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ST PAUL'S

18 July 2019

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of another busy and successful year at Whinmoor St. Paul's, on behalf of governor's and staff, may we wish you a happy, safe and restful summer holiday. Throughout this year, we have focussed relentlessly on raising standards and celebrating success, alongside ensuring our curriculum is exciting and interesting, encouraging our children to develop knowledge and experience and grow new skills. In this way, our children have grown in confidence and resilience as we have continually moved forward on our improvement journey.

We are delighted to inform you that our SAT results in Y6 evidence another rise in maths attainment bringing us above provisional National results. Reading is in line with provisional National and our writing results are again higher than provisional National. In Y2, maths and writing outcomes are above National 2018 and Reading well above, with 90% of the class working at the expected level. Alongside this, the Phonics Screening, which took place in Y1, evidence that 86% of children reached the National standard, which puts us higher than National last year and our standards in Reception Class evidence great progress over the year with 74% of children attaining a Good Level of Development, which is above National for 2018. Well done to all our children and thank you to families who have supported us in so many ways, particularly reading at home with the children, practising Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFS) in maths and making sure that homework has been completed and handed in. It has really made an impact. All results will be uploaded onto our website in the next few days.

As the year draws to a close on Tuesday, we say goodbye to a fabulous, talented group of children, who we will miss very much. Our Y6 children have made us so proud, taking on roles and responsibilities throughout the year, supporting us in living out our Christian and British Values and really moving forward in their learning. We believe they are prepared and ready for the next step, and we hold them (and of course, their families) in our prayers, as they begin High School. We also say goodbye to some of our families, who leave us as their only or last child moves onto High School, or who move to new homes in other towns, cities or parts of Leeds. We invite all our wonderful families to stay in touch with us – please come along to our fairs and events and remember where we are. You are part of our community and are always welcome.

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Moving forward:

Our Christian Values linked to British Values for Life

Next year, we will continue to focus on our Christian Values, linked to British Values. These values will permeate all areas of our curriculum and behaviour. We believe this will help our children gain a greater understanding of what the values means in terms of how we live our lives and the impact it has on others. This autumn, our Values will focus on:

Autumn 1 – Community and Responsibility
Autumn 2 – Spirit of Christmas and Generosity

British Values

Democracy - *Justice/Friendship/Peace*
Rule of Law - *Justice/Friendship*
Individual Liberty - *Peace/Justice/Wisdom/compassion*
Tolerance and Respect - *Compassion/Forgiveness/Friendship/Wisdom*

We will be changing our main entrance hall display each term to reflect our journey throughout the year, with our first display entitled, *Flying High. Our Goals. Our Values. Growing in God's Love.* Please let us know what you think.

Attendance and Punctuality

Within the St. Paul's community, we all want our children to succeed. Children only get one chance at school and this chance is affected by not attending school every day and on time. When children do not attend or are late, they often struggle to keep up with school work and miss out on the social side of school life. Poor punctuality and attendance can often affect their ability to make and keep friendships, which is such a vital part of growing up. Lateness not only affects the child, but other members of the class, as the teacher often has to stop the lesson and go over key learning points. Each week, the class with the highest attendance get a reward towards an end of term party and at the end of the year our 100% attendees get certificates and awards too. This year, we are raffling 5 scooters between those children who have attended 100% of the time.

Doors open at 8.40am and children can come straight into class and begin their learning tasks. At 8.45am the bell rings and doors close at 8.50am. At this stage, you need to bring your child to the school office and sign them in. If your child is poorly and unable to attend school, please inform us by ringing school by 9am at the latest. Please rest assured that if you send your child to school and they become poorly, we will always ring you and let you know. It is vital we have updated contact numbers, so will send out updated sheets in September. Thank you.

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Uniform

As we return to school in September, we ask for your full cooperation in ensuring your child wears correct school uniform. This identifies children as belonging to Whinmoor St. Paul's community and supports us in continuing to raise expectations and standards. Our full uniform list can be found on our website or pop into our office for a paper copy. We would appreciate your particular support with the following:

- school shoes – sensible black shoes, not trainers
- Jewellery - On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule is plain ear-ring studs in pierced ears. On any days that a child is participating in PE, games, swimming and other physical activities it is advisable to leave earrings at home
- Nail varnish is not permitted nor are 'extreme' haircuts, patterns in hair or large hair 'decorations' such as patterned bows, clips etc. Please keep to simple bobbles, head bands, in school colours.

Message from Mr. Ratcliffe as the holiday approaches: The importance of reading at home.

Shared reading is a fabulous chance to spend quality time with your child over the holidays and is also a vital part of a child's learning. Reading is probably the most important skill your child will learn. It opens up a whole new world of learning and imagination, and the more you help your child at home, the easier they will find it to develop this vital skill. At Whinmoor St Paul's, this year we will be joining in the city wide initiative 'Leeds Loves Reading' and in preparation for this, we ask that children in **all** year groups read aloud to an adult at least 3 times a week. Reading for just 10 minutes every day can make a vast improvement to your child's self-confidence, fluency and ability to access other areas of the curriculum. Discussing the book and the choices of words the author uses, are as important to the process of reading and understanding as reading the words. This regular discussion will help your child with comprehension tasks and enable them to widen their knowledge of interesting vocabulary. We look forward to hearing what they have been reading with you, upon their return in September.

Next year you will notice that we are changing the way we are naming our classes. As part of our 'Joy of Reading' we are going to name each class after an author. These authors were chosen by the classes and relate to some of the texts they study during the year.

Nursery – Carle Class
Reception – Donaldson Class
Year 1 – Thomas Class
Year 2 – Dahl Class
Year 3 – Morpurgo Class
Year 4 – Farrer Class
Year 5 – Homer Class
Year 6 – Dickens Class

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Message from Mrs. Wilson as the holiday approaches: The importance of maths at home

The holiday's present a great opportunity to let children practise their math's learning on a day to day basis. Please encourage your children to use their maths knowledge in everyday life situations, for instance working out prices at the shops, counting out money, telling the time. It would be really helpful if they can also keep practising the basic skills which they have built on over this year, for instance practising their Times Tables. Using opportunities to practise over the holidays really does make a difference and enables children to make a great start in September.

In the same spirit as last year, we would love to see the children enjoying their reading, writing and maths' activities over the summer, so if you would like to upload pictures to Twitter, #lifelearningatstpauls, we'd be delighted.

Leeds Children's Mayor

As you are aware from previous newsletters, Year 5 wrote manifestos to try and persuade our school community to put them forward to be the school candidate for the Leeds Children's Mayor 2019. At the end of June the school votes were counted and Ben was elected as the school candidate. His entry was sent off to Leeds City Council as the school entry. The great news is that out of all the entries from across Leeds, Ben has been shortlisted to be part of the final 12. We are so proud of him.

This means that Ben and his family have been invited to the Civic Hall to take part in the next stage of the selection process. Part of this is that his manifesto will be voted on by the children of wider Leeds. In September we will send out information about how we can vote for Ben and help him with his bid to be the Leeds Children's Mayor 2019.

School Lunches and Packed Lunches

If you wish your child to have a school meal in September, please inform our office staff who will give you further details. If you prefer your child to have a packed lunch, we ask for your support in packing a healthy lunch, which does not include chocolate bars or fizzy drinks. In school we have several children with severe allergies, so please ensure that you do not pack any food which contains nuts as we need to safeguard all our children and will continue to be a nut-free school. Great advice on healthy lunches can be found on the following website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Water is always available in school and we ask that, at the start of the term, you send your child to school with a labelled water bottle, which can be refilled during the day.

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Superhero walk

Once again several of our staff are taking part in the Superhero Walk to help raise money for the Children's Heart Surgery Fund. This year it takes place on **Sunday 8th Sept 2019**.

Time: 11:30am – 3pm

Location: Temple Newsam Park, Leeds

Distance: 1km

As many of you know, this is a charity particularly close to us, as Miss Hamilton's nephew Archie has had several major heart operations in his young life and the care he has received has been so supportive. We would like to invite as many families as possible to come along and join us for a refreshing, fundraising walk. As this is a public event we can't take responsibility for looking after children and so we ask that you accompany and supervise your own children at all times. However, we'd love to see you and look forward to a fun filled day.

You can register either on the day or in advance by following the link:

<https://chsf.org.uk/event/superhero-walk-2>

PTFA

Thank you so much to our PTFA for their amazing support in fundraising to support us in getting our Nature Area ready for next year. It was fabulous to see so many families enjoying their visit to it last Friday and taking part in the quiz. We are so grateful for the generosity of our families and our community. We hope to get more work done over the summer and hope to open it again for families to enjoy another 'walkabout' soon. We will be sending dates of our autumn term PTFA events early in the new term.

School closes for the summer at 3.15pm on Tuesday 23rd July and our doors reopen for children at 8.40am on Tuesday 3rd September, with the exception of our Y6 children, who are welcome to come into school by the main entrance at 8.30am.

Have a wonderful summer, thank you for your continued support and may God bless us all as we break up for the holidays.

Miss McBride
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