Newsletter

7th July 2023

St Paul's Cray

C of E Primary School

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Principal Awards

Well done to Tiana, Kaiya, Dua, Sophia and Rema for their hard work shown to Mrs Bennett recently.

Sports Day

Well done to everyone for taking part in Sports Day; the weather was kind to us and we all had a great time, well done to Hever House in KS1 and Leeds House in KS2 – you will be rewarded with an extra play time in the last week of term.

Family Worker

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

Call 01689 821993

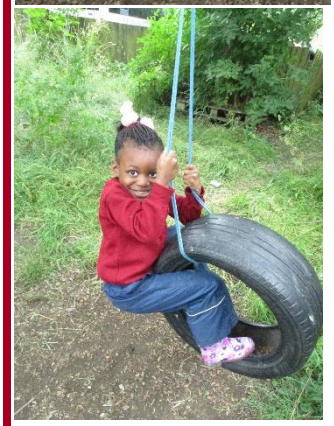
Phase Leaders

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

Nursery

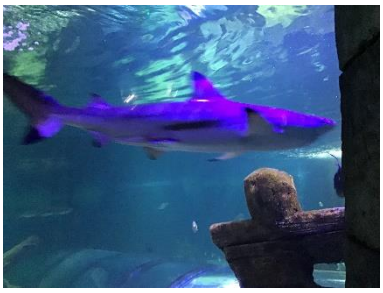
Nursery had great fun at Forest School and looked at minibeasts after learning about National Insect Week. They found some ladybirds and earwigs and a spider with an egg sac. Children dug in the mud to make mud soup. They made a bug house and showed lots of confidence using the tyre swing.



Robins

Reception trip to Hastings Aquarium and beach

Robins Class had a wonderful day in Hastings. We spent the morning exploring the aquarium. We then had a lovely afternoon on the beach with a picnic, hunting for shells and even a paddle in the sea! A big thank you to all the parents who came to help and made this such a brilliant day full of fun!



Kingfishers

In science year 1 have been classifying animals ready for our special visitor next week.

Puffins

At forest school, Puffins class have been making patterns using natural, found materials in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.

Maples

In Science this half term our topic is 'Plants' we have been investigating how different conditions affect plants. We have also made some clay seed bombs to encourage pollinators. We have learnt how plants need pollinators for their reproduction cycle.

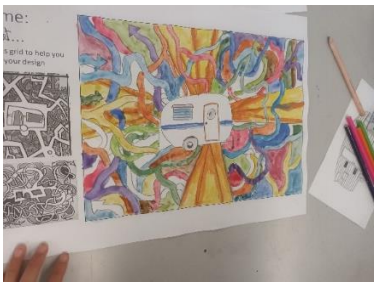
Ash

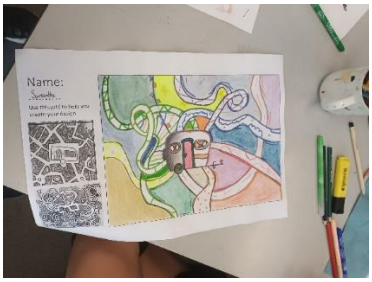
On Wednesday, year 5 went on a trip to St Peter's and St Paul's In Bromley. We had the theme of creation and participated in three workshops run by the church. First we made puppets with Katie, who visits to do our Collective Worship every fortnight, and sung Creator God with them. The children enjoyed learning how to make it look like the puppets were singing. Then we had a dance workshop where we created a dance about the universe. After, we enjoyed our lunch in the church grounds before we went and had a choir practice. This was everyone's favourite activity because we lifted the roof off the church with our wonderful voices and felt fantastic afterwards. Even our staff joined in. At the end of the day, we had a collective worship led by the church and Veanna, Macie and Jeson walked down the centre aisle with our school banner.

Oaks

Rochester Cathedral
Year 6 had a fantastic day at Rochester Cathedral celebrating reaching the end of primary School. The theme for the day was 'journey' where the children were able to reflect on the past and look forward to the future.
The children participated in different workshops throughout the day. We wrote prayers based on our hopes and dreams; everyone was taught a song that we sang at the end of the day; we made a timeline to see how much knowledge we have learned through science and wrote about the people who are important to us. We had a joyful picnic on the Cathedral grounds.

Harris Academy Orpington:
Year 6 were treated to a day at Harris Academy Orpington to produce a piece of art work in the art studios with the art teachers. We looked at GRT artist, Gabi Jimenese, who produced artwork of caravans in Italy. The children produced their own interpretations of Ida y Vulta 2. The work will be mounted and put in a frame to be displayed at our school and then taken back to Harris to display in their school.





Summer Reading Challenge

Don't forget to complete your child's Summer Reading Challenge Sheet!

Shout

Shout is the UK's first and only free, confidential, 24/7 text messaging support service for anyone who is struggling to cope – for more details visit: https://giveusashout.org/?fbclid=IwAR1mAJjMBviAn8GMJXLGns2V1uhJwgSnFfgZ9_1TgUTVIK2vkDeXuLSNy-8_aem_AfOwXVPI1ikbAMBE9Qje551fVBlmX-vPPIv75uQQmoazXLhjXeRsfZtAJdUTe15zcH8

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.

Naming Uniform

Please ensure ALL items of uniform that your child brings in to school is named; we have lots of items lost by children and it is easier to reunite it with its owner if we know who it belongs to!

Uniform Expectations

Further to our letter sent home recently, just a reminder that school uniform should be:

- Burgundy Sweatshirt or Cardigan with School Logo – (Pupils can wear plain items of clothing so long as they are the same colour and style as the logo uniform)
- White Polo T-Shirt
- Grey Trousers, Grey Tunic or Grey Skirt
- Pink /White Summer Dresses or Grey Shorts (Summer Uniform)
- Grey or black socks with trousers/shorts or White / Grey Socks or Tights with skirts/dresses
- School Fleeces (optional) to be worn outside only
- **Sturdy Black Shoes -** NO slip on shoes or pumps – Black trainers are allowed but they **MUST** be completely black, anything with coloured logos or white/colourful soles are **NOT** allowed and your child will be asked to change.
- Hair accessories should match the uniform and not be too large (children will be asked to remove big/elaborate hair accessories).

Compulsory P.E. Kit

Children to wear PE kit on their PE days all day; this should consist of:

- Black trainers or plimsolls
- Plain black joggers/plain black leggings or plain black shorts
- Plain t-shirt – in your child's house colour – **NO crop tops**
- Plain black hoodie or school jumper/cardigan

****Children not wearing the correct PE kit will be asked to change into school spare kit****

- No Jewellery apart from stud earrings. These need to be removed on PE days.
- Fake nails/nail polish is NOT permitted in school.

As a reminder our uniform is on sale in Graduates in Orpington High Street.

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 **92.07%**

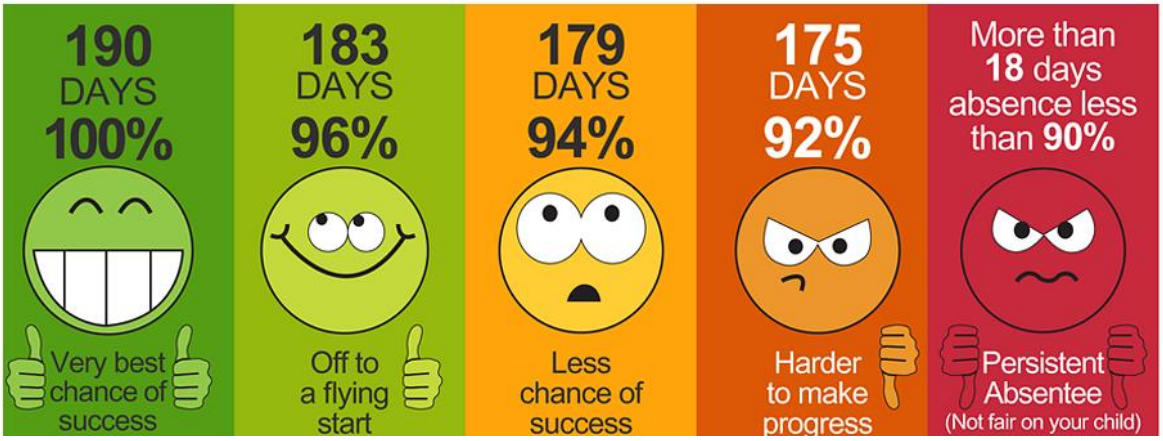
Breakdown of current class attendance for the year so far is:

CLASS	9/2	3/3	27/3	4/5	25/5	21/6	7/7	
Robins	90.41%	90.25%⇩	90.26⇧	90.63%⇧	92.36⇧	91.00⇩	92.36%⇧	
Kingfishers	90.37%	90.48%⇧	90.59⇧	90.30%⇩	90.56⇧	90.77⇧	90.56%⇩	
Puffins	93.05%	93.61%⇧	93.79⇧	93.68%⇩	93.51⇩	94.07⇧	93.51%⇩	
Maples	93.56%	93.33%⇩	93.18⇩	93.35%⇧	93.88⇧	93.56⇩	93.88%⇧	
Rowans	88.38%	88.56%⇧	88.76⇧	89.24%⇩	88.36⇧	90.27⇧	88.36%⇩	
Elms	88.88%	89.02%⇧	89.35⇧	89.80%⇧	89.00⇩	90.42⇧	89.00%⇩	
Ash	92.54%	92.73%⇧	92.46⇩	92.64%⇧	92.31⇩	93.07⇧	92.31%⇩	
Oaks	91.87%	91.86%⇩	91.68⇩	92.02%⇧	91.69⇩	92.12⇧	91.69%⇩	

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 4th July	9am	Representation from Bromley to discuss Secondary Transfer with Year 5 parents/carers
Wednesday 12th July	All day	French Day
Monday 17th July	2pm	Year 6 Show to (parents/carers invited)
Tuesday 18th July	9.45am - 12.30pm	Nursery Big Toddle and Sports Day
Tuesday 18th July	2pm	Year 6 Show to (parents/carers invited)
Wednesday 19th July	AM	Year 3 outing to Crofton Roman Villas
Thursday 20th July	PM	Year 6 Prom (please see letter sent home)
Friday 21st July	11am	Year 6 leavers assembly (parents/carers invited)
Friday 21st July	**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

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES - 2023 - 2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023:

Tuesday 29th August	**Staff Training Day**
Wednesday 30th August	**Staff Training Day**
Thursday 31st August	Pupils return
Monday 4th Sept	EYFS pupils return

Half Term – Monday 16th to Friday 27th October

Monday 30th October	Pupils return
Tuesday 19th December	**End of term – 1.30pm**

SPRING TERM 2024:

Wednesday 3rd January	Pupils return
Friday 9th February	**Staff Training Day**

Half Term – Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

Monday 19th February	Pupils return
Thursday 28th March	**End of term – 1.30pm**

SUMMER TERM 2024:

Monday 15th April	Pupils return
Monday 6th May	**Bank Holiday "May Day"**
Friday 24th May	**Staff Training Day**

Half Term – Monday 27th to Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June	Pupils return
Tuesday 23rd July	End of term – 1.30pm
Wednesday 24th July	**Staff Training Day**