

“Every child is a unique child of God.”

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ST. PAUL'S
C of E Primary School

9th March 2018

Dear Families,

Snow days:

Thank you to our families for your understanding and support last week and yesterday, during a period of significant snowfall across the country. The safety of our children and staff are always the highest priority in making decisions to open or close and last week, we were pleased to be able to stay open on two of the three most difficult days, even if one day was a delayed start for our children, as we made sure the site was accessible. Yesterday took us all by surprise, but we were pleased we could open and celebrate a very snowy World Book Day. We really hope now that the worst of the storms are behind us and we can look forward to a glorious spring! Our children loved playing in the snow and we enjoyed taking them outside to engage in wintry outdoor learning (alongside building snowmen). Please log onto our website or twitter to see some great pictures. Thank you to those families who uploaded pictures of their children enjoying the snow days onto our twitter site. We have printed a selection, which are on display in the entrance porch. During the freezing conditions, thank you so much to the many families who brought in warm clothing, to support the homeless at St. George's Crypt. Your generosity and care is always appreciated.

Being able to keep in touch with you by text, during emergency situations, is crucial. Please let our office staff know if you have a new phone number and we will update our system.

Easter:

As we edge towards Easter, we continue to focus on the central Christian value of forgiveness, linked into our British values, this half term focussing on wisdom and peace. On Wednesday 28th of March at 9am, Vicar Christine Bandawe will lead an Easter service in school and families are very welcome to attend.

During the run up to Easter, St Gemma's Hospice are running their annual Easter Chick Appeal to raise money. At school, we have agreed to sell some fabulous hand knitted chicks, each one containing a Cadbury's Crème Egg. The cost is £2 each and they are available to buy outside the main office. If you would like to purchase one, please put your £2 in the collection box provided. A lot of time and effort has gone into making the chicks, by a family member within our own school community, and they really are a lovely Easter treat and a wonderful way to support such a worthwhile charity.

World Book Day:

It was really exciting in school yesterday, seeing so many of our children dressed up in their costumes to celebrate World Book Day. Many activities took place, including the children pairing up with other classes to share reading and enjoy their favourite books, classes having character 'fashion' shows, artwork based around characters and generally celebrating the books we love.

Another exciting reading project we are involved in at the moment is the Leeds Book Awards. Children from Year 3 to Year 6 are reading a range of shortlisted new books which they are then reviewing and rating. These ratings and reviews are being combined with those from other schools around Leeds to find the best new children's book for the age category. If you follow us on Twitter, you can see some of the activities the children have been doing and the responses from the authors. This is also published on the website.

For further information on the Leeds Book Awards the web address is www.leedsbookawards.co.uk

Year 2 Trip to the Railway Museum in York

As part of their topic on Transport this term, Year 2 are planning to visit the National Railway Museum in York on Monday 19th March. During the day they will have some time to explore the exhibits and will also take part in workshops on:

- **Stephenson's Rocket:** Discover the history and science behind one of the most famous locomotives of all time with this interactive workshop.
- **Punch & Judy's Railway Adventure:** Take a trip to the seaside with two very special guests in this interactive storytelling session. Explore the sounds of the tracks and experience the fun of travelling on a train.
- **Off to the Seaside Workshop:** What was it like to live and travel 100 years ago? Find out by dressing up in costume and exploring our period carriage.

Message from Mrs. Wilson:

Maths Workshops for Parents and Carers

Tuesday 27th March 2018

5.30pm to 6.45pm

This year, one of our main school priorities is to develop and extend the children's mathematical thinking in relation to calculation. Following on from our successful 'Maths Morning Meetings,' we are running a series of workshops based on calculation methods we use in school.

The workshops will be run by the class teachers. They will work through some examples of the calculation methods currently used in school, and give you some ideas of how you can support your child at home. You have the opportunity to attend 2 workshops, and each workshop will last 25 minutes.

Please indicate on the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter which sessions you would like to attend, and return the slip below to indicate your preferences by Wednesday 14th March. If you have any questions about the evening please ask any of the teachers who will be happy to help. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 27th March 2018.

Thank you again for your care and support as we continue on our improvement journey at St. Paul's.

Miss McBride.

Head Teacher

I wish to attend the following Maths Calculation workshops. Write the number of seats you will require in the box.

	Workshop 1 5.45pm to 6.10pm	Workshop 2 6.15pm to 6.40pm
Foundation Stage		
Year 1 and Year 2		
Year 3 and Year 4		
Year 5 and Year 6		

Child / Children's Names and Year Groups _____