



St Paul's Whitechapel Newsletter

www.st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk Tuesday 8th March 2022

An update from Mr Bennett...

With the dreadful scenes on the news at the moment, we have decided to support humanitarian efforts in two parts of the world - Afghanistan and the Ukraine. Proceeds will be split evenly between these two causes through the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) which is supported by Christian Aid, Islamic Relief, The Red Cross, Oxfam and 11 other charities. Times are hard but please give as much as you can...

Attendance: Unless children are ill, it is important that they attend school every day. When children miss lots of school, parents may be contacted by our Attendance Officer, Roxanne Abraham. Be aware that, if you take a holiday in school time you are likely to receive a penalty notice. Please see our Attendance policy for details: <https://www.st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk/about-us/policies>

Staff: This has been a challenging time for all of us and that is also true of the school staff who have been working hard despite the continued threat posed by coronavirus. It is a difficult job market but if staff leave us we work hard to find replacements who are as good as, or better, than those they replace. Please bear with us and rest assured that we will not drop our standards in ensuring the school has the best possible staff team.

Supporting Humanitarian Aid in Ukraine & Afghanistan

Thank you to all those who supported our **Valentine's Bake Sale**. This raised over **£500!** Ms Khan, who organised the event to buy new equipment for the class kitchen, has agreed that we can share half the proceeds with our Humanitarian Appeal for those suffering in Afghanistan and the Ukraine.

On Thursday we will be asking everyone to wear blue and yellow and bring in a donation – again this will be split between our two Humanitarian Appeals



This Thursday 10th March

Wear Blue & Yellow - Bring £2 - or as much as you can

For more information on the charities we are supporting:

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/afghanistan-crisis-appeal>

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>



**Join us in a coffee morning on
Thursday 24th March at 9am to
celebrate Neurodiversity Week**

**All parents very welcome – we'd love
to see you!**

It takes all kinds of different minds

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It takes all kinds of different minds

ADHD | AUTISM | DYSLEXIA | DYSPRAXIA

www.Neurodiversity-Celebration-Week.com

MARCH 21 - 27, 2022

Meet other parents, enjoy a chat and share ideas and experiences.

Find out more about:

- The Local Offer (what's going on in the borough including holiday schemes, clubs and activities, parent groups and specialist services)
- The Zones of Regulation – how to support your child in communicating their feelings using the 'Zones' and 'a toolkit'



Keep up to date with the school @StpaulsCESchool.
It's the best way to get the latest information on what is happening at St Paul's School!

School Council News

Our school councillors met up with St John's' School Council members last week and were joined by Richard Nicholson from City Hall. They discussed the importance of democracy and Mr Nicholson told the councillors what it is like to work alongside Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London.

Recently the School Council met Mr Bennett and asked him questions about his job and there will be a future meeting with Robin Precey, our Chair of Governors.

Thank you to Ms Blake (and Ms Moses from St. John's) for organising the session!



World Book Day at St Paul's School



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New for Spring 2022!

FamiliesMATTER

Parenting Taster sessions and Workshops

Attend a workshop listed below to gain an introduction to some of the popular courses delivered by the parent and family support service or perhaps you need some take away tips and strategies to manage some of the everyday parenting challenges

| Topics | Date | Time | Location |
|---|--|------------------------------|----------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parenting for Single Parents During this session we will be exploring the unique challenges of single parenthood and sharing top tips for coping effectively with trials that may arise. | Thursday 17 th March | 10am-12pm | Zoom |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emotional First Aid Taster workshop For parents who would like to know more about the importance of their emotional well-being as parent and get details of our 6-week programme. | Friday 1 st April | 10am-12pm | Zoom |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triple P Family Transitions Taster Workshop - (Positive Parenting Programme) For parents separated from their partners who would benefit from support to work through this change whilst maintaining a positive environment for the children. | Thursday 24 th March | 10am-12pm | Zoom |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Support Network First of a new support network for all parents that have attended a parenting programme and would like to become part of a supportive community. | Friday 25 th March | 10am-12pm | Zoom |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triple P Discussion Groups - (Positive Parenting Programme) Attend either or both sessions to receive effective strategies to positively manage challenging behaviour. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraging Positive Behaviour 2yrs -11yrs Dealing with Teenager's Emotions | Monday 21 st March Thursday 31 st March | 10am-12.30pm 10am-12.30pm | Zoom |

To book your place on a workshop please click on this [Eventbrite link](#).

If you have any queries please get in touch by emailing parenting@towerhamlets.gov.uk or call 0207 364 6398



Holiday Childcare Scheme

Bookings now open

Ages 3-13 years old

The Tower Hamlets Childcare Scheme offers Ofsted registered childcare.

020 7364 0523

www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs

**Easter Scheme 2022
4- 14 April
(9 Days)**





St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools
Term Dates and Holidays - 2021/ 2022

Spring Term 2022 (58 days)

Half Term Mon. 14th to Fri. 18th February
 Second half of term Monday 21st February
 Last Day of Term Friday 1st April
Good Friday Friday 15th April
Easter Monday Monday 18th April

Summer Term 2022 (64 days)

First Day of Term Tuesday 19th April
 Staff Training Friday 29th April
 May Day Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May
 Half Term Mon 30th May to Fri 3rd June
 Second half of term Monday 6th June
 Last Day of Term Friday 22nd July
Ramadan begins Saturday 2nd April 2022*
Eid Al-Fitr Monday 2nd May 2022*
Eid Al-Adha Saturday 9th July 2020

190 School Days, 5 Staff Training Days



*“Resolved, to live with all my might while I do live....
 Resolved, never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another,
 Resolved, never to do anything out of revenge.
 Resolved, never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of
 my life.”*

Janathan Edwards (Olympic & World Triple Jump Champion)

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 Council News**



Final Thought

