

"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them" (Romans: 12,6) **St Paulinus Newsletter**

Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

What a brilliant start to the new academic year we have had! Our new Reception children have been fully embraced by our St Paulinus family, they have settled in nicely to their new school and are having a great time learning lots of new things each day. We would also like to say a welcome to our families whose children have joined in our older year groups – it's been a pleasure to meet you at the gate each morning. I am very proud of the way the rest of the children have returned to school and got straight back into their routines. As well as embracing their new year group learning, classes have all been busy thinking about our school values and contributing to a display for the hall.

The summer term was a busy one but one of the things we wanted to do was use some of the PTA money ready for the start of the new school year. We'd like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for all the hard work they do raising much needed funds for the children, we really appreciate your efforts. We thought really carefully and decided to refresh the books across the school libraries. We hope the children will enjoy the new books, reading a diverse range of books by new authors as well as old favourites. Below are a couple of pictures of just some of these new books...



Throughout the summer Mr Doyle (assisted by Mrs Bennett) has been incredibly busy using the money raised from this year's fun run to revamp the Key Stage One library area and the cloakrooms for all KS1 classes, we think you'll agree that he's made a fantastic job of it!





We are currently fundraising for IT and playground equipment

Your school needs you!

We need volunteers to support in many different areas within our school.

Please look out for a google form soon to see if there are ways you can support us.

In the meantime if you have any spare time you could use to volunteer, please do get in touch!



Up-coming diary dates:

Date	Event
Wednesday 20 th September	Year 5 to Church
Tuesday 26 th September	Languages day – look out for a letter!
Tuesday 26 th September	Meet the teacher 3:45pm and repeated at
	4:15pm
Wednesday 27 th September	Year 4 to Church
Wednesday 4 th October	Year 3 to Church
Thursday 5 th October	Governors Quiz Night
Monday 9 th October	Meet the SLT 9am and repeated at both
	2:45pm and 5pm
Tuesday 10 th October	Mental Health Day – Wear Yellow
Wednesday 11 th October	Whole school to church for Mission Week

Plea from our neighbours:

Please be careful where you park during drop off and pick up. We appreciate this is a busy time of day but please do be mindful to park safely and ensure you are not blocking driveways.

Communication:

We know that communication with class teachers can be difficult with busy pick up times and so we have brand new email addresses that will connect you straight with your child's class teacher and the SLT. Contacts are as follows:

Mrs Cusselle: reception@st-paulinus.bexley.sch.uk

Miss Dyer: year1@st-paulinus.bexley.sch.uk

Mrs Marris: year2@st-paulinus.bexley.sch.uk

Mr Hogan: year3@st-paulinus.bexley.sch.uk

Mrs Pike: year4@st-paulinus.bexley.sch.uk

Miss Childs: year5@st-paulinus.bexley.sch.uk

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Sukonik: year6@st-paulinus.bexley.sch.uk

Mrs Rhodes and Mrs Sukonik: slt@st-paulinus.bexley.sch.uk

Please do bear in mind that teachers are teaching throughout the school day and so may not see emails immediately, therefore any urgent messages such as ones about appointments and pick up arrangements should still go through the school office. Teachers will endeavour to respond to emails in a timely manner during working hours but that will not normally be the same day.