

# Newsletter

6th March 2023

Spring Term

St Paul's Cray



C of E Primary School

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

## Children's Mental Health

During Children's Mental Health Week 2023, as part of the theme 'Let's Connect', each year group dressed in a colour of the rainbow and we connected together to make the rainbow.

Well done everyone at St Paul's Cray for working together so well to achieve this. Thank you to Miss Bell for taking the pictures.



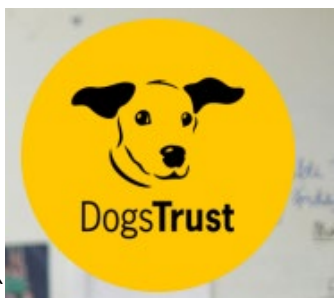
## Snacks at breacktime

Children in EYFS and KS1 are provided with fruit at breacktime as a snack, children in years 3 to 6 are able to bring a snack in but this MUST be a piece of fruit or healthy cereal bar to keep within our healthy eating policy. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Dogs Trust

Are your children scared of dogs?

We will be working with DogsTrust in school who will be running presentations about safety around dogs. They will not be bringing dogs into school.



You can access further information on this website: <https://www.learnwithdogstrust.org.uk/building-confidence/>

## Dogs on school premises

Just a reminder that the school playground is 'dog free' please do not bring your dog on to school premises, some children and adults are scared and anxious around them.



## SAT's Meeting – Year 2

Please check your child's bookbag for letter sent home this week regarding a year 2 SATs meeting for parents/carers that will be taking place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 3.20pm in the classroom.

## Being on time for pick up

We have noticed recently that we have had several children picked up late from nursery, school and from clubs, please ensure you are always on time for collection as the children get distressed if they are the last ones left behind.

If you are late picking up from a club after school it may result in your child losing their space within the club.



## 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

## Contact Numbers

Please ensure the School Office have more than one contact on record for your child. In the case of an emergency it is important that we have more than one number and that all numbers are up to date.

## Family Worker

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

Call 01689 821993

## Nursery News

Nursery celebrated Shrove Tuesday by cooking and eating pancakes together. They stacked up pancakes in a balancing game using a spatula and created their own artistic pancakes in a pan.



As part of our topic on Spring, we have been looking at Spring weather. We looked at rainy showers and wearing boots outside. The 2 year olds enjoyed making footprints in paint using wellington boots and then everyone had fun washing them with soapy water.



World book day in Nursery:





## Reception News

Robins Class enjoyed celebrating 100 days of school!

Thank you to all the parents who came to join us and hear about our favourite things at school and to help us walk or run our laps around the playground!



Robins class enjoyed World Book Day.



## Year 1 News

Gabriella came in to school showing us her Scouts uniform so that she could earn herself another badge for her jumper.



Year 1 enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day last week.



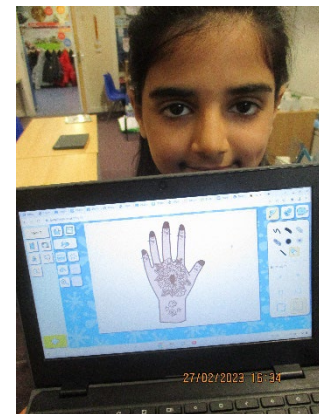
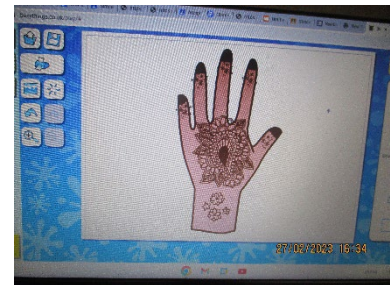
## Year 2 News

Puffin's class have been celebrating World Book Day and all things reading related this week. Have a look at our amazing costumes!



## Year 3 News

Following on from our learning in RE about Sikhism, Ghanwa chose to decorate a hand with a mendhi pattern. We learnt about how these patterns are used for important ceremonies such as weddings.



"Year 3 have enjoyed collecting data in maths and have been learning to record and interpret data in different ways."





Year 3 made good use of the Reading Room on World Book Day and shared reading with friends and siblings.



## Year 4 News

Year 4 have been writing Acrostic poems for World Book Day, here is Phillip's:

**I**nformation books.

**L**earning and reading

**O**ne page at a time

**V**ery interesting books

**E**very day we read books

**R**eadng for fun

**E**motion books

**A**uthor

**D**ancing books

**I**magination

**N**ext page

**G**iggly books

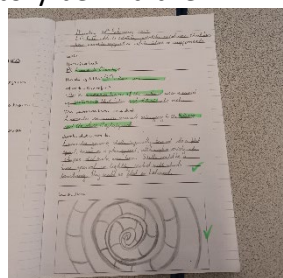
## Year 5 News

Mia from year 5 has written this lovely stanza rhyme in English:

He'd a coal black cloak of leather,  
And his hat was topped with  
a single feather,  
He'd a sword of silver and steel,  
Such a handsome fellow had  
never been seen,  
Seen – seen,  
Such a handsome fellow had  
never been seen with curly  
hair black as an eel,

## Year 6 News

Year 6 are learning about Evolution and inheritance in Science and this week they handed fossils and found the history behind them.



## French News

### Fun Fact Eiffel Tower

In the French classroom we have a 'Fun Fact Eiffel Tower' which is covered with questions about France, its traditions, customs and history. Here are some other facts you may not know:

1. French people drink their morning tea or coffee at breakfast from a small cereal-sized bowl, instead of a cup!

2. It is unusual to find a children's menu in a restaurant in France – they believe that children should learn to eat the same food as their families at an early age.

So no chicken nuggets or fish fingers in France!

3. French bread is often served straight on to the table instead of on a plate!

4. If you want ice in your soft drink or glass of water, you will have to ask for it. French people prefer to drink their drinks at room temperature!

5. If you are invited to a dinner party in France, it is polite to arrive 15-20 minutes late!

If you know any fun cultural traditions from another country, please encourage your child to come and tell me – it would be lovely to be able to share them in school.

Mrs Taylor





## PE Timetable Spring Term 2 - 2023

	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>			Reception (Cricket)		
<b>Tuesday</b>			Year 1/2 (Basketball coach)		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Nursery Sport for Tots Hall		Year 1	Year 3	
<b>Thursday</b>				Year 4 Lacrosse	Year 4 (Swimming)
<b>Friday</b>			Year 5 (Gymnastic coach)	Year 6	

### **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 Attendance

At St Paul's Cray we take attendance and punctuality very seriously we have a whole school attendance target of 96%, our whole school attendance currently stands at **91.47%**

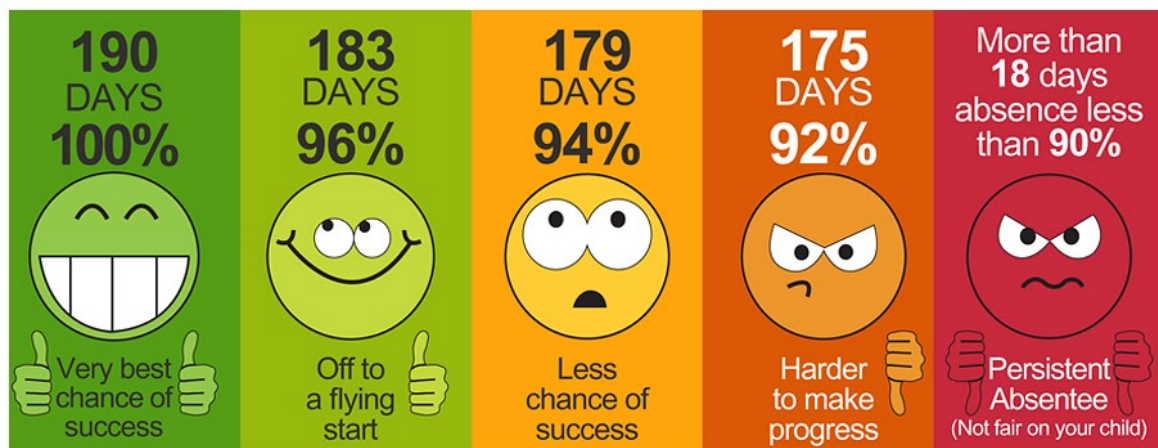
Breakdown of current class attendance for the year so far is:

CLASS	9/2	3/3							
Robins	90.41%	90.25%↓							
Kingfishers	90.37%	90.48%↑							
Puffins	93.05%	93.61%↑							
Maples	93.56%	93.33%↓							
Rowans	88.38%	88.56%↑							
Elms	88.88%	89.02%↑							
Ash	92.54%	92.73%↑							
Oaks	91.87%	91.86%↓							

There are things you can do to improve your child's attendance and avoid falling into the persistent absence category:

- Avoid taking any holidays during term times
- Keep up to date with what % attendance your child has so that you know if they are at risk of persistent absence (you can access attendance on the school app)
- Speak to school staff with any concerns. We have our family worker, Mrs Brindle and each Key Stage has a Phase Leader:
  - EYFS (Nursery and Reception) is Mrs Zegeling
  - KS1 (Year 1 and 2) is Miss Bell
  - LKS2 (Year 3 and 4) is Mrs Jones
  - UKS2 (Year 5 and 6) is Mrs Merredew
- Talk to your child about the importance of them being in school and let them know how important you feel it is.
- **Please ensure your child is on time for school, any child arriving after 8.50am will be marked as late on the register and any after 9am will be marked as U and this is an unauthorised absence for morning registration and will affect your child's attendance percentage**

***If your child is unwell and you are unsure whether to send them to school, contact the office to report on 01689 821993. School will phone the parents of any children who are absent without reason.***



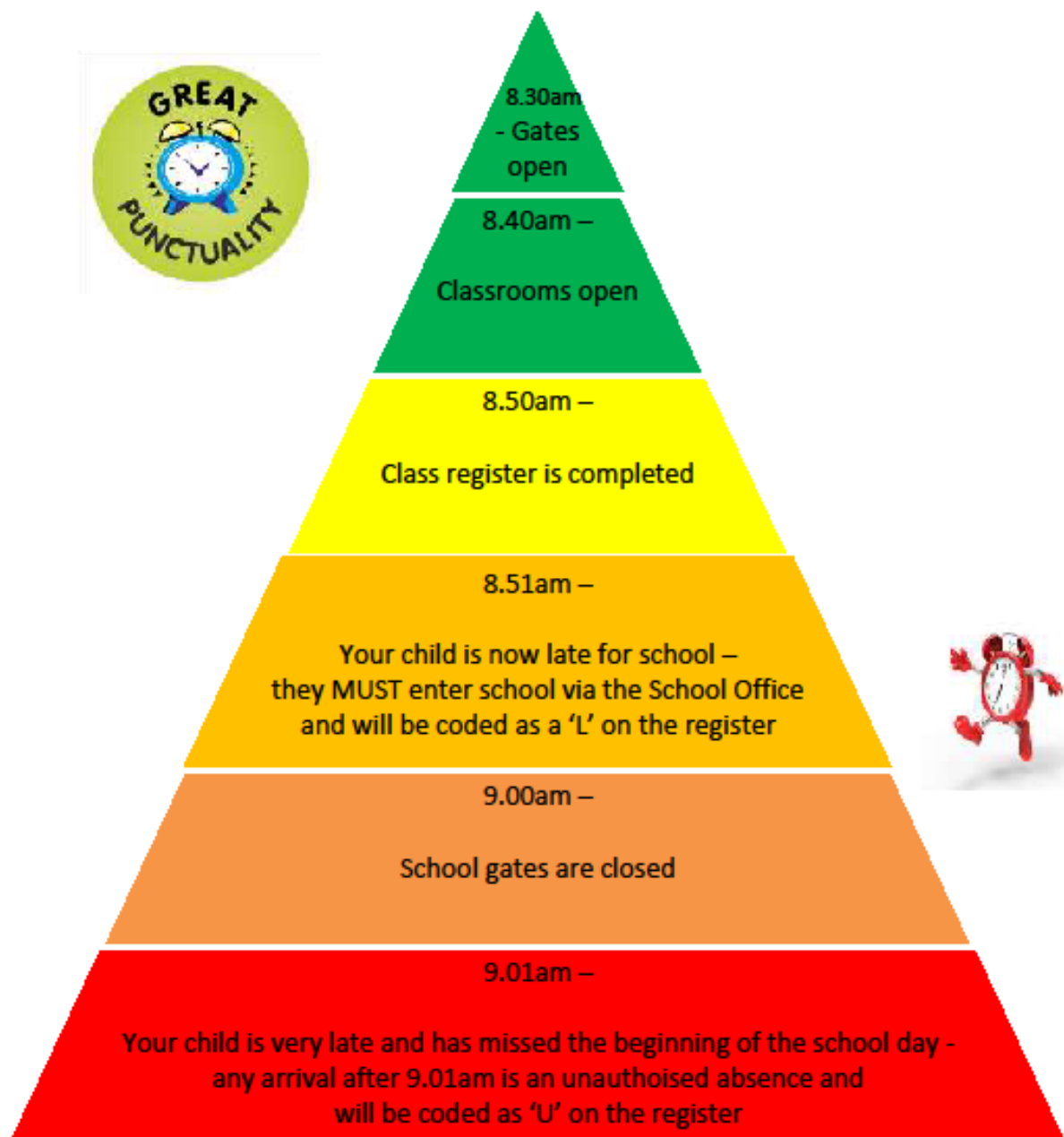
## Important Events

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	3.20pm	Year 2 parents/carers SATS meeting in the classroom
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	2.50pm	Year 1 Kingfishers Class Assembly – parents/carers invited
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	International Women's Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	Science Week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	2.50pm	Reception Class Assembly – parents/carers invited
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	Red Nose Day – wear something that makes you and your school smile
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45pm	Mothers' Day Celebrations in EYFS classes.
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Services start at: 9.30am 10.15am 11am	Easter Services at St Mary's Church parents/carers welcome to attend Year 1 and 2 Year 3 and 4 Year 5 and 6
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	11.45am 1.20pm 1.30pm	Early close 11.45 – Nursery no PM session or lunch Early close – Reception Early close – Years 1 to 6
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April		Return to school from Easter break
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June		GRT History Month
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	World Environment Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	World Refugee Day
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	10am-12.30pm	Nursery Sports Event and picnic
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June		Sports Day – further details to follow
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	All day	French Day



# St Paul's Cray CE Primary School

Every minute of learning counts!



Children find arriving at school late upsetting and disruptive, they also miss out on important learning opportunities.

Please work with us to provide your child with the best chances of learning by ensuring they are in school **every day and on time.**

Thank you



## 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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2023 - 2024

## **AUTUMN TERM - 2023**

Autumn 1 – Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Aug – Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Half Term – Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Autumn 2 – Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

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Spring 1 – Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Jan – Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> February

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Spring 2 – Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Mar

## **SUMMER TERM 2024**

Summer 1 - Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr – Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Bank Holiday – Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Half Term – Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Summer 2 – Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July

## **STAFF TRAINING DAYS (school closed)**

Day 1 – Tuesday 29 August 2023

Day 2 – Thursday 21 December 2023

Day 3 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Day 4 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Day 5 – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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