



St Paul's Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023

An update from Mr. Rubin...

I hope you had a good Summer break. The children have returned to school in great spirits despite the rather hot start to the year.

The aim of our newsletter is to keep you updated and informed on what is happening in school. I will be seeking some feedback via a survey in the next month or so to analyse what content you would like to see.

On 21st September we will be inviting you in to meet the class teacher and take part in an activity with your children. There will be more information about that later in this edition.

Thank you for all your kind words regarding my run. I am very relieved it is over! The total collected is revealed below...

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.



Welcome to the St Paul's Family!

Our Early Years Unit is such a welcoming nurturing environment for our children. The children are already beginning to further develop their social, emotional and personal skills, their language and communication and their fine and gross motor skills. Most importantly they are settling in, happy and having fun!

A warm welcome to Ms Sandra and to our new Nursery intake:

Witaan, Eilana, Hajar, Aidan, Humayra,
Inaaya, Ayla, Ibrahim, Haseeb, Adam,
Mahinur, Zayan and Faraz.

We also welcome Poppy, Akinlabi, Kerem,
Emily, Safiya (Rec), Ibrahim Mohammed (Y1)
and Liyana (Y4).

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



Staffing News

Ms Janice

I wanted to let you know that unfortunately, during the Summer holidays, Janice and her son were involved in a car accident. They are both recovering in Plymouth Hospital which is the nearest hospital to where the accident happened.

I have spoken to Janice a couple of times now. She is understandably sore and looking forward to being back home in London. Our thoughts and prayers are with Janice and her family and we wish them both a swift recovery and can't wait to see Janice back at school doing what she does best - supporting everyone in our school community.



Mrs Lee

I wrote to you earlier in the week about Mrs Lee leaving The Federation today.

I know you will pass on your well-wishes as she begins her new job as a business manager in a nursery school, much closer to where she lives.



Staff Training Day Update – Mr Rubin

Have you ever wondered what we do during INSET days when your children are not at school? Our staff spent the first couple of days at school training on safeguarding including the latest updates to ensure we are doing everything we can to keep our children safe. In addition, we had fire safety training, I updated colleagues on our school improvement plan and we also launched our new RE curriculum. One of the many benefits to working in a Federation is that we can share our ideas and pool resources.



Non-Uniform Day - Friday 22nd September

We would like to have a non-uniform day to raise money to support those victims of the Moroccan earthquake and recent floods in Libya. Please bring in £2 to help support those affected.



Welcome Ms Pontin

A very warm welcome to Ms Pontin who has taken over from Ms Dixon as our new Sendco. Ms Pontin has a wealth of experience working in Newham, Southwark, Hackney and Tower Hamlets. Her main SEND interests are in children's cognition and learning and also in social emotional and mental health. She is an East Ender and has two grown-up neurodiverse sons. Ms Pontin herself is dyslexic.

Of course, it will take a while to get to know everyone but she will be on the gate on Mondays and Tuesdays at St Paul's and contactable via reception@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk

School Lunch Update – Ms Blake

Our pupils always enjoy our delicious healthy food at lunchtimes, prepared and cooked on site by Tosca and her amazing kitchen team.

We are planning on returning to family style dining. This involves the food being set out on the individual tables and the older children serving the younger ones. It helps to create a more sociable lunchtime and gives the children an opportunity to try different foods.



Save the Date – Meet The Teacher! **21st September 9-10am** **Years 1-6**

One of the best things about my job is when I get to visit all the different classes and discover what they are learning. There is always such a lovely atmosphere. Next Thursday 21st September, we will be welcoming parents/carers from Classes 1 to 6 into school to 'Meet the Teacher' and find out the important information for the year. After that, there will be an opportunity to take part in an activity with your child.

We will invite parents/carers of children in the Early Years in when pupils have had a few more weeks to settle.

If you can not attend or have children in different classes, do not worry, we will send you the slides and you are welcome to pop into a couple of classes to see your children.





Thank you Reynolds!

Thank you so much to Reynolds Grocers. As always they have regularly delivered fresh fruit and vegetables to our schools both in school term time and the summer break. This helps with our food bank and our Cooking and Nutrition lessons at St Paul's. We could not do what we do without their generosity!



Federated Hermes – Thankyou!

Thank you to our friends at Hermes for taking time out of their working lives to volunteer to clear up our Early Years outside area, our garden area and our playgrounds.

We had so many people come in during the Summer holidays, ably led by Mr Andy and they all did such a great job! It has made an incredible difference and we are very thankful.

We are so fortunate to have such generous friends. A big thank you to Rowena, one of our Governors who works for Federated Hermes and always thinks of ways to help us.



Half Marathon Update

I was blown away by the generosity of our families. We raised such a huge amount of money... £3420!! We now have the opportunity to buy some great new equipment for both St John's and St Paul's. We will ask the children to help decide what the best items are once we have set up our new school councils. It's not too late. Simply click the link below.
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/darren-rubin>





Parenting Smart



We all want the best for our children, but parenting can be really tough sometimes. We've all been there.

Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour.

All of our content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families.

Designed with busy parents in mind, the site has short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to bullying, from sleeping difficulties to encouraging self-confidence.



Learn more at
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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 4-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.

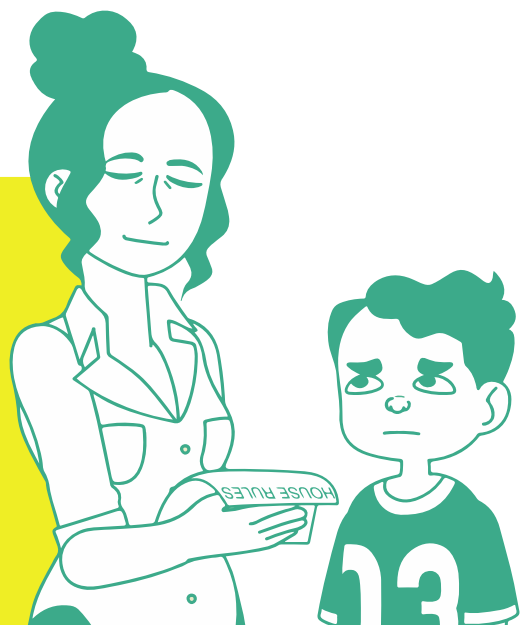
All of the content is based on the latest evidence and experience from Place2Be's Parenting Team, in partnership with South London and Maudsley-NHS Foundation Trust.

- ✓ Free
- ✓ No fixed times
- ✓ Accessible from any device
- ✓ Hear from other parents around the UK
- ✓ Place2Be professional on hand to support learning



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WOMEN'S ECONOMIC ADVICE HUB

Faith Regen Foundation is holding **Financial Mentoring Sessions** in Tower Hamlets from May 2023 - October 2023

Essential Eligibility criteria:

- (i) Female 18+
- (ii) From Tower Hamlets Borough

Desirable eligible criteria:

Current victims/historical victims of Domestic Abuse

Session outline

1:1 case work to understand your financial situation

Financial IAG - analyse income, expenses, debt and assets and setting financial goals

Household budgeting sessions to reduce expenses and develop a tailored financial plan

Understand household utilities management, transport, banking and security, savings, etc.

and much much more!!

Call Shanjida on: 07951276749 to attend the next session or **email t.habib@thefrf.org** for further details



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