



# Autumn Newsletter

## Thank you for your help

It was quite a challenge getting the school ready for the return of all pupils in September although, with hard work from the staff and with your support, everything has gone as smoothly as we could have hoped it would.

Initially, there were some concerns about congestion by the front gates at the end of the day, but a slight reorganisation of times and collection points has alleviated this.

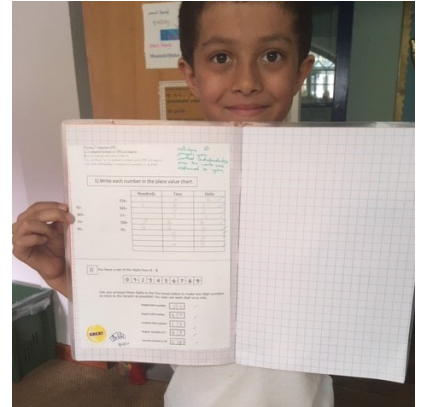
You can continue to help us by not turning up too early and not turning up too late.

Under the school's Covid-19 Risk Assessment children **must not bring in any personal belongs to school.** This includes games like **Match Attax**, as well as **pencil cases** or any toys.

Finally, there is no need to send in snacks for your child. We have fruit available at playtimes and each child has a healthy, generous lunch.

Please address any questions on these, or any other, issues to our parents' email address:

[parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk)



Well done to this young man who was the first pupil to be awarded a headteacher's merit for his work. Can you guess who it is?

## School uniform, shoes & PE kits

St Paul's School has a very good record when it comes to our children wearing their uniform to school.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their correct uniform everyday. This is especially true of their shoes, which should be **Plain**

**black trainers (no logos) or school shoes.** Jewellery should not be worn to school.

Also, children should bring in their PE Kits on a Monday and take them home to be washed each week on a Friday.



## St Paul's staff news In the Newsletter

A belated welcome back to Ms Jen Khan (who rejoined us in June!) and to Ms Laura Bassi, both of whom are sharing our Year 1 class this year. Mr Cush has reduced his number of days in school as he is training for priesthood. We welcome Ms Maya Ferdous who is a volunteer helping in Year 3.

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## Social media use

We have had reports of children using social media, especially WhatsApp, inappropriately. Please ensure that you are fully aware of your child's use of any device with internet access and remember that programmes like Facebook and WhatsApp should not be used by children under 13 years old. For more advice see:

<https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/resource-centre?s=16>

**Please note:** The school will be closed for half term from 26th to 30th October and for a staff training on Monday 2nd November. We will reopen on **Tuesday 3rd November.**





# What we've been up to



These superb pieces of art were created by Mimi Xinye Du, now of Year 7 at the Harris Academy, Southwark.

The image on the right was produced for a friend, that on the right was a present to the school. It is something we will certainly treasure!



## Year 6

Year 6 have begun gymnastics with Maxine on Mondays. It's great to have her back!



Follow us on Twitter for news from the school and regular updates on what our children are up to!

[@StPaulsCESchool](https://twitter.com/StPaulsCESchool)



## Year 3

Year 3 made risotto rice with courgette [#Reynolds](https://www.reynolds.co.uk/) and broccoli today. It was very sticky but yummy!



## Early Years

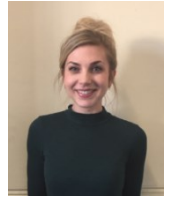
The nursery children settled in well and enjoy independent play. The Early Years team and both classes are excited about the autumn term and all the learning that will take place.







## Welcome back from Place2Be!



It's been great to welcome the children back and to hear their thoughts and feelings about returning to school after such a long time. The teachers and Place2Be have been encouraging children to check-in with their feelings as they begin to settle back into school life.

Place2Talk, our drop-in 'talk and play' service during breaktime/lunchtime, will re-start soon. The sessions are open to all children in school, and it's a chance for children to share their feelings in a creative way. If you have any concerns about your child's emotional well-being, please speak to me at the school gate or get in touch by contacting the school (in school Weds pm – Friday.).

*Here's a video that you can watch with your child to support them with their return to school:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZIJuX1VXsH4>

## Year 4

Year 4 have been so healthy in our kitchen making salads and learning about the benefits of wholemeal pasta.



## A blooming partnership



Wildflowers from the meadow in Swedenborg Gardens

Action to tackle high levels of antisocial behaviour on a small open space in Shadwell, has brought about surprising results.

Swedenborg Gardens was often used for large antisocial gatherings, causing noise, litter and other problems. In summer 2019, residents, local charity and community groups plus various council services – including parks, housing and safer neighbourhood teams – decided to come together to form the Swedenborg Partnership to work to improve the site.

Before lockdown, the partnership delivered a number of activities and events: bulb planting days; the removal of old seats and fencing from the open space; tackling unwanted gatherings; the creation of a colourful wild flower meadow, which attracts wildlife; and weekly 'Nature and Us' wildlife and ecology themed explorations.

Members of the partnership are keen to get back to the gardens to deliver more joint events as soon as they can. So keep your ear to the ground for news of what's next.

**Help the Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park get through the COVID-19 outbreak and continue protecting local nature and heritage.**

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/friends-of-tower-hamlets-cemetery-park-survival-appeal>



# Place2Be Kindness Cup



This is a reminder about our Kindness Cup which is presented each week to a child who has followed the Golden Rules consistently. This half term's winners are:

Week 1: Year 6

**Mariam**

Week 2: Year 5

**Rafee**

Week 3: Year 4

**Rafaella**

**Well done all!**

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Primary Schools

## Golden Rules

Be gentle

Be kind and helpful

Work hard

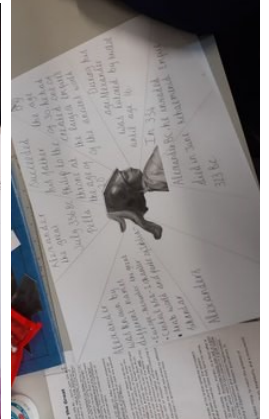
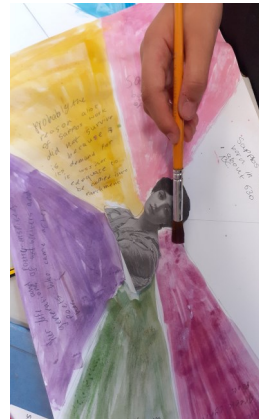
Look after property

Listen to people

Be honest

## Year 5

Year 5 are studying Ancient Greece. Hot seating characters is always a fun way to place ourselves in their positions and consider their choices more carefully... Odysseus was grilled with tough questions like 'Why could we not stay on Circe's island?'

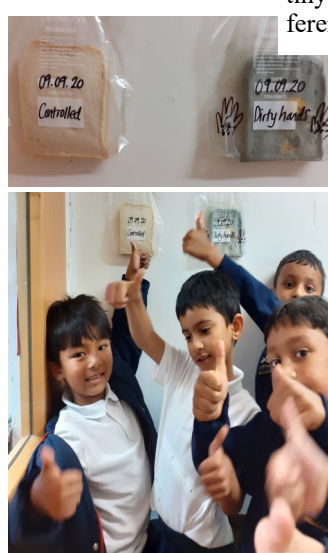
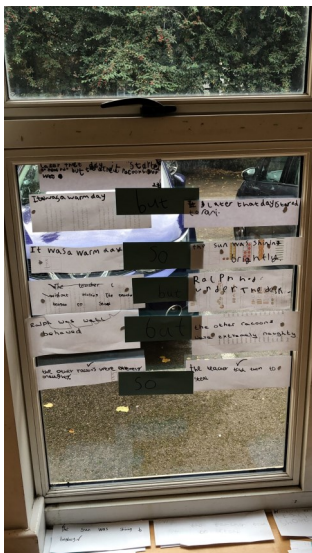


## Year 2

Year 2 wrote conjunctions and created their own versions of beans on toast. Yum!

## Year 1

..found out why it is so important to wash your hands and used phonics and counting skills in picking up tiny shells and sieving to find different coins.



# News and advice from Tower Hamlets Council

Your guide to information and services for families in Tower Hamlets



## LOCALOFFER

 @thlocaloffer

 [localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk](http://localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk)

Guide to information and services in Tower Hamlets for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and **all** families in the borough



### Advice, Information and Support Services



SEND



Childcare



Education



Social  
Care



Health



Young  
People's  
Zone



Leisure  
& Youth  
Services



Events &  
Activities



News



To find out more please visit the Local Offer website  
[www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk](http://www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk) or call us on  
**020 7364 6495** or email [fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk)





A quick-start guide for getting started on the Zoom platform. Tips for before the meeting, how to join, waiting, and during the meeting.

**FamiliesMatter**  
Tower Hamlets Parental Engagement Team



## A message from Denise and Rashina

Here is a step by step guide on how to install and use Zoom, which schools are using more and more instead of having face to face meetings.

We will be delivering a number of workshops over the coming months using this portal. More information to follow.

Search the app store for your device and look for the zoom logo



### ADDING ZOOM TO YOUR DEVICE

Before joining a Zoom meeting on a computer or mobile device, you can download the Zoom app at [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) or on the app store



### JOINING A MEETING ON IOS

Via the Zoom app on iOS (iPhone, iPad, etc.):  
Tap **JOIN A MEETING** (no need to sign in). Enter your **MEETING ID** and enter your display name (or initials). You do NOT need to be signed in to Zoom.  
Be sure your audio and video are on and select **JOIN**.



### JOINING A MEETING ON ANDROID



Via the Zoom app on Android: Be sure you have downloaded the Zoom app via the Google Play Store.  
Tap **JOIN A MEETING**. Enter your **MEETING ID** and enter your display name (or initials). You do NOT need to be signed in to Zoom. Be sure your audio and video are on and select **JOIN**.

### JOINING ZOOM VIA EMAIL INVITATION



Via Email sent by a teacher, school staff or other professional  
Click the **JOIN LINK** in your email or calendar invitation.  
You may be prompted to open Zoom depending on your browser

If you receive an email invitation then you just need to click on the link.

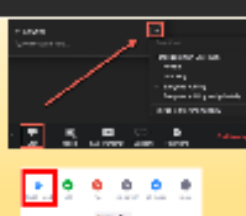
You may need to wait for the meeting host to start the meeting, but they always try to start on time.

### HOW TO USE ZOOM FOR MEETINGS

Waiting for the Host (teacher/staff) to Start the Meeting:  
If the staff have not started broadcasting (meaning he/she is not yet on your screen), you'll receive something similar as the following message (see right image). Just patiently wait a few minutes for them to start.



### DURING THE MEETING



You will see a green bar at the top of the screen if the host is on the screen. For more information, see the Zoom app.  
If you have a microphone that works well, you can use it. If you have a headset, you can use that. If you have a headset, you can use that. If you have a headset, you can use that.  
**RAISE HAND** You can use the **RAISE HAND** button to let the host know you want to speak. The host will see a green bar at the top of the screen and a green bar at the bottom of the screen. You can click the **RAISE HAND** button to let the host know you want to speak.  
**MUTE/UNMUTE** You can use the **MUTE/UNMUTE** button to mute or unmute your microphone. The host will see a green bar at the top of the screen and a green bar at the bottom of the screen. You can click the **MUTE/UNMUTE** button to mute or unmute your microphone.

Email [parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk) if you would like further advice.

Denise and Rashina, St John's School and Tower Hamlets Parental Engagement Team



**KEEP  
TOWER  
HAMLETS  
SAFE**



# How to book a test

Call **119** or go on [nhs.uk/119](https://nhs.uk/119)  
Call **111** if your child is under five-years-old.

**You should book a Covid-19 test if you child has:**



**A high temperature**

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

Or



**A new continuous cough**

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

Or



**A loss or change to their sense of smell or taste**

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child does not have symptoms of Covid-19 but has other cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, they do not need to be tested and they or members of your household do not need to self-isolate. Your child can attend school if fit to do so.

**Protect yourself and others on the school run**

- ✓ Wash your hands – before you leave/get home or touch your mask
- ✓ Avoid public transport or using your car, if you can – walk, cycle or scoot
- ✓ Adults and children over 11-years-old must wear a face covering on public transport
- ✓ Keep your distance from others – two metres where possible, or one metre with a face covering
- ✓ Follow your school's advice about drop off and pick up
- ✓ Do not gather in large groups outside of the school gate
- ✓ Head home as soon as you have collected your child from school

# Here's what to do if:

## **Your child has COVID-19 symptoms**

### **What to do?**

- Do not send your child to school
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

### **When can my child return?**

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a high temperature for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace.

## **Your child tests positive for COVID-19**

### **What to do?**

- Do not send your child to school
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by NHS Test and Trace

### **When can my child return?**

Your child can return to school after 10 days if their temperature is normal even if they still have a cough/loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

## **Somebody in my household has COVID-19 symptoms**

### **What to do?**

- Do not send your child to school
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test results

### **When can my child return?**

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace.

## **Somebody in my household tests positive for COVID-19**

### **What to do?**

- Do not send your child to school
- Inform school immediately about test results

## **When can my child return?**

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms\*.

## **Contact tracing has identified my child as a close contact**

### **What to do?**

- Do not send your child to school
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by NHS Test and Trace

### **When can my child return?**

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms\*.

## **Your child has been in contact with someone who has been identified as a close contact?**

### **What to do?**

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities

## **Your child has travelled abroad and has to self-isolate**

### **What to do?**

- Do not send your child to school
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

### **When can my child return?**

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms\*.

\*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Further information, including  
Frequently Asked Questions about  
schools can be found on  
[www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/coronavirus)





# Holiday Childcare Scheme

## Referral process

Refer any vulnerable children or promote to parents / carers who would be interested in holiday provision.

### Background

Tower Hamlets Holiday Childcare Scheme provides childcare for children aged 3-13 years from 9.00am to 5.00pm or 8.00am to 6.00pm, at a subsidised rate. Bookings are prioritised and open firstly to working parents and are then made available to non-working parents. More information about the scheme, including booking dates can be found on our website [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs)

### Referrals

The Tower Hamlets Holiday Childcare Scheme has a limited number of places for children requiring one to one support or for vulnerable referrals. There is a subsidised cost involved, in which the school/ professional agency referring the child pay (or the parent/carer).

### Process

<b>Who</b>	Referrals are accepted from social care, schools or a professional agency
<b>How</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Professional to complete a referral form with full details of the child's requirements.</li><li>2. Parent/carer or professional to complete an online application form available from our website at <a href="http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs">www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs</a></li></ol>
<b>When</b>	Referral forms and online applications should be returned no later than two weeks prior to each scheme starting.
<b>Cost</b>	£14.00 per day, 9.00am – 5.00pm (for payment met by the referral service) To secure the child's place, payment should be agreed prior to the scheme starting. If fees are to be met by parents/carers, costs will be in line with the prices stated on our website.
Places are subject to availability and allocated on a first come first served basis	

### Upcoming scheme: **October 2020 Holiday Scheme**

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (5 days)

Venue: St Mary & St Michael Primary School, Sutton Street, London E1 0BD

If you have any child/children within your school or you are supporting that would benefit from holiday provision, please visit our website to view the referral process. [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs).

# St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools Term Dates and Holidays - 2020/ 2021

## Autumn Term 2020 (73 days)

Half Term Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Staff Training Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Second half of term Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Last Day of Term Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Day Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December

Boxing Day Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December

## Spring Term 2021 (59 days)

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

Staff Training Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

First Day of Term Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Half Term Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> to Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> February

Second half of term Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Last Day of Term Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Good Friday Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Easter Monday Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April

## Summer Term 2021 (58 days)

First Day of Term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Staff Training Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Half Term Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Second half of term Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Last Day of Term Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Ramadan begins Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021\*

Eid Al-Fitr Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021\*

Eid Al-Adha Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021\*

190 School Days,

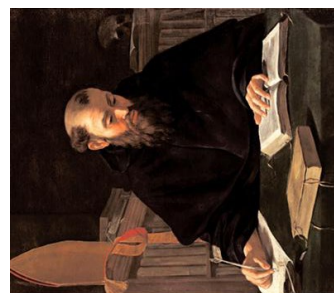
5 Staff Training Days (1 to be arranged)

\* to be confirmed

## Final Thought

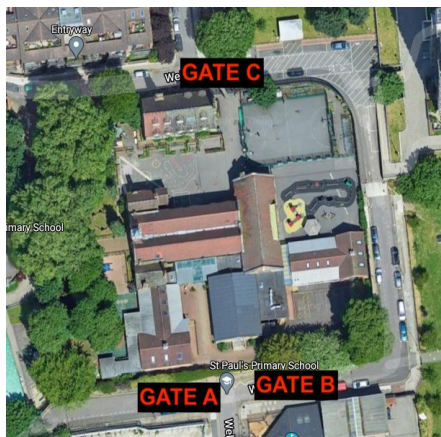
"Since you cannot do good to all, you are to pay special regard to those who, by the accidents of time, or place, or circumstances, are brought into closer connection with you."

Augustine



# End of Day Collection Times

3:10	Year 1	Gate C
	Year 2	Gate C
3:15	Siblings	Gate A
3:20	Year 3	Gate C
	Year 5	Gate C
3:30	Early Years	Gate A
	Year 4	Gate B
	Year 6	Gate C



To help the school's social distancing measures:  
Please don't arrive early or late for collection.

**Reynolds**  
more than just a greengrocer

We continue to be very grateful to Reynolds, the greengrocers, who generously provide fruit and vegetables for our Cooking & Nutrition programme.

We are also grateful to Cyrus and Pervin Todiwala (of Café Spice Namaste) who have been huge supporters of St Paul's School and who put us in touch with Reynolds.

