

Learning Together
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13th November 2017

Dear Families,

A big thank you to all the adults and children who wore blue on Friday to help raise awareness around bullying. It is so important for all children to understand that bullying is never ok and that, as a school, we are committed to ensuring that all of our children remain happy and safe. Each class had a session on anti-bullying and it was good to hear the children talking with such maturity about a difficult subject. Well done St. Paul's!



A big thank you must also go to all the children and families who brought in Christmas shoeboxes this year. Thank you for your generosity to such a wonderful cause. I am sure that it will mean a lot to the children who receive these boxes this Christmas.



Also on Friday, we held our weekly celebration assembly. This is a time when, as a school, we celebrate each other's achievements and reflect on what has gone well throughout the week. Here are our Stars of the Week.



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Parent Consultation evenings are rapidly approaching. If you have not yet returned your completed appointment forms, please do so as soon as possible. A separate form needs to be completed for each child. The appointments last for 10 minutes per child and are an excellent opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about their academic progress. I look forward to seeing you there.

Regards

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Head of School



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Calendar

Thank you to those who have already ordered their class calendar for 2018. The School Association have done a fantastic job of putting together images drawn by each child to make a bespoke calendar for each class – they really do look wonderful! If you have not already done so, but would still like to purchase a calendar, please return your order to the school by tomorrow, Tuesday 14th November.

Chess team triumphs in Barnet League

The St. Paul's chess team crushed the opposition to come 1st out of 24 schools in the first two Rounds of Division Two of the Barnet Junior Chess League on Wednesday 8th November with a score of 13/16 points. They tied first place with Devonshire House School, and were delighted to push Belmont into 3rd place! The players on the top four Boards each scored perfect scores of two wins apiece. The school has never achieved top place in the league in the last 10 years and the children must be congratulated on a brilliant team effort.

The next four rounds are in Spring Term 2018.

Boards: 1. Kyrylo; 2. Chiba; 3. Narita; 4. Flora; 5. Maxim; 6. Tonde; 7. Emmanuel; 8. Oscar.

Waitrose Green Tokens

Waitrose run a 'Community Matters' scheme that supports local good causes. At the end of your shop, you'll receive a token to place in a box of the good cause you'd most like to support. The more tokens a cause gets, the bigger the donation they receive. Each month every Waitrose branch donates £1,000 (£500 in Convenience shops) between 3 local good causes. The School Association has arranged for our school to take part in this scheme. During the month of December, you will be able to choose St Paul's as the recipient of your green token in the Mill Hill branch of Waitrose. If you are not automatically offered a green token, please do ask for one!

Nut Free School

May I remind all families that we are a nut-free school. Within the school, we have children who have severe allergies. Please could you check that packed lunches do not contain items with nuts (as an example, many chocolate spreads do). Also, if you are kindly sending in birthday treats, please could you double check the ingredients to ensure that the treats are nut-free. Many thanks for helping to support the school in this matter.

Policies

It is possible to read and download our school policies by visiting the school website. Policies available include:

- Attendance Policy
- Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy
- Compliments and Complaints Policy
- Online Safety Policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- SEND Policy



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Our school website can be found at:

<http://www.stpaulsnw7.barnet.sch.uk/>

Uniform

Children should now be wearing the winter uniform - please see the attached uniform lists. We will shortly be holding a Learning Walk and, as part of this, we will be monitoring how the children are dressed.

Coffee Pot

Please remember that the Coffee Pot is open every day (Monday to Friday) from 8.30am to 10am. The Coffee Pot is run on a voluntary basis and we would ask you to support this by making donations for coffee and biscuits. This is a lovely way to start the day and everyone is welcome (please remember that children need to be accompanied).

Time to Talk sessions

At lunchtimes we are running "Time to Talk" sessions. This is a drop in access to a qualified counsellor called Judy Bould. Should you wish to have further information regarding "Time to Talk" sessions or if parents/carers feel that they would not like this support to be available to their child please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bub or Mrs Whittick.

Online Safety Tip

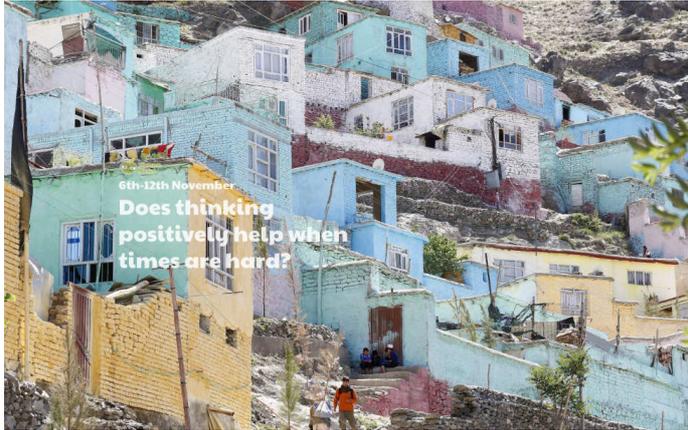
Keeping legal.

As children grow, they are increasingly expected to complete homework that involves research. This often means using the internet to find information. The internet holds a wealth of information and this is invaluable when it comes to furthering our own as well as our children's knowledge and understanding of the world. However, there are a few pitfalls. Firstly, it is important that children understand that not everything they read online is factual. Children should be encouraged to check a number of sources before assuming that information is correct. In addition, there is the issue of plagiarism. It is incredibly easy to 'cut and paste' information or simply to copy it down word for word. Try to encourage your child to put any research into their own words – this will also help to ensure their understanding of what they have read. If your child does want to cut and paste/copy a particularly good piece of information, they need to cite where that information has been taken from (give the web address/author). It is really important for children to get into good habits whilst they are still young, as this will be very important for them as they continue their studies at secondary schools.



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Picture News

This week, Picture News encourages us to think about 'Mutual Respect.'

We will all face challenges and times of difficulty at different times. We must understand and support each other and try our best to remain positive both for ourselves and for those around us.

UNICEF Rights Respecting School - Thought for the Week

All children have the right to good health and good quality of care. All children should have clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so they stay healthy. (Article 24)

Term Dates 2017 -2018

Autumn Term 2017 (70 days)

First Half Wednesday 6th September – Friday 20th October

Half Term Holiday Monday 23rd October – Monday 30th October

Second Half Tuesday 31st October – Wednesday 20th December

School Holiday Thursday 21st December – Tuesday 2nd January

Spring Term 2018 (57 days)

First Half Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 9th February

Half Term Holiday Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Second Half Monday 19th February – Thursday 29th March

School Holiday Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April

Summer Term 2018 (63 days)

First Half Monday 16th April – Friday 25th May

Half Term Monday 28th May – Monday 4th June

Second Half Tuesday 5th June – Friday 20th July

NB May bank holiday Monday 7th May

Spring bank holiday Monday 28th May

Inset Days are staff training days and children should not attend school, these have already been included in the dates above.

Monday 4th September

Tuesday 5th September

Monday 30th October

Tuesday 2nd January

Monday 4th June



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Dates

Below are key dates for this term.

November

14 th	Tuesday	Prospective Parent Tour
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21 st	Tuesday	Flu vaccinations – Reception, Y1, Y2, Y 3 and Y4
21 st	Tuesday	Parent Consultations 5 – 8pm
22 nd	Wednesday	Brass Assembly 9.15am
23 rd	Thursday	Parent Consultations 3 – 6pm
24 th	Friday	Prospective Parent Tour
30 th	Thursday	Year 6 Class Assembly – parents are welcome to attend (3pm)

December

1 st	Friday	2 nd School Class Council Meeting
1 st	Friday	Christmas Fair
4 th	Monday	Pantomime
8 th	Friday	Orchestra Concert 9.10am
13 th	Wednesday	Nativity – 2.15pm
14 th	Thursday	Nativity – 2.15pm
15 th	Friday	Class Christmas Parties and Christmas Jumper Day
19 th	Tuesday	Christmas Carol Service – 7pm
20 th	Wednesday	Break up 2.30pm

January

2 nd	Tuesday	INSET
3 rd	Wednesday	Children return