



MOTHERS DAY LUNCH - POSTPONED

Unfortunately the decision has been made to postpone Mother's Day lunch this week. The plan is to reschedule the lunch at a later date.

Due to the enormous amount of administration involved with this lunch we propose to hold all names and payments received and assume that you will attend the re-arranged date. If when the new date has been released you are unable to attend we will issue a refund.

Thank you for your understanding. If you have any queries please contact the office.

FOOD BANK MUFTI

Rather than have Easter Egg mufti on Friday, we have decided to have a FOOD BANK MUFTI, to try and help some of our vulnerable families in this time of difficulty... So, on Friday the children can wear their own clothes and bring in one of the following items...

Urgently needed food items:-

Fruit juice, long life milk, sugar, instant mash potato, sponge puddings, wrapped biscuits, coffee, pasta sauce, soap and shower gel, toothbrushes and toothpaste, feminine hygiene items, baby milk.

UPDATES

Please check facebook and the school website for Coronavirus updates, and any changes to events and schedules in school. We endeavour to update our social media as and when we get information.

GOVERNOR NEWS

Governors are delighted to announce that Mrs Sharples has been appointed Assistant Head Teacher until the end of the summer term. She knows our school very well and has a wealth of experience as a teacher as well as leading on many school initiatives. We are sure she will do an excellent job supporting Miss Sanderson and the whole school team.

Update from Governors re Coronavirus

The latest information from the Government is that schools are to remain open at the moment. There are also new guidelines about self isolation and families. These are available on the website in School information > Policies and Documents > updated coronavirus information. Click on the following link <https://catonstpauls.com/policies/>. All the information you need, should be on this page.

It is important that you let us know if you and your families will be isolating for 14 days, so we can arrange some home learning for our children.

There are difficult times ahead, but Governors are confident that with our faith, our dedicated and exceptional staff and hugely supportive parents, we will get through this.

We will ensure any updates are on the website and will let you know this week if any planned events are to be cancelled or postponed.

Thank you all.

Anna Shone, Chair of Governors, Caton St Paul's



HOME LEARNING IN THE EVENT OF SCHOOL CLOSURE

The teaching staff met last night to organise home learning for our children, in the event of school closure. This will mostly be in the form of online learning through Google Classroom. The children all have their log ins. This is a fantastic platform for sharing lessons, activities and having communication with pupils, whilst they are not in school.

However, we appreciate not all children have computers at home. Please can you inform the school office, should your child not have access to electronic devices.

We endeavour to have a mixture of traditional resources and technology for teaching and learning. We will also be encouraging our children to get outdoors and exercise as much as possible. Your child's class teachers will send home an example timetable for parents to give some structure to the day.

Thank you again, for your co-operation. We are doing the best we can in this unprecedented time. Please do communicate with us, should you be concerned, or unclear about your child's work.

RSE QUESTIONNAIRE

Our school is updating its RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) policy in line with the latest government and diocesan guidance. We are seeking the views of parents and carers prior to this policy being finalised and adopted. The draft policy is available to read on our school website under 'policies'.

Please read and complete the questionnaire that will be coming home with your child on Friday. There will also be an electronic version will also be available.

VIP WINNERS

This week's VIP winners are:-

Diamond – Kian for working hard and settling well into school.

Ruby – Evie for always trying her hardest and challenging herself in maths.

Topaz – Evie for always being kind and helpful in class and working really hard in maths.

Emerald – Maisie for always being there to help others.

Sapphire – Lexie C for always giving 100% in class and for excellent story writing.

Amethyst – Olivia for having a great attitude to her work.

Please remember to bring your sweatshirts back on Friday. Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC!

We are pleased to have secured funding for a set of Boomwhackers for school. A huge thank you to the Westmorland Youth Orchestra small group music fund for their very kind grant. We look forward to future music lessons and performances.

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Please can we remind all adults picking children up from school, that parking on the zig-zag lines, is absolutely NOT permitted at any time, and for any length of time. Not even for a few minutes. We have evidence of this happening last week at pick up time. It is a danger to other road users, but more importantly to our children leaving school at this very busy time of the day. Thank you for your co-operation. For anyone using our staff/deliveries car park, we are trying to implement a 'reverse in, drive out policy'. This reduces the amount of cars reversing on to the road, and also makes it safer for children coming out of pre school.



TEXTILE RECYCLING

COLLECTION DATE – MONDAY 30 MARCH

Why not have a spring clear out of any used clothes, paired shoes, bags, belts and soft toys and raise funds for school. Please bring them to school on the morning of the **Monday 30 March at 9am please** (not before please as we don't have space to store it) in the Roberts Recycling Ltd bags which your child will bring home soon. Extra bags will be available from the office should you need them. Thank you for your support.

ECO DAY

We are busy planning our latest Eco-Day for after the Easter holidays and have several activities planned to help create a more earth-wise generation. One activity involves creating a collage of bottlecaps. We need any kind of plastic bottle lid/cap, tetrapak tab or coffee tin lid. Please send into school by Friday 27 March.

On the day we will be encouraging children to walk to school if possible or maybe part of the way, if you live further away. We would also like anyone having a packed lunch to make it waste free. For more guidance and ideas try www.superhealthykids.com

LUNE VALLEY PRE SCHOOL

The Open Afternoon due to take place on Thursday 19 March 2020 - 1.30-3.00pm **has been postponed.**

DT WEEK

Monday 23 March sees the beginning of DT week in school. All the children will be making moving models in class.

They will be sharing their designs and finished products in Friday worship on Friday 27 March.

EASTER EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

Children are invited to decorate eggs for this year's competition. The theme is circus, to tie in with our Caton Gala theme this year. Entries need to be in the hall no later than Wednesday 1 April, and not brought into school before Monday 30 March. We don't want a smelly school!

EASTER LUNCH

There will be a change to the school menu on:- **Wednesday 1 April** as we are having our Easter lunch. The menu is:-

Roast turkey or roast quorn fillet served with sage and onion stuffing and gravy, roast and creamed potatoes, broccoli and carrots. Followed by an Easter Treat.

The usual cost of £2.30 is payable via Parent Pay for Key Stage Two children.