

# Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Spring Term



St Paul's Cray

C of E Primary School

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

## Principal Awards

Well done to Hayden and Tommy from year 1, Marlie-Rose from year 4 and Dolcey and Savannah from Year 5 for doing great work – Mrs Bennett was very impressed!



## Family Worker

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

Call 01689 821993

## Parking outside the school

We have recently had complaints from our neighbours concerning parents parking badly, blocking driveways or private parking spaces/car parks. Can we please remind parents/carers to park correctly and be polite to our neighbours.

Please also DO NOT park

- on the yellow zig zag lines,
- on the roundabout
- in front of the school entrance gates – this could block emergency services getting through if needed.
- Over driveways
- In private car parks



# COMPETITION TIME

Design a poster for our upcoming lunchtime clubs!

I have a cheeky request to ask.....

Are you able to design a poster for the clubs which are beginning shortly?

I need an eye-catching poster that can be put on display for other children to see.

I need 6 different posters but only **1** from you! YOU can choose which poster you would like to create

Each poster **MUST** have the following information on it:

- Name of club
- Day on which the club is happening
  - Time that the club is happening
  - Where the club is happening
  - Who the club is for
- How to apply ie: **Apply NOW- see Mrs W** or **Apply NOW - places are limited**
- **ALL clubs will run from 12:30 - 12:50**
- **AND of course your NAME/CLASS on the back!**

| Club  | Where:         | Who for:    |
|---|----------------|-------------|
| Sewing Club (Mon)<br>(Crosstitch tasks)       | Red Bench area | KS1 and KS2 |
| Art Club (Tues)<br>(Colouring and Drawing)    | Red Bench area | KS1 and KS2 |
| Lego Club (Weds)                              | Red Bench area | KS1 and KS2 |
| Gaming Club (Thurs)<br>(Card and board games) | Red Bench area | KS1 and KS2 |
| Gardening Club (Thurs)                        | Allotments     | KS2         |
| Gardening Club (Fri)                          | Allotments     | KS1         |



## Impact of Social Media

### Capture Video - Financial Times

A recently published video by Financial Times Films gives an important insight into the impact of social media on our children and our family lives. The video is well worth a watch and encourages adults to reconsider how they talk to their children about their social media use.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UY2HOpuTlk>

## Healthy Start

### Get help to buy food and milk - (Healthy Start)

If you're at least 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4 years old, you could get help to buy milk, fruit and vegetables.

<https://services.nhs.uk/apply-for-healthy-start/>

## 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

## Nursery

Nursery class enjoyed their outing to Buzz Zone at the Walnuts at the end of the Spring Term – thank you to parents/carers for bringing your children along.



Nursery have started their new topic which is all about castles, kings and queens.

Thank you to Ashgrove School for kindly donating the Little Tikes castle to the Nursery and thank you to Mrs Zegeling, Mrs Tranter, Mrs Hayes and Mr Manning for collecting this, cleaning it and putting it together for the children to enjoy.

It was no mean feat getting this structure back in their cars!! The children absolutely love this new addition to their playground.



Nursery learned all about St George's Day - they made flags and biscuits and dressed up as the key characters in the story of St George and the dragon.





Nursery enjoyed celebrating the King's Coronation - they decorated crowns, made crown biscuits, went on a royal crown hunt and enjoyed their Coronation lunch.



## Robins

Robins Class enjoyed taking part in Beep Beep Day! We learnt how to cross the road, we enjoyed using our playground to act out how to cross the road safely.



Robins Class are thoroughly enjoying gymnastics with coach Lynsey.



## Kingfishers

Kingfishers have enjoyed starting Forest School and doing some bug hunting!



## Puffins

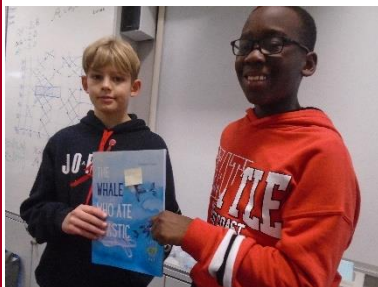
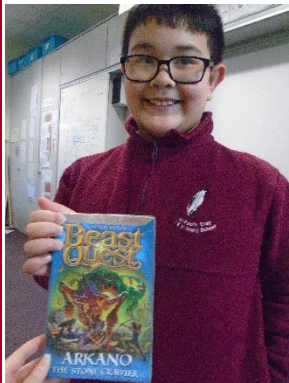
Puffins enjoyed wear red, white and blue to school for the King's Coronation celebrations, they made crowns and decorated cakes.





## Maples

The children are enjoying some new books in their classroom:



Orienteering and Grid references:

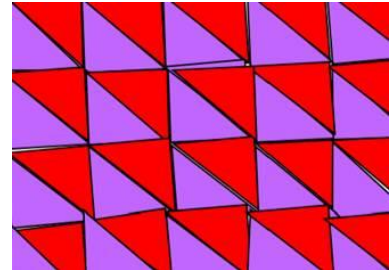


International Women's Day:



## Elms

Elms class have been creating digital tessellations in Computing. Tessellations are a repeating pattern of shapes with no gaps. The below was created by Ariya in Year 4 who chose to create, rotate and copy triangles to make her tessellation.



## Rowans

Year Four are thoroughly enjoying their swimming sessions at the Walnuts. The class are making huge progress week on week and have shown fantastic confidence in the pool. The children have received great feedback from the instructors who have continuously praised the children for their beautiful behaviour. Well Done Year 4!



## Ash

Year 5 carried out a Science experiment investigating air resistance; the children enjoyed dropping parachutes containing their precious cargo (eggs) to see which was the safest parachute.

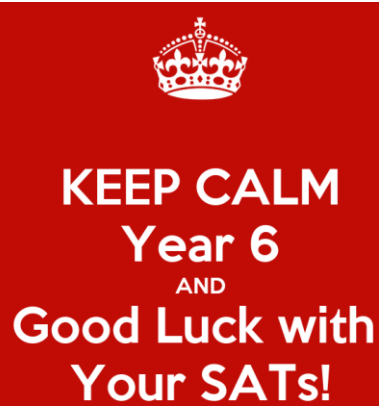


Well done to Katie, Mia and Archie for their design as this one worked the best.



## Oaks

Well done to Oaks Class for all their hard work leading up to SATs week next week; we wish you all the best for the SATs!



## Hayfever

If your child requires Hayfever Medication please make sure you give this to them at home before school.



## Water bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school with them at all times.



## Sun Cream and hats

As the weather gets warmer please ensure your child has a hat with them and apply sun cream to them in the morning before school.



## Friends of St Pauls Cray

Please help out with our fundraising opportunities:



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpaulscray/?searchSessionId=2f69c7f1-85fb-4534-b621-1d634df8d7ea>



De-clutter your wardrobe and bring all your unwanted clothes to school for collection: the more you collect the more your school will get! Collection bin is the car park

**They can take:**

**Women's, men's and children's clothing**

**Paired shoes and trainers**

**Handbags, belts, hats and accessories**

**Bed linen, towels and soft toys**

**They cannot take :**

**Duvets**

**Cushions**

**Off Cuts**

**Used underwear or socks**

**Carpets or curtains**



## PE Timetable Summer Term 1 - 2023

|                  | 9.00-<br>10.00                       | 10.00-<br>11.30 | 1-1.40<br>HALL                    | 1.40-2.20<br>KS1<br>PLAYGROUND | 2.20-3pm<br>KS2<br>PLAYGROUND<br>FIELD |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Monday</b>    |                                      |                 | Year 6<br>(Cricket)               |                                |  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |                                      |                 | Year 3<br>(Basketball<br>coach)   | Year 4 (Elms)                  |  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Nursery<br>Sport for<br>Tots<br>Hall |                 | Year 1 /Forest<br>School          | Year 2                         |  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |                                      |                 |                                   | Year 5<br>Lacrosse             | Year 4 (Rowans)<br>(Swimming)          |
| <b>Friday</b>    |                                      |                 | Reception<br>(Gymnastic<br>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 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 **91.69%**

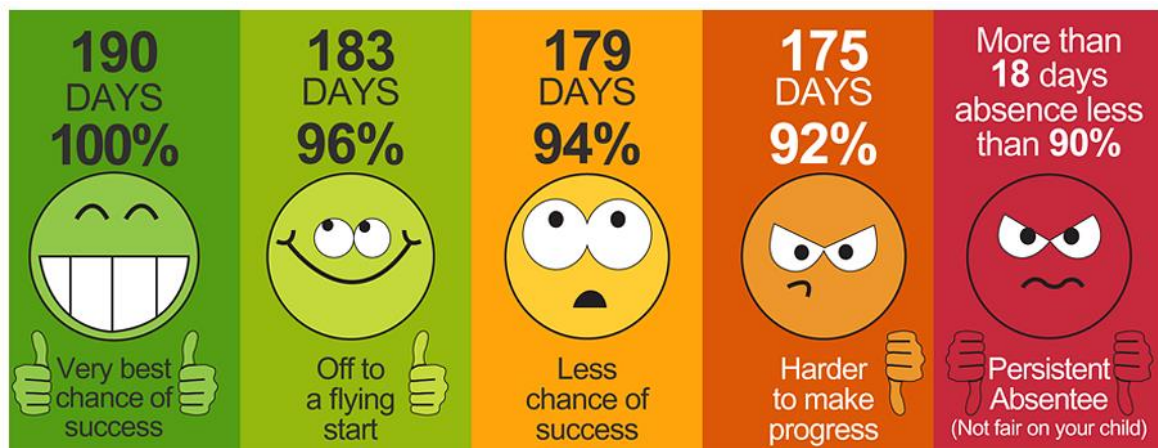
Breakdown of current class attendance for the year so far is:

| CLASS       | 9/2    | 3/3     | 27/3   | 4/5     |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Robins      | 90.41% | 90.25%↓ | 90.26↑ | 90.63%↑ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kingfishers | 90.37% | 90.48%↑ | 90.59↑ | 90.30%↓ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Puffins     | 93.05% | 93.61%↑ | 93.79↑ | 93.68%↓ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maples      | 93.56% | 93.33%↓ | 93.18↓ | 93.35%↑ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rowans      | 88.38% | 88.56%↑ | 88.76↑ | 89.24%↓ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Elms        | 88.88% | 89.02%↑ | 89.35↑ | 89.80%↑ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ash         | 92.54% | 92.73%↑ | 92.46↓ | 92.64%↑ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oaks        | 91.87% | 91.86%↓ | 91.68↓ | 92.02%↑ |  |  |  |  |  |

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

|                                    |  |   |
|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> May |  | Year 6 SAT's Week   |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May      |  | Last day of half term – normal close  |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May        |  | Inset Day – School Closed   |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June      |  | GRT History Month   |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June        | All day  | Inset Day – School Closed<br>World Environment Day  |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June       | All day  | Nursery trip to Swanley Park – Nursery closed all day   |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June      | All day  | World Refugee Day   |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June       | All day  | Reception trip to Hastings aquarium and beach   |
| 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  |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July       | <b>11.45am</b><br><b>1.20pm</b><br><b>1.30pm</b> | Early close 11.45 – Nursery no PM session or lunch<br>Early close – Reception<br>Early close – Years 1 to 6 |

## SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2022 - 2023

### **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**

**Bank Holiday – Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May**

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

Summer 2 – Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Jun – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Jul

**STAFF TRAINING DAYS (school closed)**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023