



*Learning Together*  
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**Head of School: Lisa Bub**

8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the New Year. On behalf of all the staff at St Paul's, I would like to thank you for the kind messages, cards and gifts that we received at the end of last term.

In the spirit of giving, staff at St Paul's again decided to swap their annual Christmas card writing to each other for providing food donations to a local Trussell Trust Foodbank. The Colindale Foodbank provides emergency food parcels and support to people experiencing crisis. Families may be going hungry for a number of different reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. There was a positive response from staff resulting in many food items being donated and it was so much better for the environment too!



It was lovely to see all the children come back to school on Wednesday and to hear all their stories about the holidays. They have quickly settled back in to school life and are already busy with their learning. On Friday, we held our second School Class Council of this academic year. The children discussed our School Values and how these can be demonstrated on a daily basis around the school. The children came up with plenty of good suggestions!



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Also on Friday, we held our weekly celebration assembly. It was lovely to start 2018 with a huge number of certificates including many Bronze Certificates, a Pen Licence and our weekly Star Awards. We also said a very big well done to one of our pupils who is wowing everyone with her tennis skills. Well done to everyone! Here are our 'Stars of the Week'.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy and successful 2018!

Regards

Lisa Bub  
Head of School

### **Collection of Children from Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3**

The path outside of these classrooms is quite narrow and at times it is proving hard for parents and children to walk safely up and down the path at the end of the school day. If you are waiting to collect a child from one of these classrooms, could I please ask that you stand to the side to allow people to move freely up and down the path when arriving to collect children and also when they are leaving the premises.

### **Zig-zag lines**

Please could I remind all parents and carers not to drop off children on the zig zag lines by the traffic lights. This is a hazard for the child being dropped off and also for other pedestrians and road users. It has been noted that it is only a few particular children who are being dropped off in this manner. We will be following this through by contacting those who are seen to continue to do this.

Please could I also remind you that the staff car park should not be used to drop children at, or to collect children from school.

### **Parents' Prayer Meetings**

Parents/carers are warmly invited to come and pray for St. Paul's School at the parents' prayer meetings which will take place from 8:45am to 9:30am in the chapel in the Wilberforce Centre (under St. Paul's Church at the back of the hall where Coffee Pot is). The next two dates will be Friday 19th January and Friday 16th March 2018.

### **Young Music Makers**

On Saturday mornings, Young Music Makers groups are held at three music centres. These are for children from nursery classes through to year 1 or 2 (depending on the centre). Classes aim to introduce children to the enjoyment of practical music making, and to develop musicianship skills from the earliest possible age. They will learn to sing, play percussion instruments and understand basic music notation, rhythm and pitch, alongside learning social skills such as interacting in groups, and sharing a love and enthusiasm for music. Please see the attached flyer.

### **Health Conference for SEND Pupils**

Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), health providers and the Barnet Parent Carer Forum will together be running a free training event for Barnet Parent Carers. This event will offer parent carers a chance to understand more about the local health system for children with SEND in Barnet, hear about what is on offer and how services are accessed. Please see the attached flyer.

### **School lunches – International Day**

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, our catering company will be celebrating an international day with themed food. The menu is inspired by food from around the world and will include a choice of Thai Chicken with Rice, Margherita Pizza and Mac & Cheese, served with peas and sweetcorn, coleslaw and followed by Chocolate and Orange Sponge.



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## 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.

## Morning Snacks

We encourage children to bring in snacks which may be eaten in the playground during the morning break. These snacks should be healthy in nature and may include fruit, fruit snacks or cereal bars (please ensure that there are no nuts). Snacks such as biscuits, sweets, chocolates, sandwiches and crisps are not permitted. Should your child bring in a snack such as this, they will be asked to put it back in their bag to take home.

## Online Safety Tip

### WhatsApp

WhatsApp is an instant messaging app which lets you send messages, images and videos in one to one and group chats. **The minimum age according to WhatsApp is 13+.** Many of our children now have smart technology and some are members of different WhatsApp groups. If your child is using apps such as this, please help them to act appropriately and stay safe when online. Talk to your child about who they are messaging and encourage them to share their 'chats' with you so that you can monitor the messages they are sending and receiving. If someone is sending unwanted or inappropriate messages on WhatsApp, you can block that person by clicking on that contact and selecting 'Block this Contact' they will no longer be able to send anything to you.

**The O2 NSPCC Online Safety Helpline can help you to set up parental controls, adjust privacy settings or get advice on social networks. You can call them for free on 0808 800 5002.**



## Picture News

### Individual Liberty

Whether or not we make resolutions this New Year, we make lots of choices every day that affect our own lives and those around us. We must always think carefully, and make decisions that generate the best outcomes for all!

## UNICEF Rights Respecting School - Thought for the Week

All children have the right to be able to give their opinion when adults are making a decision that will affect them, and adults should take it seriously. (Article 12)

### 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.

### 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).



### Waitrose Green Tokens

Thank you to everyone who took part in the token scheme at Waitrose, Mill Hill.

As soon as we know about the outcome, we will let you know!

### Bounce for Books

St. Paul's will be having a sponsored "Bounce for Books" on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. This is to raise funds for books at St. Paul's. Children will be bringing home a sponsorship form next week. Please support this event if you are able.

## Dates

Below are key dates for this term.

### January

- 10<sup>th</sup> Brass Lessons begin
- 11<sup>th</sup> Year 6 and Reception height & weight
- 16<sup>th</sup> School Association Puzzle Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm Governing Body meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup> Year 5 sale 'Winter Waffles'
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Reception trip to Pizza Express, Mill Hill
- 26<sup>th</sup> Bounce for Books day

### February

- 2<sup>nd</sup> School discos
- 6<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> NSPCC Online Safety talk for parents in hall – time to be confirmed
- 9<sup>th</sup> Year 4 class assembly
- 12<sup>th</sup> Half term
- 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm Governing Body meeting

### March

- 5<sup>th</sup> Dance group at Arts Depot
- 13<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations 5 - 8pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations 3 – 6pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Vision and Hearing – Reception
- 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm Governing Body meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> Evening – Year 3 and Year 4 performance
- 28<sup>th</sup> Evening – Year 3 and Year 4 performance
- 29<sup>th</sup> End of Term



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## **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***

## **Term Dates 2018 -2019**

### **Autumn Term 2018 (75 days)**

First Half Tuesday 4th September – Friday 19th October

*Half Term Holiday Monday 22nd October – Monday 29th October*

Second Half Tuesday 30th October – Friday 21st December

*School Holiday Monday 24th December – Monday 7th January*

### **Spring Term 2019 (60 days)**

First Half Tuesday 8th January – Friday 15th February

*Half Term Holiday Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February*

Second Half Monday 25th February – Friday 5th April

*School Holiday Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April*

*Easter weekend 19th – 22nd April*

### **Summer Term 2019 (60 days)**

First Half Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 24th May

*Half Term Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May*

Second Half Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

*May bank holiday Monday 6th May*

*Spring bank holiday Monday 27th May*

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***Monday 3rd September***

***Monday 29th October***

***Monday 7th January***

***Monday 22nd July***

***Tuesday 23rd July***



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