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ST. PAUL'S

C of E Primary School

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Dear Families

As the summer term moves forward and we hope for more warm and sunny weather, please remember to put sun lotion on your children prior to coming into school – if possible, use the lotion, which lasts all day. Children can also bring lotion with them, which they can administer themselves. Bottles must be clearly labelled with their name and year group on. We ask that no one uses or brings in lotion that contains any traces of nuts, as several of our children are at risk of allergic reactions. We also ask that children bring a sun hat into school, on days when the weather is sunny and a labelled drink bottle, which can be filled with water throughout the day.

PE will take place outdoors, whenever possible, so on those days please make sure your child comes to school in the correct PE kit, which forms part of our uniform policy. The kit list can be found on the website or please ask at the office for a paper copy, if it would help.

### **Attendance/behaviour**

Our attendance figures are now rising and we thank all our families who make sure their children attend school every day and on time. If your child becomes poorly during the day and needs you, we will always ring. The children missed a lot of face-to-face schooling over the pandemic and we ask that you do all in your power to get them back into strong school routines. For the majority, the bell goes at 8.40am and the children are then welcomed into school. Until this time, they remain your responsibility and we ask that you keep an eye on what they are doing and where they are playing, until you hand them over to staff. This applies at the end of the day, too. When we hand the children over to you, they become your responsibility and we ask that you are mindful of where they are and of their behaviour on school premises. Thank you.

### **Online Safety – New App Alert**

Whilst we know that users should be 13 years or older to access TikTok, we understand that many children are aware of this app. It has been brought to our attention that users of TikTok are encouraging children to visit/ download an app called Omegle. This app allows users to video chat with strangers in a 1:1 chatroom. After login, the TikTok user can text, video and speak to strangers in an unmonitored environment. The app itself states that 'predators have been known to use Omegle, so please be safe.' We would like to make you aware of this online danger and remind you that it is not an app that children should use because of the high risks to safety, privacy and well-being. Please do continue to use our online safety page on the website to keep up to date with useful resources and tips to help keep your child safe.

### **Message from Mrs. Hirst and Mrs. Percival - reminder PTFA meeting on Monday**

We would like to invite parents to a meeting for the PTFA - our Parents, Teachers and Friends Association on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 from 3:30pm to 4:15pm. This meeting will take place in Y4 and will be an opportunity for parents and school staff to share ideas on how we can further promote the PTFA and consider some possible fundraising activities to help promote the Love of Reading with our new library. You are welcome to bring your children to the meeting, where quiet activities will be set up but please bear in mind that the children are the responsibility of the parents/carers throughout the meeting.



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### **Message from Mrs. Percival: Dogs Trust Workshops**

We were very lucky to be able to welcome Rachael, from Dogs Trust, into school on Monday. With nearly nine million dogs in the UK, we believe it is important that our children develop an understanding about safe and considerate behaviour around those dogs they know or live with, alongside those that they may see out and about in our community. Each class spent time with Rachael, either in a Collective Worship or a class-based workshop, where they thought about safe behaviour around dogs and developed compassionate attitudes and behaviours towards all living beings. We looked at different scenarios involving different dogs, where we had to think about how to keep ourselves safe. The visit was very engaging and interactive whilst closely linked to many aspects of the National Curriculum. For pictures of the day, please check out the school website and Twitter.

### **Message from Ms. Reynolds - Our Jubilee Celebration**

To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, we are creating a whole school piece of artwork on fabric. Each child will design a piece of art with an illustration that represents an iconic image of the Queen's reign, which will be displayed throughout school on the windows, for everyone to admire. These designs will then be produced onto fabric to create an extremely large piece of tapestry, celebrating the Queen's Jubilee as well as celebrating what creative children we have at St. Paul's Primary. We hope to showcase the grand reveal of the tapestry design during our Worship on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, when we look forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in school. This will be a non-uniform day and children (and staff) are encouraged to wear any items of clothing that are red, white and/or blue. Please make sure the clothes are suitable for lots of outdoor sport and play. On the day, our kitchen will serve a picnic lunch for those children who have school dinners. Many children have already opted in, if you wish to, please see the posters in the windows around school or email [office@whinmoorstpauls.co.uk](mailto:office@whinmoorstpauls.co.uk) for more details.

### **Community Celebration**

Wellington Hill Residents Association (situated on Ringwood Drive, Leeds LS141AR) are holding a Platinum Jubilee Celebration on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm. There will be competitions, games, fancy dress, a talent competition and a BBQ in the afternoon followed by a Family Night in the evening. For further details, please contact Sandra Williams on [whrabookings@outlook.com](mailto:whrabookings@outlook.com)

We close for half term on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May and school reopens for all children on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. We wish all our families a wonderful break and look forward to welcoming our children back on the Tuesday, refreshed, on time and in the correct uniform.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support,

Miss McBride  
Head teacher



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