



Saint Paulinus CE Primary School



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AUTUMN TERM 1: 7 SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year -a warm welcome in particular to the new pupils and families who have joined our school community! You will have noticed our brand new school gates; a measure to improve the school's security and to allow Years 1 and 2 to create a garden area outside their classrooms. We look forward to seeing how this space transforms across the year!

Now that government guidelines around Covid have changed, we are looking forward to being able to invite parents and carers back into school for various school events. It is our intention to do this gradually, still being mindful of the Covid risk assessment that we must follow. As we are very early into the new school year, we are going to hold *Meet the Teacher* meetings, for Years 1 - 6, via Zoom to avoid having a large amount of people in school at once. We will then look to invite classes of parents and carers into school at later dates to come and see the classrooms, look at children's work and get a feel for what life in school is like. Zooms will be recorded for people who cannot attend.

After a year and a half of distance, we are keen to open up channels of communication between families and teachers. I will be writing to you later this week to share how we intend to do this. In the meantime, if you need to contact your child's class teacher, please do so by emailing or telephoning the school office.

Wishing you all a very happy new school year!

Miss Salisbury

Head of School

Additional Inset Day – Monday 6th June 2022

Our term dates for 2021/2022 can be found on our website <https://www.stpaulinus.apat.org.uk/term-dates>

This includes an extra inset day which has been granted by the DfE to allow schools to take an additional day in lieu of the extra bank holiday in 2022 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (Friday 3 June).

Sims Pay has now changed to <https://www.pay360educationpayments.com/Home>

As you are aware Sims Pay changed to Pay360 Education from 26th July. The way payments are made will stay the same. When you make a payment the details on your card statement will show as 'Pay360StPaulinus'. It is recommended that the new email address 'noreply@pay360educationpayments.com' be added to your contact list to ensure emails are not marked as spam.

We are aware of the issues that have been caused by this changeover. If you cannot log on, please contact the school office where we will issue an invitation code again. Any other issues we will log and report to pay360. Thank you for your patience in this.

Flu Vaccine – Tuesday 2nd November 2021

We have been advised by the NHS that flu consent forms will be moving to a digital system from September 2021. Parents will be asked to complete an online consent form. This link will be sent out in due course when we receive more information. The school office will have no involvement on chasing consent forms that have not been completed.

New ParentMail: www.E4education.co.uk

You should have now received today (7th September) an invitation email to create a password. We encourage all parents to sign up straightaway as we will not be continuing with our current Parentmail. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

You will be able to download the new app and also there is a parent portal accessible via our website. Please read more details via our website:

<https://www.stpaulinus.apat.org.uk/parent-portal-info>

Calendar Dates	
Wednesday 8 th September	Year 6 in church
Monday 13 th September	Yr 6 Bexley Selection Test (in school)
Thursday 16 th September	Y4 Swimming starts
Monday 20 th September	Skipping Workshop (Y1-6)
Wednesday 22 nd September	Y5 in church
Wednesday 29 th September	Y4 in church
Wednesday 6 th October	Y3 in church
Wednesday 13 th October	Y2 in church
Wednesday 20 th October	Y1 to church
Friday 22 nd October	Staff Training Day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th October	Half Term Holiday
WC 1 st November	Yr 6 Cycle Training (details to follow)
Tuesday 2 nd November	Flu Vaccination (all children)