the next term .*
- *It would be great if we could have an idea about what the curriculum will be for the next term or how to help them*
- *Written report to take home. Even if it's a short summery of my child's progress. Just something in writing*
- *the whole system was brilliant lead by the Yr 6 kids, there's nothing that could've made it better*

## **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 :

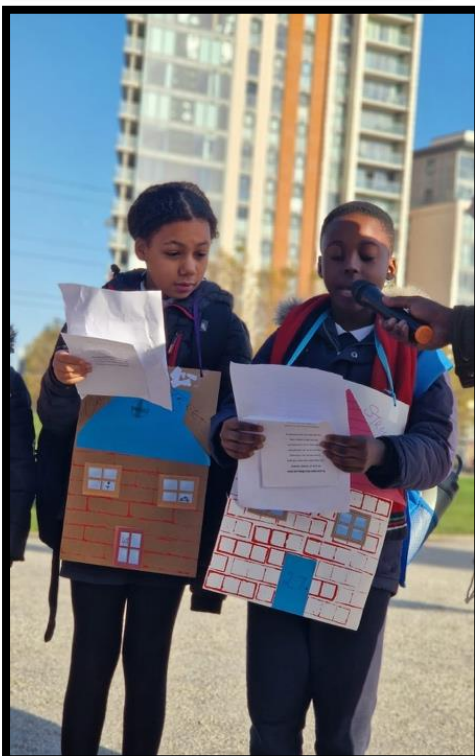
[parent\\_governor@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parent_governor@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

## **Affordable Housing Campaign with St George in the East Church**

One of our school values is Koinonia which is all about the importance of the community that we are a part of. Working with Father Richard and Elizabeth along with their staff team, the children in Class 5 have been thinking about affordable housing for people in our community and how difficult it is to access.

In conjunction with our church, children worked on how best to get the message across that people need affordable housing. What better way to do this than to lobby the Mayor and Deputy Mayor at City Hall! The GLA representative noted how moved she was by the children's testimony. The Deputy Mayor guaranteed his support to get the land in Cable Street ready for housing and even offered a site visit in the new year.

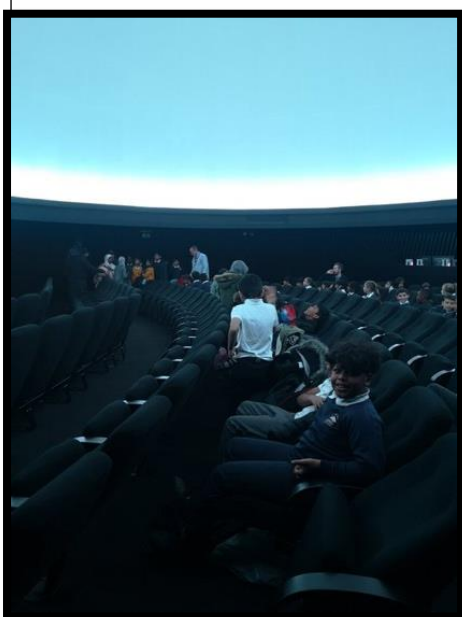
Our children thought hard about this campaign and the power of the spoken voice was evident in their presentations. Thank you to Father Richard and Elizabeth for organising and to Mr. Bouflour for his creativity. Thank you also to our incredible children who made such an impact on what is such an important issue to so many.





## **Class 5 Trip to Greenwich Observatory**

Class Five have been exceedingly busy. They went to the Greenwich Observatory this week and watched an informative presentation on the Solar System in the Planetarium. The students were incredibly impressed and this linked perfectly to their last topic they covered called 'Out of this World'. They even had time to make the most of their surroundings checking out the Cutty Sark and the River Thames. Mr Boutflour also wanted to thank the parent volunteers who were so helpful.



## **Early Years Visit the Shops**

Our children in the EYFS recently went on an outing to the local shops. This provides a number of key learning opportunities. Children may count items, compare quantities, and identify prices, they develop their numeracy skills and begin to grasp the concept of money.

Furthermore, shopping excursions nurture children's problem-solving and decision-making abilities. They may need to navigate through crowds, find specific items, or make choices between different options, plus learn the important skill of taking your turn in the queues!

The children were beautifully behaved and had a great time!

## **Science update**

A big thank you to Ms Reader who hosted our governors Senait and Nathaniel last week. Their focus was science taking a look at the environment, the planning, the resources and viewing samples of work. They were very impressed with the children who discussed their experiences and enjoyment of the subject.





## CHOIR CHURCH



**Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm  
in the school hall**

Learn new songs, practice singing  
performance and technique.  
Themed crafts, activities & games,  
Once a month sing and serve in the  
school service.

Trips



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# CHRISTMAS

at St. George-in-the-East

**Children's Community Christmas  
Party**

**Saturday 9th December || 10.30am - 12.30pm**  
*Nativity Themed Music, Craft and Games*

**Neighbourhood Carol Service**

**Sunday 17th December || 5 - 6.30 pm**  
*Family Friendly Carols and Festive Treats*

**Christmas Vigil Mass**

**Sunday 24th December || 9pm**  
*Vigil of Lights and Solemn Eucharist, with  
String Quartet*

**Christmas Day Mass**

**Monday 25th December || 9.30am**  
*Family Mass with Carols and Festive Drinks*

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AUTUMN TERM 2023



The Tower Hamlets Independent SEND Parent Forum in partnership with the City Parent Carer Forum would like to invite parents and carers to

# Let's Talk SEND Information Marketplace

An information event for parents, carers and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

Thursday 30 November 2023, 10.30am-1pm

Brady Arts & Community Centre, 192-196 Hanbury Street, E1 5HU

## SCHEDULE

10.30am – Information marketplace opens

10.30am-1pm – Opportunities to network and find out how you can get involved in local parent groups

11am – Tower Hamlets senior leaders share future plans and actions

Refreshments provided

## MARKETPLACE

Meet a range of service providers who support families, including:

- The SEN Team
- SEND Information, Advice and Support Service
- Family Information Service
- Parental Engagement Team
- Health Services
- Young V&A (Museum of Childhood)
- Community organisations

## CONTACT US

For more information contact:  
Family Information Service  
Tel: 020 7364 6495  
Email: [fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk)

Information from previous Let's Talk SEND meetings on the Local Offer.

[www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk/pages/local-offer/send/let-s-talk-send](http://www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk/pages/local-offer/send/let-s-talk-send)



This event is organised by the Tower Hamlets Independent SEND Parent Forum and co-produced with the City SEND Parent Carer Forum and the Tower Hamlets Parent and Carer Council.

## Follow Us on Twitter

The very best way to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on Twitter on the handle <https://twitter.com/StPaulsCESchool>

.We have 767 followers and the more followers we have, the more people will see what a fantastic school this is!





Vaccination UK



Protect your child this winter from

# Influenza

Children's Flu vaccination clinics 2023

**1 To consent your child for a FREE vaccine:**

We are holding clinics for school aged children at **East London Mosque** in November and December this year.

These are **free walk in** IM flu clinics, where we are offering the **gelatine-free** flu vaccine.

You can walk in and get the vaccine, or we can book you an appointment. Please contact our team at **[appointments@v-uk.co.uk](mailto:appointments@v-uk.co.uk)** or call on **0207 613 8370**.

**2 Follow up clinic dates and times:**

**East London Mosque**  
**46 Whitechapel Road**  
**London**  
**E1 1JX**

**Monday 20th November - 3pm - 6pm**

**Tuesday 5th December - 3pm - 6pm**



Available to all  
children from  
Reception to Year  
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For further information go to: **[www.schoolvaccination.uk](http://www.schoolvaccination.uk)**



# THSCP Bulletin



## SAFEGUARDING MONTH – ANTI RACISM CONFERENCE

Save the date: **28<sup>th</sup> November 2023!** We would like to invite you to a special event during Safeguarding Month. This time, we're focusing on something very important - Anti-Racism.

This conference aims to give you a great understanding of Anti-Racism and its related concepts as our guest speakers will be delivering informative sessions.

The speakers for this conference are:

- The Independent Scrutineer
- The Learning Academy
- The Met Police (Discussion on the Casey Report and Child Q)

In addition to the informative sessions, we have also arranged some activities and a dedicated Question and Answer (Q&A) session which will provide you with the opportunity to actively participate in discussions and engage with our speakers.

When: 28<sup>th</sup> November @ 10:00 – 13:00

Where: In Person Event - PDC 229 Bethnal Green Road London E2 0AH

Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/safeguarding-month-anti-racism-conference-tickets-739275381567>

Please share through all your agencies!! The conference is for any professional who works or volunteers with children and families in the borough.

Calendar invites with the joining links will be sent out a few days before the event so please mark the time in your own diaries to attend the events.

For more information email [thscp@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:thscp@towerhamlets.gov.uk)



## **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