

“Every child is a unique child of God.”

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ST. PAUL'S
C of E Primary School

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Dear Families,

Thank you to all families who donated to our Harvest Festival. All the donations have now been delivered to Seacroft Pantry, supporting those who are homeless and vulnerable within our own community. We had a wonderful Harvest Celebration last Friday and thank those families who joined us. We were so proud of our children; their thoughtful readings and prayers, their singing and gifts were inspiring to us all. This Friday, we will have our celebration worship/assembly at 9am and families, as always, are warmly welcome to attend.

After School Clubs

We are thrilled that so many of our children are enjoying our after school clubs and are learning new skills. Feedback from families and children is fantastic. However, we are concerned that every week some children are collected late. Our staff run these clubs to benefit the children and often have meetings and other commitments once they finish. It is unfair to ask them to have their time continually taken up waiting for children to be collected. We know that sometimes arrangements go wrong and of course, we will always understand this, but when a habit forms of constant lateness in relation to collection, we will speak to you and ultimately we will ask you to refrain from bringing your child to the club. We thank you for your understanding.

Collecting

As so many of our children come along to clubs on Tuesday afternoons after school, we need to look at a better way of collecting the children rather than all exiting school from the main entrance. Therefore, please can children be collected from the exits below – always collecting the youngest child first, if you have more than one child enjoying our clubs. Thank you.

First Aid	- collect from Years 4,5 and 6 exit
Chess Club	- collect from Years 4,5 and 6 exit
Mathletics	- collect from Years 4,5 and 6 exit
Tri-Golf	- collect from quad
Lego Club	- collect from quad
Calm Colouring Club	- collect from Year 2 door
Crafty Worship Club	- collect from Year 1 door

Message from Mrs. Hamilton:

We are really excited about a new opportunity to help raise money for a fantastic cause! Our **School Council** were sent information from a charity (Tear Fund) about 'Toilet Twinning.' It explained that one in three people worldwide do not have somewhere safe, private or hygienic to go to the toilet. So, we decided to do something about it!

For every £60 we raise, our school is then twinned with a toilet in an area of the world where they do not have access to sanitation or water. School will then receive a certificate of the toilet that they have twinned with to display around school.

In order to help us raise funds towards our twinning toilets initiative, our School Councillors are going to hold a bake sale on Friday 18th October 2019. Each item will cost 50p and all proceeds will go directly to the charity. In addition to this, we are asking children to come dressed in something 'Blue for the Loo,' again for a donation of 50p. This could be anything from a blue top and trousers to just a blue bobble! We really hope that, as a community, we can help support those in need and 'twin' with as many toilets as possible!

National School Meal Week

Details of National School Meal Week were sent to families last week along with an opportunity to take part in the £1 lunches. If you would like your child to take part and have not already filled in the form, please do so and hand it in to the school office.

Please remember to come along to our coffee morning on 15th November at 9.30am after our Celebration Worship/Assembly. You will be served some wonderful baked goodies, made in our own kitchen to the same standard of food we serve to our children at lunch times. We will also have the opportunity to discuss healthy food/ great choices to put into our children's lunch boxes.

What to include in a healthy lunchbox

We ask your support to ensure that all our children have a healthy meal at lunchtime, which will support their learning and their play throughout the afternoon. Some ideas to discuss with your children are listed below:

Starchy foods: bread, wraps, pasta. These will help provide energy to keep children active and learning throughout the day. If possible, make some of these wholemeal for extra fibre and nutrients.

Fruit and veg: Choose a couple of portions if you can, to boost vitamins and minerals.

Protein: lean meats, fish, lentils, beans. These help our children to grow and flourish.

Dairy or equivalent: To make sure our children have enough calcium to build strong bones.

Please try to avoid foods high in sugar, fat and salt. These foods can distract our children from eating the healthy aspects of their lunch. If you do add any of these foods, please consider packing them into smaller portions.

Water is freely available all day to children. We ask that a labelled water bottle is sent into school with your child. This can be refilled over the course of the day.

Please remember we have a number of children with serious allergies and we are a Nut Free School.

For some great lunchbox ideas to discuss with your children, please look at:

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

PTA

On Thursday 17th October the PTA will be holding a meeting at 3.15pm. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting and discuss fundraising ideas for the year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss McBride.