



Message from the Headteacher

Start of Term

It has been a joy to see everyone back in school this September. The children have all made a great start to the year and we are very proud of them all. Thank you as well, for all your continued support.

Afghanistan Crisis Appeal

As I know you will be aware there is a continuing humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan. Many families and individuals have been and are in the position of having to relocate and leave Afghanistan for their own safety. Some of these people will be coming to the Greater Manchester Area.

Stronger Together Tameside, a local charity is running an appeal for specific items to support those who are having to relocate in a very abrupt way.

Our Christian Value focus in school this half term is that of compassion. As a practical demonstration of our compassion towards others, we as a school are taking part in this appeal. If you would like to donate any of the items on the list on the flyer attached to this email, please send them into school with your child. We will be taking donations up to and including Friday 12th November. **The charity can only take the items listed on the flyer. They will not take other items.**

We will arrange for the items to be collected from school by Stronger Together Tameside. This collection will be our harvest collection for the year. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Freddy Fit

On Friday 1st October Freddy Fit will be returning to school and working with classes 1 to 5. He came at the start of the year to work with our other classes. This was a great day. I know our children who have not seen him so far this year, will be looking forward to working with him. The children will need their PE kit on this day.

Parent Teachers Association

Attached to this Newsletter is a flyer from the PTA. If you are interested in volunteering or getting more involved in the PTA, there are contact details on the flyer. The PTA would love to hear from you!

Attendance

We ask for your support in all attendance matters. If your child is absent from school, please ensure that you contact school by no later than 9.30am on the day of absence by phone or email with the reason for absence. Emails should be sent to: admin@cdatstpaulsprimary.co.uk. There are times when we will need to ask you additional questions or ask for additional information. This is part of the process that we have to follow in school. We thank you in advance for your support with this. We ask that if at all possible that appointments are made outside of school time. When this is not possible, please bring your child's appointment card or letter to the office.

Holidays in Term Time

Government legislation states that only under exceptional circumstances may the Head teacher consider giving permission for a child to be absent from school at any point in the academic year. Under the legislation parents have no entitlement to take their child out of school for a holiday in term-time.

This can lead to Penalty Notices (as can other unauthorised absence as detailed below).

Penalty Notices for Non- school attendance

Section 444(A) of the Education Act 1996 empowers the local authority to issue Penalty Notices in cases of unauthorised absence from school. This means that when a pupil has unauthorised absences of 10 sessions (5 days) or more, in a 12-week period (where no acceptable reason has been given for the absence) or if their child persistently arrives late for school after the close of registration, their parents may receive a Penalty Notice of £120, which is reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days. The Penalty Notice will need to be paid in full before 28 days of the notice being served. Failure to pay a penalty notice may result in prosecution (a separate penalty notice will be issued to each parent for each child).

School Uniform

This is just a reminder that earrings are not allowed in school. Thank you for your continued support with this. Children are also to wear black shoes in school and not trainers as part of our school uniform code.

Intra Health Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme in School

We have been advised that intra health will be coming to school on Thursday 4th November to administer the vaccination for those children who have consented for it to take place. When further information regarding the nasal flu vaccination programme is shared with school we will send this out to you.

Thank you, St Paul's School

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'Life in all its fullness'
(John 10:10)