St Paul's Newsletter

October 2024



Message from the Headteacher

Harvest Service

We will be holding our Harvest Service in Church on Friday 18th October at 9.30am. There is space upstairs in church for parents to come and celebrate with us in the service. We hope to see you there. The service will be led by our ethos group and our vicar, Emma. **We are asking for donations of tinned and packaged foods for the harvest service**. All donations will go the Trussell Trust's <u>East Tameside Foodbank</u> We ask that any donations are brought into school from Monday 14th October 2024. We will then take them to church on the day of the Harvest Service.

New Intake Meeting for Reception

We will be holding our Open Evening for new reception places 2025/26 at 5pm on Thursday 7th November 2024. There will be a presentation in our school hall followed by an opportunity to view the reception class and tour the school. If you are thinking of applying for a place for your child for reception to start in September 2025. We hope to see you there.

Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm

We will be holding a parents evening before half term, which will give you a chance to meet with your child's teacher. We really hope you can all book an appointment and attend this event. **Parents Evening will be held on Thursday 24th October.** All appointments need to be booked through the school spider booking system. Appointments will be available to book through school spider at 9.30am on Friday 11th October.

If you have not downloaded or logged into the app, please work through the following steps:

Downloading the School Spider App: Quick Guide

1. Search for the school spider app and download it to your device, by searching with the words, school spider.

2. From the list of schools, scroll down and find, St Paul's CE Primary School, Stalybridge

Next Step: Parent Log in (If you have not created your account)

- 1) Open the app and click on create account
- 2) Enter the email address registered with school, this will then send you a link to create a password
- 3) If the app says we cannot find a user with that email address, it may be worth you trying a different email address you may often use.
- 4) If neither parent has a recognised email linked, then you will need to email school requesting your email to be registered. This has to be processed at school and it then can take up to a further 24hrs to become active.
- 5) Messages will be sent through school spider informing you, when you can book your five-minute appointment through the app.
- 6) If you have any further queries, please email the school office.

World Mental Health Day

It is world mental health day on Thursday 10th October. We will be marking this day in school and the children will be taking part in an art activity that explores their thoughts, feelings and emotions.

Individual Photographs

The children will be having their individual photographs taken this week on Wednesday 9th October. We will send information home about ordering when this comes into school.

School Uniform

If you need to check our <u>School uniform expectations</u> they are available by clicking on the link.

Just a reminder that earrings are not allowed to be worn in school.

Parking near School

For the safety of all coming to and from school, please do not drive vehicles down Richmond St at drop off and pick up times. Please do not park in this area or in the immediate areas around school. Also, areas such as the nursery near school, care homes and doctor's surgery are private parking areas. If you are coming in a vehicle, please make use of the church car park across the road at these times.

Holidays in Term Time

Parents have no entitlement to take their child out of school for a holiday in term-time. This can lead to Penalty Notices. Multiple Holidays taken in Term Time could result in Prosecution. Thank you for your continued help and support.

Applying for High School Places

I am sure you are all very aware that the deadline for applying for high schools is getting near. Applications for secondary schools need to be submitted by 31st October. Anything after this date will be treated as a late application. There is further information on our school website that maybe of use. Just click on this link. <u>applying for high schools</u>



Our Christian values focus this half term is compassion.

Save The Date

Wednesday 9th October Individual Photographs in school

Thursday 10th October World Mental Health Day

Friday 18th October 9.30am Harvest Service in Church

Parents Evening Thursday 24th October 3.30-6.30pm

Friday 25th October School closes at 3.15pm for the school half term holidays

Monday 4th November first day back at school after half term. Gates open at 8.40am. Children come into school at 8.45am

Thursday 7th November 5pm Open Evening for new reception places 25/26

11th-15th November National Anti Bullying Week (On Tuesday 12th November we will once again be taking part in odd socks day as part of national anti-bullying week)

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