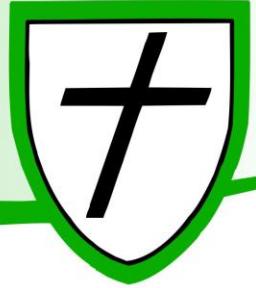


*"Every child is a unique child of God."*

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ST. PAUL'S  
C of E Primary School

Dear Families,

05.11.20

We hope you had a peaceful half term break. We know that for some of our community, half term was quite difficult to manage, in terms of sickness and the need to self-isolate. We hold you all in our thoughts and prayers and very much look forward to welcoming the children back into school when it is safe to do so. Our cohort of Year 1 children return to school on Monday - we look forward to it. Thank you to all our families who are accessing home learning when children are isolating. It really is wonderful to see the children continuing their learning at home and the creativity within our community over this time. Thank you.

### **Parent/Carer Consultations**

Thank you to all our families who have taken part in the consultation meetings so far this term. We have had a very positive response and our teachers have really valued having time to discuss your child's progress with you. If you have not had your meeting yet, please remember that they take place over the phone and we ask you to help us by keeping to the times arranged.

### **Reception Class 2021**

If you have a child who will turn 4 years old by August 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 and would like to register them for a Reception place at school, please look on the website under Admissions.

Please pass this onto anyone you know who may be interested in registering their child to join our Reception class next year. As we are unable to ask you to come into school at this time, we have produced a 'virtual tour' which we hope you enjoy. Please follow the link below to access this.  
<https://whinmoorstpauls.co.uk/admissions/>

Forms are available from our school office. Please not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the application process.

### **Uniform**

Thank you to our many families who have sent the children back to school in full uniform. We are proud of our children and their uniform identifies them 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 ask our office staff for a paper copy. We particularly ask you to support us on 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 earring 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 and colours, patterns in hair or large hair 'decorations' such as patterned bows, clips etc. Please keep to simple bobbles, head bands, in school colours.

**On PE days**, children can wear their PE kits, to avoid changing at this time. Please see our website for a full list of what can be worn. The PE kit is low cost and easily maintained and we ask your support in making sure the children's PE kit is treated as part of the school uniform expectations – please keep to the correct colours, no large labels, slogans etc. Thank you.

## Values

At school, all we do is underpinned by the Christian ethos of valuing the individual. We believe that every child is respected as a unique child of God, the future adults in society. We are privileged to work with their families and carers, to enable them to live life to the full.

## Our Christian Values linked to British Values for Life

This half term, our Values will focus on: **Trust** – British Values – **Democracy/Tolerance**.

We will discuss with the children the meaning of trust and the importance of being trustworthy. We will also focus on the fact that we need tolerance and trust in order to build a peaceful society. This will lead us up to advent when we will focus on the Christmas story and its message of peace and kindness to the world.

## Anti-Bullying Week (16th - 20th November) Message from Mrs. Vaughan

The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is: United Against Bullying. This is a chance for us to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking your children to wear odd socks to school on **Monday 16th November**. Throughout the week PSHE sessions and Collective Worships will be dedicated to Anti-Bullying with a focus on how to report bullying and who children can talk to about bullying if they are worried about it. We look forward to seeing you and your child in their odd socks! United we are stronger!

## Golden Rules

We continue to ask all our children to respect the six Golden Rules of our School and ask that you remind the children about these:

- **We are gentle** (we don't hurt others)
- **We are kind and helpful** (we don't hurt anybody's feelings)
- **We listen** (we don't interrupt)
- **We are honest** (We don't cover up the truth)
- **We work hard** (We don't waste our own or others' time)
- **We look after our property** (We don't waste or damage things)

## National Lockdown

The Government announced new national restrictions across the country which come into force today. We ask that all families support us in keeping our community as safe as we can. Please wear face coverings on school grounds and when visiting the Office; this adds an additional layer of protection for yourself, our staff and those within the school grounds who are 'high risk.' Outside of school, we ask all families to follow National guidelines and restrictions. If anyone in your family does test positive, please inform us and follow isolation guidelines to the letter.

The NHS continue to list the following symptoms as main indicators of covid. If you or your children show any of these signs, please do not come into school and follow medical advice with regard to testing and isolation.

- **a high temperature** –you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it could be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**

Please see our website for further information from Leeds City Council on recognising signs and symptoms of covid.

### **Test and Trace**

If you or your child test positive for Covid and are contacted by Test and Trace to provide close contacts, we ask that you provide personal contacts only alongside notifying school as soon as possible. If your child has a positive test, we will then do our own close contact tracing for their time in school and inform parents and pupils of the need to self-isolate. This is in line with Leeds City Council guidance. Public Health England have informed us that at this current time instructions given from school to pupils and staff to self-isolate, if they are identified as close contacts with a positive case, is legally binding as the school are working on behalf of and on the advice of the DfE and themselves.

### **Y4 Swimming sessions**

Leeds City council have advised us that all leisure centres are closed for the foreseeable future. Sadly, this means that for now, our children will not be able to take part in swimming sessions. However, council colleagues are looking into the possibility of the leisure centres opening only for school swimming sessions in the near future. We know how much the children benefit from their swimming sessions and we will update you as soon as we have more information about this.

### **Website/Twitter**

Please log onto our website or Twitter account to enjoy seeing pictures of some of the amazing and creative learning our children take part in. Just before the end of last half term, Y4 particularly enjoyed parading around Whinmoor St. Paul's, bringing the spirit of carnival to all our children and staff. It was a wonderful occasion and one which was shared by us all – our Y4 children performed outside each window and the children within the classes waved their flags from the Caribbean. A lovely end to the first half term.

Thank you for your continuing support at this time.

### **Miss McBride**





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