

Spring Newsletter

World Book Day at St Paul's

We had a wonderful World Book Day on Thursday.

Children dressed in book-related costumes, there were book activities in class and we were visited by the author, Rob Lloyd Jones, who worked with classes. In our WBD assembly, Rob spoke about his own background. As a child, he didn't like books and didn't learn to read until he was 12 years old. But, at school, He met Roald Dahl and asked him to sign a book, which Rob had brought in especially. The famously grumpy author wrote 'Imagine deeply'. This inspired Rob to become an author himself.

Here are some photos of our big read in assembly.

Thank you to Mr. Boutflour for organising this.



Swimming

We have been asked by the instructors at the swimming pool to remind parents/carers of the clothing that is needed for school swimming lessons.

Girls:

One-piece swimming costume (no bikinis or tankinis)

If leggings need to be worn for religious reasons they must be tight fitting lycra leggings.

If arms need to be covered, the top must be worn under the costume and must be tight fitting.

Boys:

Short swimming trunks or tight cycling shorts to the knees. (No big beach shorts).

Sun tops, can we try and discourage pupils from wearing these. The temperature in the water is not cold and these tops will make the pupil feel colder.

PUPILS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR UNDERWEAR UNDER THEIR COSTUMES.

Pupils also need a swimming hat and goggles.

Thank you for your cooperation.

St Paul's' Twitter accounts

For the past few years we have had separate Twitter accounts for each class in the school. To make the system more manageable and to help ensure that we are GDPR compliant, in future all content will be shared on a single account: **@StPaulsCESchool**



Please check in to the account each day to see what our children have been up to!

Citizen's Assembly

On 25th February, Fr Richard and Ms O'Reilly took a group of Year 5 and 6 children to the Youth Citizen Assembly in Bethnal Green.

Here they met Mayor John Biggs and asked for his help in tackling the school SEN funding crisis. This is an important issue that particularly affects inclusive schools such as St Paul's and St John's.





We are very pleased to be working with The Felix Project, a charity that collects fresh, nutritious food which cannot be sold and passes it on to organisations, such as St Paul's School, so avoiding the food ending up in landfill.

To publicise the scheme's schools programme, DJ Locksmith from Rudimental, came to visit us. He

was impressed by the school's healthy eating programme and the children's thoughts on how to fight food waste.

Thank you to Ms O'Reilly, Ms Natalie and Ms Feruja for setting up and running the project here.



Early years news



Nursery class continue their 'Tuesday Challenge' where parents and carers work on tricky problems with their children.

Reception class host Read With Your Child Thursday too.

Thank you to everyone who has attended!

Golden Bus Trip



As in previous years our first Golden Bus trip of the year was a coach trip to the Pea-



cock Theatre, near The Strand.

This year's story was Treasure Island, again staged and run entirely by employees of PwC; who wrote, directed and starred in the production. PwC also organized the coaches which took the children to and from the theatre.

And once again the competition to design a costume for the Pantomime Dame was won by children from our school: Mimi and Skylaar. Their prize was to meet the Pantomime Dame (see photo, right).



Playground Buddies

Our Playground Buddies feel left out. In short perform an important role in the school. Playground Buddies are a good friend to other children.

They will make sure that nobody is feeling lonely at playtime, inviting those on their own to join in with playtime activities; no one should

Pictured right are some of our team of Playground Buddies ready to get to work.





Department for Education

We are continuing to keep you updated on the government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

Today, we have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

- No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England.

The importance of hygiene

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19. Please help us in sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages.

Public Health England has a dedicated webpage with a range of posters and digital materials at:

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101-coronavirus-resources>

Sign up is quick, free and means you will be alerted as more resources are made available.

New guidance for employers

The Department for Business (BEIS) and Public Health England have issued guidance for employers, which you can find at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/guidance-for-employers-and-businesses-on-covid-19>

Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

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

Spring Term 2020 (59 days)

Last Day of Term Friday 3rd April
Good Friday Friday 10th April
Easter Monday Monday 13th April

Summer Term 2020 (58 days)

First Day of Term Monday 20th April
Staff Training Friday 1st May
 May Day Bank Holiday Friday 8th May
Staff Training Friday 22nd May
 Half Term Monday 25th to Friday 29th May
 Second half of term Monday 1st June
 Last Day of Term Friday 17th July

Ramadan begins

Eid Al-Fitr Friday 24th April 2020*
Eid Al-Adha Sunday 24th May 2020*
 Friday 31st July 2020*

190 School Days, 5 Staff Training Days * to be confirmed

Final Thought

*“The fruit of silence is prayer,
 The fruit of prayer is faith,
 The fruit of faith is love,
 The fruit of love is service,
 The fruit of service is peace.”*

Mather Teresa



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

Autumn Term 2020 (73 days)

Staff Training Tuesday 1st September
 First Day of Term Wednesday 2nd September
 Half Term Monday 26th – Friday 30th October
Staff Training Monday 2nd November
 Second half of term Tuesday 3rd November
 Last Day of Term Friday 18th December
Christmas Day Friday 25th December
Boxing Day Saturday 26th December

Spring Term 2021 (59 days)

New Year's Day Friday 1st January
Staff Training Monday 4th January
 First Day of Term Tuesday 5th January
 Half Term Mon. 15th to Fri. 19th February
 Second half of term Monday 22nd February
 Last Day of Term Friday 26th March
Good Friday Friday 2nd April
Easter Monday Monday 5th April
Ramadan begins Tuesday 13th April 2021*

Summer Term 2021 (58 days)

First Day of Term Monday 12th April
Staff Training Friday 30th April
 May Day Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May
 Half Term Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
 Second half of term Monday 7th June
 Last Day of Term Friday 23rd July
Eid Al-Fitr Thursday 13th May 2021*
Eid Al-Adha Tuesday 20th July 2021*