



# St Paul's Newsletter

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

I hope you are all well. It is a particularly special time in the calendar. Children have been reflecting on Holy Week and there was a beautiful church service. In addition, members of our community have been fasting during Ramadan, an important time for our Muslim friends and it has recently been Holi, the Hindu festival of Colour, Love and Spring.

We had a drop in today from Alison Gawthrope, a school improvement partner who works for Tower Hamlets Education Partnership. She was very impressed with what she saw and enjoyed her visit.

This newsletter coincides with the end of my second full term as Executive Headteacher. I am very proud to lead our school and am grateful to our team who work so hard to create these opportunities for our children.

School reopens on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Our foodbank is open on Tuesday 2nd April so do email [parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk) if you would like a slot. Have a great Easter break, Eid Mubarak and be kind to one another.

## **Easter Service at St George-in-the-East**

We had a lovely Church service at St George-in-the-East. Thank you to Elizabeth and Father Richard for always ensuring our visits are fun and interactive. The children learnt so much about Holy Week and the Easter Story. We heard some great singing from our children too.



## **Follow Us on X**

One of the very best ways to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on X. Click on <https://twitter.com/StPaulsCESchool> So you can keep up to date with what is happening.

## **Red Nose Day!**

Thank you to all of our children for wearing Red on Red Nose Day and to our parents who donated money towards the Comic Relief charity.

We raised £176!

This money will go directly to children and families both here and abroad that are struggling with issues linked to poverty.



## **St Paul's and St John's School Council Visit City Hall – Ms Blake**

The school councillors from both schools had an informative visit to City Hall at Customs House. The children behaved impeccably and asked some very thoughtful questions. School councillors have to make difficult choices and decisions so this was a very worthwhile visit that ended with a trip on the cable cars. They learnt a great deal about the role of the London Mayor and had great fun!



## **Follow Us on Instagram**

Another way to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on Instagram @stpaulswhitechapel .This is a new way of showing you what we are getting up to and I would be very interested to hear what you think of this new format.



## **Class Assembly Update**

Year 2 performed a fantastic assembly focused on their history topic, Florence Nightingale. The children acted and sang brilliantly and included great facts and diary entries! Thank you to all the parents who could make it. Thank you to all of the children and staff!



## **Cooking and Nutrition**

We have had a great few weeks of cooking in our kitchen pod. Learning how to cook and the importance of eating healthily are such vital life skills and we are proud to be able to offer this to our children. We are so fortunate to be sent a generous gift of weekly fresh produce from Reynolds. Without their support, we would be unable to cook such delicious food.

Pupils have written sent some thank you letters this week to express our gratitude which we will be sending over soon.

You can find out more about Reynolds by clicking the link from their website.  
<https://www.reynolds-cs.com/about-reynolds/fruit-veg-distributors-history/>  
Reynolds will also be supporting our foodbank which will be running next Tuesday.

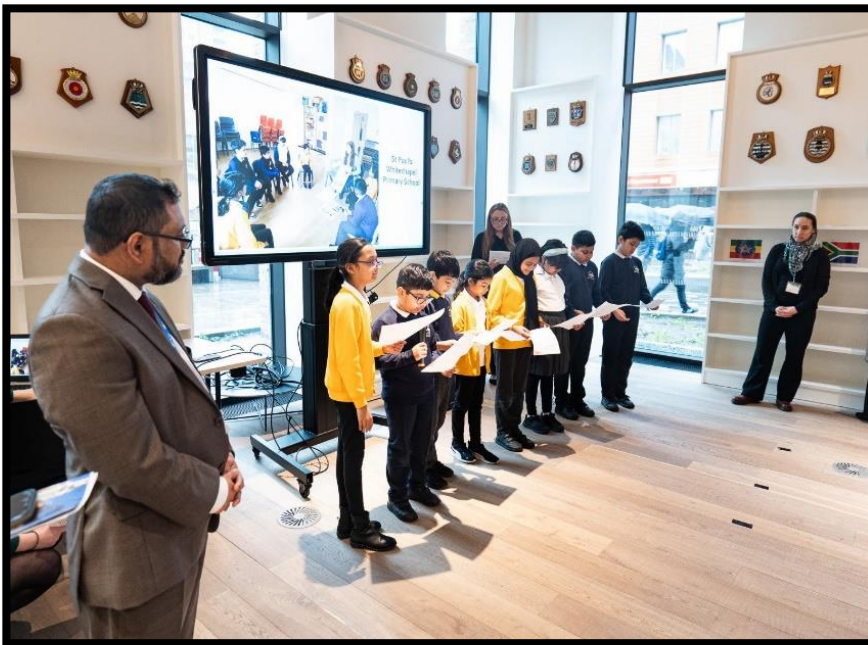
## Early Years Update – Ms Blake

It has been a great half term for the Early Years. They have been on a lovely, informative trip to the Tower of London and had a fun visit from our friends at the Shadwell Fire Service. Trips and visits promote learning as it increases their knowledge and understanding of the world around them, encourages them to use more language and be creative in their mark making when constructing and playing.

The children are working hard in their maths and outdoor learning and we are always so impressed with their phonics and reading!







## Visit to Tower Hamlets Town Hall

Our School Councillors have been very busy! Not only have they visited City Hall, they also went on a trip to Tower Hamlets Town Hall to share their views and opinions on the new St George's Leisure Centre.

They have made significant contributions to how the new Leisure Centre will look both inside and outside and have come up with some fantastic suggestions on what needs to be included.

These ideas were voted upon by all of our pupils and the most popular themes seem to be a water slide and water fountain, a football area and a new play area.

The children engaged well and presented their ideas with great oracy skills.



## CrossTeach Visit

CrossTeach came and performed a wonderful theatre production about the Easter Story. It was great fun and very interactive and the children learnt lots and laughed at all the characters especially 'Inspector Clouseau'!





## **Sports Person of the Week Award – Coach Idris**

Our pupils are incredibly passionate about sport and Coach Idris has now created a weekly award that is given to children for outstanding team work, following the rules and working hard. These are our award winners so far!



## **Miss Brenda's retirement!**

Brenda's last day was today – a very sad day as we have all known Brenda for a very long time. She is a valued member of our staff team and we will miss her a lot. Brenda, we wish you lots of luck and relaxation and can't wait for you to visit us.



# **Tower Hamlets & City SENDIASS**

## **(Special Educational Needs Information, Advice and Support Service)**

The SENDIASS Team provides free and impartial expert advice to parents of children with SEND and to children and young people themselves who are residents within Tower Hamlets or City of London. Some of the ways we can support you are:

- **Attending meetings with schools/professionals**
- **Applying for an Education Health and Care Plan**
- **Mediation with the Local Authority**
- **Preparing and attending SEND Tribunals**
- **Providing information about other support services and departments**

Our team also runs workshops for parents around the EHCP process, Annual Reviews, and Secondary School Transitions.

If your query can not be resolved during the telephone consultation, we will take a referral and you will be allocated a caseworker who will contact you within 10 working days.

We have a dedicated telephone line, **020 7364 6489**, that you can call to speak to an advisor Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m-17:00 p.m.

You can also email us at:  
**[towerhamlets&city.sendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:towerhamlets&city.sendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk)**

You can visit our website at:  
**<https://www.towerhamletsandcitysendiass.com/>**





## 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**

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**FOOTBALL@STGEORGEINTHEEAST.ORG**

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## **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