

Newsletter

10th October 2022

Autumn Term



St Paul's Cray

C of E Primary School

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival is being held on Tuesday 11th October at 2.30pm. Every year we are overwhelmed by your generosity and as always we pass your donations on to Bromley Foodbank who in turn help local families in need. We are still collecting donations of rice and tinned vegetables.

Thank you so much!



Children Centres – sessions for parents and children

The Children Centres at Cotmandene and Blenheim are running lots of sessions for parents and children. There are health clinic sessions, parent courses and learn and play sessions.

If you would like to know more, please see Mrs Zegeling, Mrs Morris or Mrs Brindle who have the timetables for these centres during the month of October.

Year 5 – The Plague

In English, Year 5 have been studying a poem by Christina Rossetti called The Plague. The children wrote their own poem in the style of Rossetti, based on their knowledge of The Plague to tell the story of the horrific destruction it caused. Below is an example of one of the fabulous poems produced by our children using archaic language to retell the story of death.

The Plague

In thy town of London, while
thou rest, the rats come in and
infect.

Though shall sleep peacefully,
completely unaware,

Of the nightmares that shall
come with the rising sun.

Now, thee knows better than
to mourneth thou's death.

For with each passing hour, thy
fellows die.

Thee pictures plague as an
unwholesome wench with
gnashing yellow teeth and lice
ridden hair.

Even the fulsome nobles can't
avoid death's grasp.

Yore, there was peace. Now,
there is only plague's war.

All dead shall be cast to a pit,
their final resting place.

When plague comes knocking,
thee shall be classed as dead.

Death thanks plague for the
victims she has brought.

Plague shall wound thee by
taking thy family for her own
but claim thou last,
Stay away from everyone, ill or
not.

For now, no one mourns the
dead, nobody feels grief for
thee who die.

"Who is emotional enough to
mourn in this land of horror?"

Mia Year 5

St Paul's Cray CE Open Events

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

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

Wednesday 7th November
2pm-3pm

Tuesday 22nd November
5pm-6pm

Monday 9th January
9.30am-10.30am

We look forward to showing
you our school!

Nursery News

Nursery celebrated Teddy's Birthday - they pumped up balloons, wrapped up presents and shared his cake with him. Teddy had a great day!



Nursery have been learning about African animals and made tiger hats. They also made Kwanzaa Benne which are sesame cookies - a traditional cookie originating from Africa. Meaning good luck



Family Worker

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

Call 01689 821993

Phase Leaders

Should you have any queries or questions regarding your child in school you can speak to the class teacher or our phase leaders:

Early Years - Mrs Zegeling

KS1- Miss Bell

Lower KS2 - Mrs Jones

Upper KS2- Mrs Merredew

Parents Evening

Autumn term parents evening will take place on Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Nursery and Reception will be finishing at 2.20pm. KS1 and KS2 will be finishing at 2.30pm

A letter has gone home with the children and appointments should be made via you child's class teacher.

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!

Rochester Cathedral visit – year 5

Three year 5 children represented our school at Rochester Cathedral. Freddie, Jessie A and Seweryn all did St Paul's proud with their knowledge and understanding. They enjoyed talking to scientists and finding out about how religion and science can coexist. The children had many questions throughout the day that were answered by the scientists. Jessie A got a round of applause for his excellent thinking.



Individual School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on **THURSDAY 10th NOVEMBER** to take individual and sibling school photographs.



JTA



We are delighted to announce that we have two new JTA's representing our school this year. Myles and Maya from Year 6.

The Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTA) scheme is a programme designed for primary school pupils to take the lead in promoting safe, active and independent travel within their school communities. This is a very important role, which helps the children develop communication skills whilst making a valuable contribution to the school. Not only are the JTAs supported by a School Guide (a member of staff from our school), but also officers from the Road Safety Unit and Transport for London (TfL).

At the start of the school year Bromley host an induction day for new recruits. The Mayor of Bromley is usually in attendance to present the JTAs with a special badge and certificate. They also receive a JTA resource kit containing all the information, ideas and templates needed to carry out fun competitions and activities within school.

The role of a JTA is to promote safe, active travel, to and from school and in the wider community. Myles and Maya will be responsible for maintaining the display in school, carrying out surveys and promoting competitions in class and in assemblies.



b-Hive

<https://bromleytherapyhub.org.uk/>

The b-HIVE has been created by local health services and Bromley Council to pull together the range of therapies that support the communication development, physical skills and independence of children, teenagers and young adults in Bromley. The guide incorporates a collective range of therapies, such as: emotional wellbeing and mental health, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and a special educational needs (SEN) advisory service.

Robins Class – Black History Month

To celebrate Black History Month children in Robins have enjoyed looking at artefacts from Africa. We have also made our own jewellery inspired by the colours and patterns from the artefacts.



My Child's Art Christmas Cards

The children are busy designing their Christmas cards for this year. The artwork is due to be sent to the company during half term. To be able to identify your child's artwork they require your child's full name to be written on the paperwork. If you would prefer that we do not release your child's full name, please contact the office before 1pm on Friday 14th October.



PE Timetable Autumn Term- 2 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
Monday			Year 1 (Cricket)	Year 2 (Cricket)	
Tuesday			Year 6 (Basketball coach)		
Wednesday	Nursery/Reception Sport for Tots Hall		Reception		
Thursday			Year 3		Year 5 (Swimming)
Friday			Year 4 (Gymnastic coach)	Year 4 (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.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We know its early but thought that our parents may like our Christmas event dates in advance!

Monday 12 th December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day (donation of £1 to Save the Children)
Monday 12 th December	Lunchtime	Christmas dinner day – pre-booking will be required, please await further information
Tuesday 13 th December	2.30pm	KS1 Nativity (Year 1 & 2) – parents/carers invited
Wednesday 14 th December	9.15am	KS1 Nativity (Year 1 & 2) – parents/carers invited
Thursday 15 th December	10am	EYFS Nativity (Nursery & Reception) – parents/carers invited
Friday 16 th December	10.15am – 11.15am	EYFS parent Christmas crafts session – further details to follow
Friday 16 th December	2.30pm	EYFS Nativity (Nursery & Reception) – parents/carers invited
Monday 19 th December	1pm – 2.30pm	Panto performance in school from Outside the Box Productions – please send in your donation of £3
Monday 19 th December	2.30pm	Class parties/food
Tuesday 20 th December	AM	Services at St Mary's Church for years 1 – 6 – times of services to follow – parents/carers invited
Tuesday 20 th December	End of Term	Nursery closes at 11.45am for all children. Reception closes at 1.20pm. KS1 and KS2 close at 1.30pm.

Class Assemblies

We will be re-introducing class assemblies for the Spring term 2023, this is a good opportunity for parents/carers to come along and watch their children present what they have been learning in school so far. There will be one class assembly per school year. You will see that Year 5 assembly is in December, this is due to the fact that Mrs Anning will be leaving for her maternity at the end of the Autumn term but would like to carry out the assembly with the children.

Wednesday - 7th December – Year 5 – Ash
 Wednesday - 18th January - Year 6 - Oaks
 Wednesday - 25th January - Year 4 - Elms & Rowans
 Wednesday - 1st February - Year 3 - Maples
 Wednesday - 1st March - Year 1/2 - Puffins
 Wednesday - 8th March - Year 1 - Kingfishers
 Wednesday - 15th March – Reception

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2022 - 2023

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Autumn 1 – Wed 31st Aug – Fri 14th Oct

Half Term – Mon 17th Oct – Fri 28th Oct

Autumn 2 – Mon 31st Oct – Tues 20th Dec

SPRING TERM 2023

Spring 1 – Tues 3rd Jan – Thurs 9th February

Half Term – Mon 13th Feb – Fri 17th Feb

Spring 2 – Mon 20th Feb – Fri 31st Mar

SUMMER TERM 2023

Summer 1 - Mon 17th Apr – Thurs 25th May

Bank Holiday – Mon 1st May

Half Term – Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd Jun

Summer 2 – Mon 5th Jun – Fri 21st Jul

STAFF TRAINING DAYS (school closed)

Day 1 – Tues 30th Aug 2022

Day 2 – Weds 21st Dec 2022

Day 3 – Fri 10th Feb 2023

Day 4 – Fri 26th May 2023

Day 5 – to be confirmed

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