

# Newsletter

23rd September 2022

Autumn Term



St Paul's Cray

C of E Primary School

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly



## Welcome back

This is our first newsletter of the year. Unfortunately, due to the recent death of Queen Elizabeth we have observed the period of mourning and have not sent out any communications until this week.

We hope you have had a good summer and have been able to spend lots of time with friends and family. As always the summer holidays have flown by but it is wonderful to be back and to have the children in school looking so smart and eager to learn!

A warm welcome is extended to new pupils and their families and to our existing pupils, their families and our colleagues and friends in the wider community. We have a busy time ahead as teachers get to know the pupils in their class and pupils adapt to their new surroundings and build relationships with their teachers and we have lots to learn about! School is looking good and we are looking forward to the academic year ahead.

## Holiday Dates

School holiday dates are always included at the end of our Newsletter and can be found on the school website. Please make a note of term dates and inset days. Commencing October **2022** we will be having a 2 week October half term holiday, this is to fall in line with other Bromley schools.

## Uniform and accessories

We pride ourselves on our uniform and the appearance of our pupils when they represent our school on trips and school visits. Please follow the uniform rules; jewellery should not be worn and watches should only be worn by pupils who can tell the time. Fitbit and Smart watches are not to be worn by pupils. Please ensure that all uniform is named.

## Individual School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on **THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER** to take individual and sibling school photographs.



## Family Worker

If you have concerns or worries about your child, you can contact Mrs Brindle who is our Family worker.

Call 01689 821993

## Internet Safety

**If you have any concerns about internet safety, be sure to look at our school website**

Be kind online just like you are face to face!

## Asthma

The School office must be informed if your child has been diagnosed with Asthma. There is a form to be completed at the office and inhalers or pumps should be in school at all times. Please check the dates on your child's medication regularly and replace them as necessary.

## Back Gate Opening Times

The back gate, accessed from Frances Road, will be locked between 9am and 3pm. All Nursery drop offs and pickups during this time should be via the main, front gate. All daytime visitors must use the main, front gate.

## Be on time for school

Early Years -enter class at 8.45am

Year 1 to 6- gates open from 8.30am

Children can enter class from 8.40am

After 8.50am your child will be marked late (L)

After 9.00am your child will be marked as an unauthorised absence (U)

It is extremely important that you ensure your child is in class before 8.50am as having unauthorised absences will impact their attendance.

## Allergies

If your child has an allergy that has been diagnosed by a doctor, you must ensure that school has all the details so that the relevant information can be passed on to the teachers, our school kitchen and the catering suppliers. If your child has an Epipen, make sure the school has one and that it is in date.



## Kooth

**Kooth is an online mental wellbeing community for children where they can access free, safe and anonymous support**

Kooth's London and South East team offer monthly information sessions for parents & carers interested in finding out more about Kooth services.

The link for parents/carers to book the free information session can be found here:

**11<sup>th</sup> October 2022,  
6pm-7pm**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-kooth-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-277457000357>

## Water Bottles



We encourage pupils to bring in a water bottle with a sports type spout or lid. Water bottles should contain just still water, no squash or fizzy drinks. Water bottles should be named and taken home every afternoon to be washed and refilled. We also have facilities to refill the bottles at school.

## Nursery news



Nursery had fun with the foam!



Nursery had great fun using our car wash and garage set up in the outdoor area.

## School Ambassadors

We are proud to introduce Rose as Senior Ambassador and Isla B, Gracelyn, Billy-Jay and Lucas, our newly appointed Ambassadors for Year 6.

Congratulations to them all for being successful in their applications!

They have been issued with Navy Ambassador jumpers and are preparing for their roles and responsibilities.

All applications were reviewed by Mrs Bennett, Head of School.

## Reception Lunch

Thank you to all the Reception parents who joined their children for their first lunch in school.



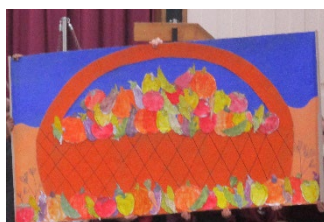
## Harvest Festival

This year's harvest Festival will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm. Every year we are overwhelmed by your generosity and as always we pass your donations onto Bromley Foodbank who in turn help local families in need. This year is proving to be a difficult year and our help is needed more than ever.

Bromley Foodbank are asking for donations of Rice and Tinned Vegetables if you feel able to donate.

We will be collecting donations in the school office from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you so much!



## St Paul's Cray CE Open Events

Was your child or do you know of any families with a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 and due to start school in September 2023?

Please look at our virtual tour on our website [www.stpaulscray.apat.org.uk/admissions](http://www.stpaulscray.apat.org.uk/admissions) and you are very welcome to see our school on the following dates:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am – 10.30am

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

2pm-3pm

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

5pm-6pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am-10.30am

We look forward to showing you our school!

## Special Lunches

As per our behaviour policy we have 'Always Fridays' Ask your child if they have had their lunch on our specially decorated tables and have had hot chocolate yet?



## **The Daily Mile Markings On The Key Stage 1 Playground**

We have now installed the markings for the Daily Mile which is an initiative which was started in February 2012 by Elaine Wyllie MBE, who was the head teacher of a large Scottish primary school. She was concerned by the children's lack of fitness and introduced The Daily Mile, which proved to be effective in combating inactivity and obesity in her school.

We hope to introduce the Daily Mile to all year groups during this academic year. The Daily Mile is a very simple concept. Every class goes out in the fresh air to run or jog at their own pace for 15 minutes daily or a few times a week. It is not competitive although some will compete and that is fine. Most children will average a mile in the 15 minutes. It is not PE, sport or cross-country but physical activity in a social setting which is aimed at improving the children's physical, social, emotional and mental health, and wellbeing. The children run in their ordinary school clothes with trainers being ideal but not essential. It can help children to focus and concentrate in the classroom making them more ready for learning. And most importantly, we hope the children really enjoy it.

## **School Houses**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you with an update of our school house system which was introduced towards the end of the last school year. All stakeholders of the school from children, staff, governors, and parents were asked to vote on the school house names which were all castles in Kent. The four winning castles were Lullingstone, Rochester, Leeds and Hever.

All children and staff have now been put into a school house and each house has a colour; Lullingstone is red, Rochester is blue, Leeds is green, and Hever is yellow. We have also kept siblings in the same houses. We hope at some point in this academic year that we will be able to give each child a plain t-shirt in the colour of their house, so that they can wear it on PE days, intra house competitions and other special events.

Being part of a house, gives the children a feeling of community and team spirit as they are not only working hard towards their own individual achievements, but they are also working towards joint house goals such as sports day and an attendance prize. We will be introducing a variety of intra house competitions throughout the school year.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Cook

PE Subject Leader



## PE Timetable Autumn Term 2022

	9.00-10.00	10.00-11.30	1-1.40 HALL	1.40-2.20 KS1 PLAYGROUND	2.20-3pm KS2 PLAYGROUND FIELD
<b>Monday</b>			Year 4 (Cricket)	Year 4 (Cricket)	
<b>Tuesday</b>			Year 3 (Basketball coach)		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Nursery/Reception Sports for Tots Hall		Reception		
<b>Thursday</b>			Year 6		Year 5 (Swimming?)
<b>Friday</b>			Year 1 (Gymnastic coach)	Year 1/2 (Gymnastic coach)	

### Compulsory P.E. Kit (boys and girls):

**Children are to wear PE kit on their PE days all day. This should consist of:**

trainers or plimsolls,  
plain black joggers/plain black leggings or plain black shorts,  
plain white t-shirt,  
plain black hoodie or school jumper

**Children who are not in correct PE kit will be expected to change into the school's spare kit for the day.**

# SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

## 2022 - 2023

### AUTUMN TERM 2022

Autumn 1 – Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Aug – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Oct

Half Term – Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct

Autumn 2 – Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

### SPRING TERM 2023

Spring 1 – Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term – Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

Spring 2 – Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar

### SUMMER TERM 2023

Summer 1 - Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Apr – Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday – Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May

Half Term – Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun

Summer 2 – Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jun – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Jul

### STAFF TRAINING DAYS (school closed)

Day 1 – Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022

Day 2 – Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022

Day 3 – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

Day 4 – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Day 5 – to be confirmed

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