



Newsletter

28th February 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our February newsletter and my last but not one newsletter before I retire from "Headteaching" (another made up word). Last half term was eventful, with the opening of the book bus and reading hut and despite the continued threat of Covid, it has been very successful.

I would like to thank all the staff at school, as they have powered through the difficulties and made the learning experience for the children the best it can be. This is highlighted in the rest of the newsletter which shows all the wonderful learning we have been/will be doing.

What have we got to look forward to next term? Led by Mr Payne and Mr Colley, this term looks to be very science orientated. We are very much looking forward to Science Week, beginning on the 11th March, and there are some exciting plans afoot.

We also have Year 4 going out on their extended visit to PGL Caythorpe Manor, which will be great. We should just pray for good weather and no more storms.

This week we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Regards

Carl Thornton - Head Teacher



Religious Values

We have been very lucky to have a child friendly liturgical clock created for the children. A liturgical clock helps to identify the seasons of the church. We will be moving into the time of lent soon.

Lent is the period of six weeks (40 days not including Sundays) leading up to **Easter**, the most important festival in the Christian calendar.

Lent allows Christians to remember Jesus's fasting in the desert. It is a time of giving things up and a test of self-discipline.

How will you be marking Lent?



'Star of the Week' Awards

The following children have received their awards:-

28th January - Sam, Oscar, Amber, Sienna, Domenic, Carys, Joshua, Cody, Haasya, Maisie, Mason and Freddie



4th February - Oliver, Zac, Evie, Nicole, Isabelle, Megan, Charlie, Ellie, Hollie and Leighland

11th February - Anais, Harry, Sophia, Bronte, Hallie and Laurie

18th February - Reggie, Lilly-Ann, Jacob H, Jesna, Jacob A, Kadie-May, Joseph, Kayson, Adam, Bailey, Aleah, and Olivia.



Well done to you all.

Attendance

Attendance up to Friday 27th February is 92.64%. The school target is 97%.

Could we please remind you that children must be in school by 8.55 am. School gates open at 8.30 am and class doors open from 8.45 am to 8.55 am for Reception through to Year 6. Please ensure your child arrives on time for school. Increasingly more and more children are late into their classrooms and this impacts not only on your child's learning, but all the other children in that class and the staff teaching the class. **Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.**

Children who are late after the doors have closed, will have to come into school via the Office, they will be signed in on our inventory system and that will go down as a late mark. If your child is more than 15 minutes late, then this is classed as an unauthorised absence from school and will impact on their attendance.

If your child is absent from school, can you please ensure you telephone the school office to report their absence and the reason why, daily. If we do not hear from you or we can not contact you, we will telephone your 2nd and 3rd emergency contact.

Golden Rules

1. We will respect and care for ourselves, each other and our school.
2. We will speak politely and show good manners.
3. We will work hard.

Does your child know our golden rules off by heart yet?

If not, please practise with them at home. Our golden rules apply to everyone at St Paul's - adults as well as children!

We are hoping that our clear rules will make it easy for staff to talk to the children about good behaviour choices. Our behaviour policy stresses the importance of relationships and when rules are not followed, it is the relationship breakdown that we are most concerned about. In a nutshell, our policy is not about blaming people; it is about restoring relationships and taking responsibility for our actions.

Staff Book Choice - Mrs Radford

My book choice - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

I still vividly remember being transported into a land of pure imagination as I travelled with Charlie Bucket and Grandpa Joe along the magical chocolate river. I remember the anticipation of finding a flash of gold inside a Wonka bar and the promise that it held for Charlie and his family. The images that I built in my head were so clear and I can still see the characters munching on candy cane trees, marshmallow mushrooms and lollipop flowers. Charlie was the kindest boy who made good choices, and that message will stay with me forever.



Mathematics

In Mathematics, Mr Ridge and a team of pupils will be planning, recording and uploading videos to the school website to support Mathematics at home. The videos will demonstrate to you the way that we teach Mathematics here at St. Paul's so that you can replicate the ideas at home. This is a huge project, encompassing all eight of the essential skills on the Skills Builder programme - watch this space!!

Building on our Gold Award from Skills Builder in June 2021, we wish to inform you of the Skills Builder Homezone which you can access here: <https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone> The Homezone will provide you with the opportunity to support your child in their personal development at home, where you can enjoy activities as a family at a time and pace to suit you.

Nursery



In Nursery we have been learning about different people who help us. We have been lucky enough to have special visits from a Nurse, Police Officer, Soldier and a Firefighter. This was really exciting and we even had the opportunity to go onto a fire engine and spray water from the hose.



To celebrate and learn about Chinese New Year, we have been exploring lots of different activities such as using chop sticks, noodles, the 12 animals, Chinese numerals and lots of craft activities. We have also tried Chinese food to explore a different culture.

We have been exploring our favourite five books which are: The Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Wide Mouthed Frog, Julian Is a Mermaid, The Gingerbread Man and We're Going on a Bear Hunt. We have been reading these books whilst exploring the blurb and illustrations.



Reception

During February we have been continuing our learning about people who help us. We had a visit from a police officer who talked about her job and showed us her special uniform.

We learnt about being safe on the internet and learnt a song to help us remember how to keep safe.

During the last week of half term we learnt all about how Chinese New Year is celebrated and did lots of fun activities relating to this.



Year 1

In Mathematics, we have been subtracting within 20, solving word problems and showing our working out in different ways, e.g. number lines, part whole models and tens frames.

As we come into the second half of our topic, we studied the famous explorers Roald Amundson and Robert Falcon Scott and their epic race to the South Pole.

In PHSE, we have talked about our goals and successes and how it feels to succeed and which steps we have to take to achieve a goal.

Last half term was all about internet safety. We know who our trusted adults are and who we can talk to when something worries or upsets us online. We also know a few safe steps to keep us safe, such as not sharing personal information.

In RE, our Understanding Christianity unit was focused on the Good News that Jesus brings. We learnt that Jesus is a friend to the friendless, that He forgives us and brings peace. We looked at some ideas how we can apply those in our lives.

Year 2

Year 2 have had an amazing half term and have learnt so much. They are now experts in The Great Fire of London! They know where it started, why it spread so quickly and how it actually improved aspects of life in London after it ended.

In Science, they have continued learning about Living Things and their Habitats. They can draw simple food chains and know that they usually start with a green plant. They also know all about human and some animal life cycles.

Computing has been all about e-safety. They have followed Hector's adventures and know which information is classed as personal information, and who it is appropriate to share it with. They have read some brilliant books in English and produced some fantastic written work as a result. Ask them about Duncan and his crayons or about George and his adventures with some mischievous little dragons!

The next exciting event for year 2, is their year group assembly in church on Tuesday 22nd March. We would love to see as many year 2 parents there as possible!

Year 3

Well, what a half term Year 3 have had! We have all been on the book bus and enjoyed the journey of reading, both fiction and non-fiction books. Our topic has been Ancient Egyptians and the children really enjoyed learning about mummification and the weighing of the heart. Year 3 made us so proud performing their assembly in front of Year 2 and parents in the church. They did extremely well, seeing as so many children and staff have been off ill and we had to have last minute stand ins.

We have been busy learning about pictograms, bar charts, tables and tally charts in Mathematics lessons and also learning how to write numbers and their name in hieroglyphics. Beech class have finished their swimming lessons and have all progressed so much. Pine class have just started their swimming lessons.

Year 4

Year 4 have concluded their half term humanities focus : 'Where in the UK would you live?' They have looked at the human and physical characteristics of the UK and have created some gorgeous landmark art in the style of Roy Lichtenstein's pop art. We have also finished reading Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman and wrote some brilliantly whacky stories inspired by it!

Year 5

Last half term, we've been questioning 'What if we didn't have a monarchy?' We've written dating profiles for Henry VIII, birthday invitations for Charles II and explored how the role of the monarchy, the church and parliament has changed over time. Linking to this, we've explored 'the Scottish play' (Macbeth) in English and created comic strips, acted out scenes and written an article reporting on the death of (spoiler alert) King Duncan! It's not all crowns and gore though, year 5 have also created pop-up books in design and technology, dance routines in PE and are still working towards our Young Leaders Award.

Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed completing their work on climate change and hopefully they are all keen to save the planet by walking everywhere and recycling everything they can.

They are enjoying their artwork, including modelling with recycled plastic and experimenting with graphic styles. Our new history and geography work will be finding out all about the Maya civilisation who lived in Central and South America.

We will be taking part in an exciting science project and competition linked to our work on electricity - we will be creating our own "steady hand" game.

Of course, we will be working very hard to make sure the children achieve their best in the coming SATs test which begin on the 9th May.

Athletics

On Friday the 4th February 2022, a squad of year 5 and 6 took part in a Sportshall Athletics event against other local schools at Nicholas Chamberlaine in Bedworth. For some of us, it was the first time we had participated in these types of races and events and we had the best time!

EC: It was fun taking part, I especially enjoyed the variety of activities.

JJ: My favourite event was the 6 lap paarleuf, the best part was coming first!

CR: I enjoyed the over/under relay as it was fun being put under pressure.

WD: I loved the over/under relay. Mrs Howard was really impressed with how I could skid through the tunnels and carry on running, my height was definitely an advantage! I loved how everyone was chanting for us and I enjoyed competing.

AM: I liked the relay races as I enjoyed being part of a team and competing against other schools.

DC I enjoyed the 2 x2 relay as I loved showing off my speed!

SC: I enjoyed the 4x1 relay as we came second, which is better than last!

Mrs Howard: I was really impressed by the whole team; they absolutely demonstrated the School Games values of determination, honesty, passion, respect, self-belief and teamwork.

School Policies

Please note we have reviewed and updated our Communication Policy, and if you wish to view this please go to the following link :

<https://stpaulsnuneaton.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Communication-Policy-January-2022100.pdf>

Also, the Relationship Policy (which was previously known as the Behaviour Policy) has been reviewed and updated, should you wish to view this, please go to the following link:

<https://stpaulsnuneaton.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Relationship-Policy-January-202228.pdf>

P.E Kits

Please ensure children are wearing the correct PE kits:-

plain black shorts/black leggings/black joggers
plain white or yellow short sleeved t-shirt
black indoor pumps/trainers

NO FOOTBALL TOPS ARE TO BE WORN FOR P.E. PLEASE

School Website

If you have not already done so, please visit our school website on www.stpaulsnuneaton.org.uk and view our virtual tour of the school.

School Book Bank

Our Book Bank will be re-opening after half-term. Please feel free to pop along with your child, after school, browse and choose a book for keeps, on the following days:-

Monday	Nursery/Reception
Tuesday	Year 1
Wednesday	Year 2
Thursday	Year 3/4
Friday	Year 5/6

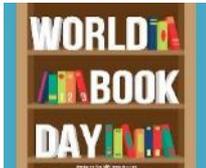


St Paul's are part of a new initiative whereby our school, and you as Parents/Carers, when shopping at participating retailers will be able to receive e gift cards based on the percentage of your spend.

For further information, please visit - www.myschoolfund.org.



World Book Day - THURSDAY 3rd MARCH



We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 3rd March. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Educaterers are offering a World Book Day Lunch. Jacket potatoes and/or sandwich with the usual fillings will also be on offer.

Comic Relief Day - FRIDAY 18th MARCH

Non uniform day whereby children can come to school dressed in RED clothing (red top or red bottoms or both) on Friday 18th March or wear merchandise associated with Comic Relief. Donations can be made by clicking on the following link:- <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6049>



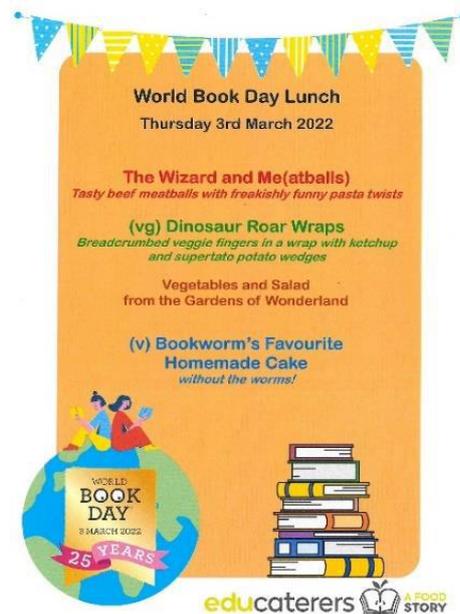
School Meals – Spring/Summer Menu

(will commence Monday 7th March, week 1, see attached menu)

Below are 2 menu change, happening this week:-



(Pancake Station will replace puddings on 1/3)



Free School Meals

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically eligible for a free school dinner under the Universal Free School Meals initiative launched by the government a few years ago.

Even if your child is in receipt of a universal free school dinner (Reception, Year 1 or Year 2) or in Nursery or in Years 3-6, if you are in receipt of any of the below benefits, please still apply by calling free schools meals on 01926 359189 as the school will receive funding to help your child.

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal Credit (with an annual income of less than £7,400)
- Both income-based and contribution-based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both. You should also qualify if you receive both, but the income-based amount is greater, but not if the contribution-based amount is greater.
- Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income assessed by HMRC to be no more than £16,190, providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on').

When eligibility has been confirmed by the school, you will receive a £25 uniform voucher per child.

Schoolwear Centre Update

We have been advised that the Schoolwear Centre will be opening up a 'deposit scheme' on 11th April for parents/carers to pre-order uniform. Please contact the centre for more information.

Telephone:- [024 7634 1682](tel:02476341682)

Inset Days for 2022/2023 (Children not in school on these days)

- Monday 5th September 2022
- Tuesday 6th September 2022
- Monday 31st October 2022
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- Friday 31st March 2023

Dates for your Diary – 2022

- Tuesday 1st March : 5.30 pm Year 4 PGL parent/carer meeting
- Thursday 3rd March : World Book Day
- Friday 18th March : Comic Relief Day
- Tuesday 22nd March : Year 2 Assembly in Church, for Year 2 parents/carers
- Monday 4th April - Wednesday 6th April : Year 4 PGL Residential Trip
- Thursday 7th April : School breaks up for Easter
- Friday 8th April : Inset Day
- Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April : Easter Holiday
- Monday 25th April : School Re-opens
- Monday 2nd May : Bank Holiday
- Monday 9th May - Wednesday 11th May : Year 5 Castleton Residential Trip
- Friday 13th May - Monday 16th May : Year 6 Manor Adventure Residential Trip
- Friday 27th May - School breaks up for Half Term
- Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June : Half Term
- Monday 6th June : School Re-opens
- Wednesday 6th July : Induction Day
- Wednesday 20th July : Break up for Summer Holidays
- Thursday 21st July : Inset Day
- Friday 22nd July : Queen's Jubilee (extra day given to schools)
- Monday 5th September : Inset Day
- Tuesday 6th September: Inset Day
- Wednesday 7th September : School Re-opens
- Friday 21st October : School breaks up for Half Term
- Monday 31st October : Inset Day
- Tuesday 1st November : School Re-opens
- Friday 16th December : School breaks up for Christmas

Everyone working together to be an excellent school, embedded in Christian values that develops children into confident, happy citizens and provides a platform to flourish in local, global and Christian communities, both today and in the future.

A Vegetarian meal is available on request on days when (V) is not shown as a choice on the menu.

Some schools serve the cold option in a lunch bag with salad or vegetable stick, a dessert and a drink.

Week one

Week Commencing: 7/3, 20/3, 2/5, 20/6, 11/7.

MONDAY

Choose a main meal... **MEAT FREE MONDAY**

- (V) Crazy Quorn Dippers with Barbecue Sauce or Ketchup and Baked Potato Wedges
- (V) Vegetarian Korma with Dumplings and Rice
- Choose a main meal... **MEAT FREE MONDAY**
- (V) Chicken, Cucumber and Apple Slides
- (V) Organic Yogurt or Fresh Fruit

TUESDAY

Choose a main meal...

- Good Meal! Whiting British Pot, Sausages with Gravy and Creamy Mash
- (V) Plain Power! Meatballs in Rich and Riccio Tomato Sauce with Pasta
- Choose a main meal... **WEDNESDAY ROAST**
- British Roast Chicken Joint or Filler, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy
- (V) Quorn Roast in Gravy with Sage and Onion Stuffing
- Crazy Roast Potatoes
- Jacket Potato-Cheese/TunaBeans
- Tuna Mayonnaise Dip

WEDNESDAY

Choose a main meal... **WEDNESDAY ROAST**

- British Roast Chicken Joint or Filler, Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy
- (V) Quorn Roast in Gravy with Sage and Onion Stuffing
- Crazy Roast Potatoes
- Jacket Potato-Cheese/TunaBeans
- Tuna Mayonnaise Dip

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal... **FRIDAY**

- (V) Veggie hot Dog with Crispy Diced Potatoes
- Jacket Potato-Cheese/TunaBeans
- Ham Slip

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... **FRIDAY**

- (V) Veggie hot Dog with Crispy Diced Potatoes
- Jacket Potato-Cheese/TunaBeans
- Ham Slip



Weekly Menu

Week two

Week Commencing: 14/3, 4/4, 9/5, 6/6, 27/6, 18/7.

MONDAY

Choose a main meal... **MEAT FREE MONDAY**

- (V) Quorn Sausage Pate in a Baked Potato Bag with Ketchup and Baked Potato Wedges
- (V) Homemade Mac 'n' Cheese with a Crispy Top and Freshly Baked Wholegrain Bap
- Jacket Potato-Cheese/TunaBeans
- Free Range Egg Mayonnaise Dip

TUESDAY

Choose a main meal...

- (V) Chicken Dippers with Gravy and Creamy Mash
- (V) Crazy Quorn Dippers with a Mite and Creamy Curry Sauce and Baked Rice
- Jacket Potato-Cheese/TunaBeans
- Ham Slip

WEDNESDAY

Choose a main meal... **WEDNESDAY ROAST**

- British Roast Beef
- Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy
- (V) Quorn Roast in Gravy with Yorkshire Pudding
- Crazy Roast Potatoes
- Jacket Potato-Cheese/TunaBeans
- Roast Chicken Slip

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal... **FRIDAY**

- (V) Organic Pork, Meatballs with Rice and Barbecue Tomato Sauce and Pasta
- (V) Homemade Vegetable Burrito Bake with Crispy Diced Potatoes
- Jacket Potato-Cheese/TunaBeans
- Tuna Mayonnaise Dip

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... **FRIDAY**

- (V) Organic Pork, Meatballs with Rice and Barbecue Tomato Sauce and Pasta
- (V) Homemade Vegetable Burrito Bake with Crispy Diced Potatoes
- Jacket Potato-Cheese/TunaBeans
- Tuna Mayonnaise Dip

All our fish is natural whole fillet and although great care has been taken to remove all bones, scales may remain.

Week three

Week Commencing: 21/3, 25/4, 18/5, 15/6, 4/7.

MONDAY

Choose a main meal... **MEAT FREE MONDAY**

- (V) Cheese and Tomato Pizzas with Crispy Diced Potatoes
- (V) Sweet 'n' Sour Quorn with Noodles
- Jacket Potato-Cheese/TunaBeans
- Cheddar Cheese Dip

TUESDAY

Choose a main meal...

- The Slim Breakfast Bunch Bacon, Mushroom, Hot Sausage and Onions with Baked Potato Wedges
- (V) Cheese Tomato Pasta with Freshly Baked Wholegrain Bap
- Jacket Potato-Cheese/TunaBeans
- Roast Chicken Bag

WEDNESDAY

Choose a main meal... **WEDNESDAY ROAST**

- British Roast Pork or Gammon Joint or Lamb Steak, Apple Sauce and Gravy
- (V) Quorn Roast in Gravy with Apple Sauce
- Crazy Roast Potatoes
- Jacket Potato-Cheese/TunaBeans
- Tuna Mayonnaise Dip

THURSDAY

Choose a main meal... **FRIDAY**

- Lowestoft Farm Organic Beef Burger in a High Fibre Bun with Ketchup
- (V) Plain Power! Burger! in a High Fibre Bun with Ketchup
- Crispy Diced Potatoes
- Jacket Potato-Cheese/TunaBeans
- Ham Slip

FRIDAY

Choose a main meal... **FRIDAY**

- (V) Rosalind Vegetable Tart with Chips
- Jacket Potato-Cheese/TunaBeans
- Cheddar Cheese Dip

Everyday we offer: Full Juice Content
Addition is offered with selected dishes.
Vegetarian options available on request.

(V) Vegetarian Option (N) Homemade (V) Veggie
(M) Certified Sustainable Sourced (N) Homemade



Please contact your school cook for information regarding the availability of dishes and products on our menu.

Allergies