

“Every child is a unique child of God.”

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ST. PAUL'S
C of E Primary School

Dear Families

Thursday 6th June 2024

As we move into our final half term of the year, we send best wishes to all our families and hope you have managed to enjoy some of the sunshine over the half term break. We look forward to a wonderful summer ahead, lots of outdoor learning and activities, a great summer fair and as always, we strive to give our children the best learning experiences we can create.

Message from Mrs. Sharkey – Our Christian Value

Patience is one of those qualities that we need to develop, especially when times are difficult. Patience is the calm acceptance that things can happen in a different order or way to what we had imagined. For some Christians, patience is often about waiting, waiting for God to do things in the time that is right. It is about having confidence in God being faithful and to trust in God. Sometimes it is difficult to have patience, it can be difficult to master this and people can feel anxious at the time. In school we will be exploring ways that we can show patience to others and in a variety of different situations. We will be reading Bible stories such as Mary, David, Moses and Noah who all had to wait for the right time, for God's time. We will also consider the difficulties in showing patience in difficult times and how we can support each other through these times.

Goodbye to Miss Close

This Friday we say goodbye to Miss Close. Miss Close leaves us to take on new adventures and to further develop her teaching career. Thank you Miss Close – you leave with our love and prayers.

Year 1 Phonics Screening

The week beginning Monday 10th June the children will take part in a Phonics Screening Check which will be administered in school by the Year 1 staff. The check is made up of 40 words and usually lasts between 5-10 minutes and helps us to know how the children are progressing in phonics and where additional teaching and support may be needed. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs West who will be happy to help.

Messages from Mrs. Wallis - P.E.

This half term, children will be spending their time preparing for our upcoming sports days. As we will be spending more time outside, it is vital that children come in the correct PE kit and bring a water bottle. In addition, for those sunny days, children will need a hat and where possible, sun cream applied before coming into school.

Our PE days for this half term are as follows:

Reception- Tuesday and Thursday

Year 1- Monday and Tuesday

Year 2- Monday and Thursday

Year 3- Wednesday and Friday

Year 4- Tuesday and Friday

Year 5- Monday and Wednesday

Year 6- Wednesday and Friday

Message from the PTFA - Spike Bonzo

Thank you so much to everyone that joined us to see our entertainment show 'Spike Bonzo.' The children absolutely loved the entertainment show and I know the staff did too. It was so lovely to see the children

enjoying themselves and to hear all the laughter echoing around the hall. We made £340 which will be used to buy some playtime equipment for our children! Thank you all once again for your continued support.

Message from Mrs Wallis – Year 6 Stained Glass Painting

Last half term, Year 6 had an exciting opportunity to work with local glass artist, Linda Baines. The children had the chance to explore how glass art is created, appreciate some pieces already created and learn how to create their own stained-glass artwork. The children worked incredibly hard and produced some beautiful pieces which they should be proud of.

Poetry Slam

Today we held our Poetry Slam finals. Our School Council members helped Mrs Sharkey decide the winners from each class. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work during the half term break, each finalist performed with confidence and enthusiasm. It proved to be an extremely difficult decision! Our winners will be announced in our Celebration Worship tomorrow morning.

Reminder - Summer Term Consultation Nights

Our final consultation evenings of the year will take place on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July, 3.30 – 6:00pm. (For Year 6 the consultation evenings will take place on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th July). These meetings will take place in school, however, if you are unable to commit to either of the dates, please let us know and we will do our best to find another time to meet or speak to you over the phone. At the meeting, we will discuss your child's progress over the year and look at targets to work towards in the autumn term. We will then provide parent/carers with a copy of a newly formulated, more condensed version of the annual school report. We believe this face to face meeting, alongside the report will help to provide a thorough and seamless transition into the new term. Meetings will last just under 10 minutes and it is important teachers stick to timings as they have to speak to many parents/carers. If there are issues to discuss which cannot be covered in the allotted time, the teacher will make another appointment to speak with you as soon as they are able to. Appointment slips will be sent out nearer to the time.

Diary Dates

| Date | Event |
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| Friday 21 st June | On-line Safety Event for parents/carers (9:45am or 3:30pm) |
| Friday 28 th June | Non-Uniform – Bring a bottle or some chocolate (Summer Fair support) |
| Tuesday 2 nd July | Sports Day for Year 3/4 (am) – this date is conditional on the weather Sports Day for Year 5/6 (pm) – this date is conditional on the weather |
| Wednesday 3 rd July | Sports Day for EYFS (am) – this date is conditional on the weather. Details to follow Sports Day for Key Stage 1 (pm)– this date is conditional on the weather |
| Friday 5 th July | Summer Fair 3:30pm – 5:30pm |
| Wednesday 10 th and Thursday 11 th July | Summer term consultation nights (Nursery to Year 5) |
| Monday 15 th and Tuesday 16 th July | Summer term consultation nights (Year 6) |

We thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Vaughan
Headteacher

