

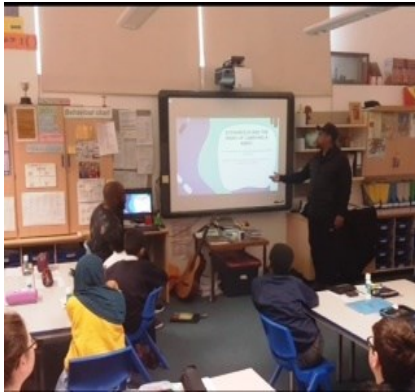


Friday 15th February 2019

# Spring Newsletter

## Keeping St Paul's children safe

### Knife crime workshop

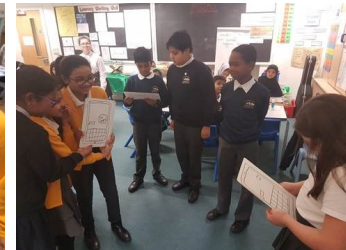


We were pleased to host the St Giles Trust for two knife crime workshops at St Paul's. Arnold, an ex gang member, led a workshop around 'knife crime'. He spoke to the children about the police, gang behaviours and life in prison. Speaking from a place of experience, he was able to outline some of the hard truths about anti-social behaviour and provided strategies to help our children keep themselves safe.

## Online Safety Workshops



In Year 2 we have been using drama to understand the importance of using the internet safely for Internet Safety Day. In Year 6, we learned how to keep ourselves safe on the internet and created adverts to educate other children about how to keep safe online. We used the phrase 'zip it, block it, flag it'



## Attendance

## and Extended

## Leave Reminder

This is a reminder that, in line with London Borough of Tower Hamlets policy, all extended leave will be 'unauthorised'. This means you may be subject to a penalty notice fine (currently £60 per child/ per parent) unless you meet all of the following conditions:

- The child has a 96% or above attendance record over the previous 12 months and,
- the child is not in a statutory test year (Year 6 or Year 2) and,
- no more than five days' holiday is taken, and
- the child is not a child in need (CiN) or on a Child Protection plan.

Penalty notices may also be issued for lateness and poor attendance. Please see the Federation Attendance Policy on the school website for full details.

## Consultation on charges for After School Clubs

After Easter we intend to introduce a small charge for children attending our After School Clubs (ASCs). This is in line with other local schools and will help to fund the cost of these clubs. Currently the cost of ASCs is borne by the school budget, which has faced large cuts over the past three years. So far we have managed to prevent these cuts from affecting our teaching and support staff. If we are to continue to provide a high quality education, we will need to make savings where ever we can.

The plan is to charge a flat fee of **£10 per club per term** or (£5 for a club that only runs over half a term). We will ask for the fee **to be paid at the start of the term**. These fees will be **non-refundable** once the club begins. There will be no charge for clubs that are fully funded by an external provider. There will be no charge for sports clubs preparing for Tower Hamlets sports competitions.

Please let us know your views by emailing [consultation@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:consultation@st-johns.towerhamlets.sch.uk) or by writing a letter addressed to ASC Consultation, C/o St Paul's Primary School which can be handed in at the school office. Please let us have your responses by 1st March. We will let you know the outcome of the consultation the following week.



# Sleeping Beauty

In January we had our first Golden Bus trip of the year when a coach took fifty children to the Peacock Theatre, near The Strand. Here they were treated to a performance of the pantomime—Sleeping Beauty.

The production was staged by employees of PwC; they wrote, directed and starred in the production. PwC also organized the coaches which took the children to and from the theatre.



There was a competition to design a costume for the Pantomime Dame which was won by Mimi and Mahfuz for the school and by Skylaar and Dhariya for PwC. Skylaar, Mimi and Dhariya met the dame, Cheryl Bakewell and Derek the Dragon, at the interval. Every week children are nominated for a Golden Ticket if they have been following our Golden Rules consistently. At the end of each term, tickets are pulled out of a hat and the lucky winners are rewarded with a special trip.

Thank you for putting on a great show!



## Joint School Council Meeting

In January St Paul's School Council travelled up to St John's School in Bethnal Green for a joint meeting where they interviewed Robin Precey, The Chair of the Governing Body.

They asked some very interesting questions, including "What is the best thing about St John's and St Paul's?" Of course the answer was the children.



## Year 5 at Tower Bridge

Year 5 walked to Tower Bridge as part of their IPC unit on Rivers. They particularly enjoyed standing in the middle of the bridge where it splits and feeling the vibrations of the traffic! They then did some sketching of Tower Bridge, the Tower of London and City Hall.



Year 1 had a treat when Carly, from Place2bem joined them for reading time. Carly read a story about a grumpy bear and talked about other related feelings.



## Early Years' Junk Orchestra

The Early Years had great fun during our junk orchestra workshop. We were able to copy the beat and make great tunes! A Big thank you for Miss Bassi for organising this!

# UK Chief Medical Officers' advice for parents and carers on Children and Young People's screen and social media use

Technology can be a wonderful thing but too much time sitting down or using mobile devices can get in the way of important, healthy activities. Here are some tips for balancing screen use with healthy living.

## Sleep matters

Getting enough, good quality sleep is very important. Leave phones outside the bedroom when it is bedtime.



## Sharing sensibly

Talk about sharing photos and information online and how photos and words are sometimes manipulated. Parents and carers should never assume that children are happy for their photos to be shared. For everyone – when in doubt, don't upload!



## Education matters

Make sure you and your children are aware of, and abide by, their school's policy on screen time.



## Keep moving!

Everyone should take a break after a couple of hours sitting or lying down using a screen. It's good to get up and move about a bit. #sitlessmove more



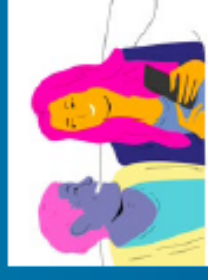
## Safety when out and about

Advise children to put their screens away while crossing the road or doing an activity that needs their full attention.



## Talking helps

Talk with children about using screens and what they are watching. A change in behaviour can be a sign they are distressed – make sure they know they can always speak to you or another responsible adult if they feel uncomfortable with screen or social media use.



## Family time together

Screen-free meal times are a good idea – you can enjoy face-to-face conversation, with adults giving their full attention to children.



## Use helpful phone features

Some devices and platforms have special features – try using these features to keep track of how much time you (and with their permission, your children) spend looking at screens or on social media.





## St Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary School Term Dates and Holidays - 2018/ 2019

### Spring Term 2019 (55 days)

Half Term Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> to Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Last Day of Term Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

*Good Friday* Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
*Easter Monday* Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

### Summer Term 2019 (65 days)

First Day of Term Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
May Day Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Half Term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Last Day of Term Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

*Ramadan begins* 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019\*  
*Eid Al-Fitr* 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019\*  
*Eid Al-Adha* 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
190 School Days, 5 Staff Training Days  
\* to be confirmed

### Final Thought

*“Treasure the love you receive above  
all. It will survive long after your gold  
and good health have vanished.”*

*Cg. Mandina*



## St Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary School Draft Term Dates and Holidays - 2019/ 2020

### Autumn Term 2019 (73 days)

*Staff Training* Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
*Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September* Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
First Day of Term Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September  
Half Term Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
Second half of term Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Last Day of Term Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

*Christmas Day* Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
*Boxing Day* Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December

### Spring Term 2020 (59 days)

*New Year's Day* Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January  
*Staff Training* Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
First Day of Term Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
Half Term Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> to Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> February  
Second half of term Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Last Day of Term Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

*Good Friday* Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
*Easter Monday* Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

### Summer Term 2020 (58 days)

First Day of Term Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
*Staff Training* Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
May Day Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Half Term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May