



Covid-19 procedures

Thank you to all parents who have followed our Covid-19 secure procedures this half-term. Attendance has been excellent and we feel our children are as safe as possible in school. Here are a few reminders:

- If you, or anyone in your household has symptoms, book a test and the whole household should self-isolate.
- If the test is negative, life can return to normal once the temperature has gone (if it is a cough, or loss/change of sense of smell, this may linger longer so don't wait for these symptoms to go).
- If the test is positive, the household MUST continue to self-isolate until 14 days after the symptoms started. The person who has the positive test must self-isolate for 10 days after the symptoms started.
- We are trying to limit contact in school but it has been recognised that children find it incredibly hard to socially distance and it is not possible to enforce this. At some point, it is likely we will have to close a bubble: we have online learning set up and ready to go. This will be a mixture of face-to-face (online) teaching, recorded videos and work set.
- If a child is self-isolating and the rest of the bubble is in school, we will ensure that they have work set everyday.
- Please stay 2m apart on the school grounds and ensure only one adult collects children. **As cases continue to rise locally, we are asking parents to wear a mask at all times on the school site. A letter about this will be sent today.**

Art Competition

We were blown away by the quality (and quantity) of entries to our PTA art competition. The range of different styles was excellent and all children who entered had made a massive effort with their work – well done to all of you! Unfortunately, there can only be two winners, selected from our panel of judges:

KS1: Emma Dawson

KS2: Freya Till

They each win a £10 book token. Thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising this great competition. All children who entered will win a small prize donated by the PTA

Look out for other PTA events in the near future. Check out our virtual gallery on Facebook – it's great.

Sapphire Class

Sapphire had a lovely mythical creature day yesterday. Well done to parents and children for the efforts you made dressing up. Look out for the photos on Facebook.

New appointment

We are pleased to confirm that Miss Rebecca Coates will be teaching Sapphire class for the whole of this academic year. Rebecca is currently employed by the LTA supply agency but has been appointed by us after an interview this week. Well done, Rebecca and welcome to the team – officially.



Mrs Hanger

The day has finally arrived when we have to (temporarily) say goodbye to Mrs Hanger. She is expecting her second child and starts her maternity leave during half-term. Our love and prayers are with Mrs Hanger at this exciting time for her and her family. We wish her well and demand that we are inundated with photos of her new baby.

Miss Walsh has spent 2 days in school this week getting to the children in preparation for taking over next half-term.

Outdoor Education experiences

All children at school will be able to take part in an outdoor education experience this year. To start with, Y3/4 children should have received a letter this week detailing canoeing and caving experiences for wb 9.11.20.

Please read these carefully and ensure you return the letters on the Thursday we return to school. Can you please also ensure children have the right kit (as detailed in the letter) on the day?

We are excited to begin working with Phil Longbottom from Big Adventure. It is the first time we have used Phil but he comes highly recommended from other schools.

We are sure the children will enjoy these outdoor days.

Half-term

Have a lovely half-term. Please continue to follow Government guidance to ensure the safety of yourselves and your families. We look forward to returning on Thursday 5 November – hopefully well-rested!

VIPs

A massive CSP well done to all our super VIPS this week. They have all shown Courage in their everyday lives

Diamond – Henry for his amazing 3 Little Pigs Book.

Ruby – All of Ruby Class for being a fantastic class and working so hard this term.

Topaz – Stanley for working hard to join his writing.

Emerald – Bradley for working so hard with reading. Such enthusiasm. A passion for learning.

Sapphire – Sophie for always working hard and producing excellent work.

Amethyst – Hollie for outstanding work and for being a really good friend to others.

VIP hoodies are taken home by a staff member to be washed over the weekend. These are then returned on Monday for the new VIPs to wear for the week.

School Photos

You should all have received your child's photo please could you return all orders to school by Thursday 12 November. Thank you.

Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas cards or other gifts this week: the profits raised will be used by the PTA to continue to improve facilities at our school. Orders will be processed by the PTA next week and should be with us by the end of November, in plenty of time for Christmas.



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body, and each member belongs to all the others'.

Parents' evenings

We are really excited to be holding our first online parents' evenings in the wb 9.11.20. Ruby class have already had theirs – there were a few teething difficulties but it generally worked well. Please bear with us as this is the first time we have tried to hold parents' evenings this way. You can really help by logging in 5mins before your meeting and keeping the meetings to 5mins only.

If you haven't returned your letter yet, please do so as soon as possible.

If you didn't receive a letter, but would still like to be involved in your child's parents' evening, please contact bursar@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk and we will ensure you have the chance to meet your child's teacher

Autumn – Winter lunch menu

Your child should bring home the new Autumn-Winter lunch menu today. When we return to school on Thursday 5 November we will be on week 1.

School lunches can be ordered daily by children during registration. The cost for Key Stage Two children is £2.30 but must be paid for in advance via Parent Pay. Lunches for the next full half term will be £78.20

Primary school applications

The closing date for primary school applications is January 15 2021. It feels like a long time away but it soon sneaks up.

You may have seen our fliers in shops in the village. We are happy to book parents in for tours of our school, after school and in a Covid-safe manner.

If you, or anyone you know, wants to have a look round our wonderful school in preparation for a September 2021 start, please call 01524 770241 or email head@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk

Thank you to all who shared our Open Day video on Facebook.

Wraparound Care Club

We are really pleased that we have been able to run our wraparound care club all term, offering support to parents who need childcare.

Breakfast club runs from 8:00 – 8:50am and After School Club runs from 3:10 – 5:50pm.

Please email longhornj@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk if you need a place for your child: they don't have to attend every day, just as and when you need us.

High School applications

Don't forget the deadline for High School applications is 31.10.20 – next week! Please ensure you have applied online by this date.



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Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Each year, Caton St Paul's supports the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal. And this year we are doing it again but with a slight difference. Unfortunately due to COVID-19, the usual school packing day at BMC is unable to happen this year. However, there are several ways in which you can still join in and help.

You can pack a box at home and bring it to School. Select a medium sized shoebox and make it a fun half term activity by filling it with lovely things. (A leaflet sent home contains ideas).

You can get a 'take-away' box from Brookhouse Methodist Church. You can pick up a box and some starter items from the Church. Shoebox Takeaway Dates are:

Friday 23rd October 3pm to 4pm Saturday
24th October 10am to 12pm Friday 30th
October 3pm to 4pm Saturday 7th
November 10am to 2pm. (Brookhouse
Methodist Church has all the COVID-19
precautions in place.)

You can do a 'bubble' box. You would select some shoebox items in class and bring them into school to make up shoeboxes with your friends, in your bubbles.

You can pack a shoebox online via the Samaritans website. You can virtually pack your box and it will be sent off for you.

<https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

Please help send a shoebox to a child who may not get a Christmas present and may never have received a gift before. Spread a little happiness and joy!

Earrings

Please remember that there are no earrings to be worn to school after half-term. We have worked closely with parents on this matter and have given plenty of time to ensure you can safely follow the uniform policy.

Half-term Covid-19

If your child tests positive for Covid-19 in the half-term holidays, we still need to collect this data. Please email head@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk with this information. It would be really helpful if you could also ring **School Health Support Team call line on 01772 53155** so the information reaches the right people.

Remembrance Day

We are creating a remembrance day memorial on the grass at the front of school. For this, we need loads of painted red pebbles. Please can you help us by having a go at this over half-term and sending them in on the first day back?