

The Communicator

St Paul's C. E. Primary School

9 January 2017

A few words from Mrs Malt

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A warm welcome back , I hope you have had a good restful Christmas and have returned ready for another busy term. Many thanks to the parents and children who sent us so many good wishes and gifts at Christmas. We are still consuming the tins of chocolates and biscuits that are very much appreciated on grey January days.

Lots of exciting lessons, visitors, visits and events are planned and information regarding these will be sent out accordingly.

Christmas Hat Competition

In December our school kitchen held a best Christmas Hat competition.



There were some incredible entries and it was a very difficult decision. Congratulations to the Winners and very well done to all who took part.

Poppy Appeal 2016

Thank you to all who bought a poppy in November. The Royal British Legion have confirmed that we raised £83.45



Lest We Forget.

Winter Weather!

We hope that any winter weather will not affect school too much. School will only close if there are any serious issues around the health and safety of the children and staff.

It is vital that we have the correct mobile number for parents, as we will send text messages out if school is to be closed or is closing during the school day.

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing suitable outdoor clothing with sensible shoes. All items should be named especially coats ,hats, gloves and scarves.

In the event of snow, please ensure your child comes to school in wellington boots and brings a change of footwear with spare socks, as we will always try and make sure the children play out during the day.

School Attendance

Overall school attendance currently stands at 95% which is below the government guidelines of 96%. This is of great concern. While we appreciate that children fall ill from time to time, and of course some absence from school is unavoidable, it is becoming apparent that there seems to be certain patterns occurring where pupil absence is becoming more frequent and for reasons that simply do not warrant time off from school.

If your child says they are not well, and the reason is vague, please send them into school and mention it to the class teacher or office staff. We will always contact you if they become too ill to be in school.

With immediate effect if a child is absent from school and office staff are not made aware as to the reason why, then a home visit will be carried out.

We must also remind parents that school starts at 8.45am each day. Since the beginning of this new term we have had 115 minutes of lateness. This is not acceptable. Children must arrive at school at least 5 minutes before the start of the school day. Registers close at 8.55 any child who arrives after this time will be given a late mark. For children who are persistently late (even if its only 5/10 minutes each day) then the Attendance officer will contact the parents/guardians to obtain reasons why. A child who arrives in school after 9.15am will be issued with an absent mark for the morning session. This of course will then affect the child's attendance figure, which could then result in the penalty notice procedure being followed.

Asthma Inhalers

All Inhalers should now be returned to school with immediate effect.

All inhalers should be accompanied by a copy of your child's Asthma Management Plan. This document should be provided by the nurse at your child's asthma review. If you do not have an up-to-date Asthma Management Plan, please contact your GP. Asthma Management Plans should be brought to the school office as soon as possible.

Please ensure your child's inhaler is in date. All inhalers will be sent home at the end of every half term to be checked and for the spacer to be cleaned. (Spacers should be cleaned carefully with warm soapy water).

If your GP makes any adjustments to your child's asthma medication, please notify school straight away.

If you have any queries regarding the information above, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

School Meal Price Increase

We have received notification from Bradford Council that school meal prices will increase with effect from 1st January 2017.

School meals will be charged at £1.65 per day

£8.25 per week

Parents are encouraged to pay for school meals each Monday, by sending money into school in a named envelope. Cheques for school meals should be made payable to **Bradford Council**.

St Paul's Website and Blog

Reminder that if you need more information regarding anything within school then please check out our website www.stpaulsprimary.com. You can also then follow the link for the blog where you are also able to pass comment. May we remind you though if you do write any comments on the blog please **DO NOT** use the children's full names. Thank you

Parking

Although there has been a big improvement on how parents drop their children off at school it seems that some people still do not appreciate how dangerous dropping off in and around the school entrance is.

Child safety is of paramount importance to us here at St Paul's and therefore we are planning another 'week of action' in conjunction with Bradford Council's wardens and enforcement team. More information will follow.

PLEASE DO NOT AT ANY TIME USE THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE AS A DROP OFF OR COLLECTION POINT.



NOTICEBOARD

January 2017

Wednesday 11 January	Christingle Service (Pupils only)
Wednesday 18 January	Viking Visitor Year 5
Friday 20 January	Reading Open Morning 9am (More information to follow)
Thursday 26 January	Year 6 Class assembly (Parents and Carers welcome)

February 2017

Tuesday 7 February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 February	Valentines Disco 5.00-6.00pm and 6.15-7.30pm
Friday 17 February	School Closes
Monday 27 February	School Reopens

St Paul's CE Church

Priest in Charge; Revd Thierry Guillemin– 01274 676359

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9/1/2017

9.15 Holy Communion

10.30 All Age Worship (Epiphany)

16/1/2017

9.15 Holy Communion

10.30 Holy Communion

31/1/2016

Education Sunday

9.15 Holy communion

10.30 Family Holy Communion with St Paul's CE Primary School