

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

## **St Paulinus Newsletter**

**Friday 3rd November 2023**

Dear Pupils, Parents and Carers,

What a lovely start to the new term we have had! On Tuesday we launched Times Tables Rock Stars - it was so fantastic to see all of the children dressed up and so engaged with their new learning! A massive thank you again to the PTA for funding this for us.



### **Y6 & YR went to church this week.**

We had some fantastic feedback from the church congregation this week when Y6 & YR went to the Wednesday service - we are so proud of our children for being such excellent role models, well done all of you!

### **Black History Month:**

Your children's projects have been coming in throughout the week. If your child would still like to bring their project in, can we please ask that they are in school by Wednesday 8th November so that we are ready to display them to you at Parents Evening the following week.

### **Children in Need:**




Some advance notice for you - we will be fundraising for Pudsey on Friday 17th November and inviting our children to come into school dressed in their pyjamas for the day. More details about the activities will follow next week so please look out for that.

### **Christmas design competition:**

On Monday we launched a competition for St Paulinus Church to design the front cover of the Christmas Service sheets. Designs need to be A4 sized and can be anything connected with Christmas. Children will need to put their name and class on the back of the sheet and bring this into school **no later than 3:30pm on Thursday 9th of**

**November.** Children who need a sheet of paper for their design are welcome to collect one from their class teacher.

**Please see below for an opportunity for all parents for Bexley Voice:**



## **SEND MENTAL HEALTH FOCUS DAY**

### **'Understanding & managing your child or young person's anxiety'**

**Tuesday 7th November 2023**  
**The Danson Youth Centre**  
Brampton Road, Bexleyheath, DA7 4EZ

Free Event


**9:30am-10am Registration, Market Place & Refreshments**  
**12noon-12:30pm Refreshments & Market Place**

<b>Session 1</b> 10am-12noon →	<b>'Managing Anxiety and Behaviour that Challenges in Young People with Additional Needs' (8-19 Years)</b> Emma Lillis, SEND Specialist Teacher & Advisor
<b>Session 2</b> 12:30-1:15pm →	<b>'Introduction to Emotionally Based School Avoidance Guidance for Schools'</b> Hollie Danby, Bexley Educational Psychologist
<b>Session 3</b> 1:30pm-2:30pm →	<b>'How to Appear Calm When You Don't Feel It!'</b> (When supporting an anxious or angry child/young person) Jenny Eldred, Team Manager, Bexley CAMHS

A Market Place with information on mental health support will be available 9:30-2pm.  
You **MUST** book sessions for presentations in advance or you can just pop in to the Market Place on the day.

For more information and to request your place, please complete the online booking form at:

**<https://bit.ly/SHFDMH23>**



This event is for parent/carer members of Bexley Voice. It's free to join at  
<https://www.bexleyvoice.org.uk/membership-form---parents-and-carers.html>

### **Some reminders:**

As the Autumn weather is fully here now, please make sure that your children are coming to school with a warm waterproof coat each day as they do go out to play in most weather conditions!

Please try to ensure that routine appointments, such as the dentist are scheduled for outside of the school day whenever possible. We fully understand that emergency appointments are just that.

Requests for children to be absent during term time should always be addressed to the Principal in the first instance. Holidays will be marked as an unauthorised absence in the register unless there are exceptional circumstances.



### Up-coming diary dates:

Date	Event
Wednesday 8th November	Year 5 to Church
Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November	Parents Evening
Friday 17th November	Children in Need day - Wear your PJs
Wednesday 22nd November	Year 3 to Church
Wednesday 29th November	Year 2 to Church
Wednesday 6th December	Year 1 to Church
Friday 8th December	PTA Christmas Fair after school.
Tuesday 12th December	KS1 Nativity Performances at 2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 13th December	Reception and Year 6 to Church
Wednesday 20th December	End of term finish at 1:30pm