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## Pre-school and school places

Thank you to everyone who has put their name down for their child to start in our Pre-school in September – this is an exciting time for our school! If you are interested in your child joining our Caton St Paul's family at the age of 3, please contact [preschool@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:preschool@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk) as soon as possible to book your place. We have a prospectus and booking form to email.

If you know anyone who hasn't got a place for their child to start school in September, or is looking to change their child's school, we have places in our Reception starting in September 2021. Please email [head@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk) for information.

## Residentials

Thank you to everyone who attended the Coniston and Robin Wood information evenings. Full payment is now due for both of these trips. We have had confirmation that full refunds will be given in the event of a Covid cancellation so you can pay with confidence. We also need the form 3b returned (medical details etc.) as this acts as a permission slip. If you have any other questions about residentials, please don't hesitate to ask.

## Premises

We hope you have noticed the improvements to the cinder track and access to this. This should make a big difference on your daily walk around our one-way system, as well as improving PE and mental health outcomes for the children. The next jobs are to restore our KS1 play area and extend and improve our forest school area.

## Cross country competitions

This week, our Y3/4 and Y5/6 athletes took part in cross-country and orienteering competitions at Arkholme and Warton schools. These were run in a Covid-secure way with only our school competing at the allotted time. A huge well done to all the athletes who competed with tenacity, stamina and huge smiles! Thank you to Miss Sanderson and Mrs Elliott for escorting them.

Cross Country:

Y3/4 boys – 1<sup>st</sup>

Y3/4 girls – 1<sup>st</sup>

Y5/6 boys – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Y3/4 girls – 5<sup>th</sup>

Orienteering:

Y3/4 – 5<sup>th</sup>

Y5/6 – 4<sup>th</sup>

An extra well done to Lydia who was the fastest of all the Y3/4 girls who took part, and William who was the second fastest Y3/4 boy.

## Class allocation for 2021-22

We are working hard to confirm our class allocation for 2021-22. We take a range of considerations into account when making this decision: social and emotional needs, maturity, academic ability. Most of all, we think about which class and mix of children your child will flourish in.

We ask parents to trust us during this process as teachers know your children extremely well and are very experienced when teaching mixed classes.

Confirmation of your child's class will be sent home next Friday 25 June and school's decision on this is final.



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## Parent Governors

We are very pleased to announce that we have managed to fill the two vacant parent Governor posts on our Governing Board.

**Andrew Woodcock:** Andrew has been a parent Governor for 4 years and is currently Chair of our Resources committee. Andrew brings experience of finance from his profession as a chartered accountant and is looking forward to continuing to be involved with 'this fantastic school'. We are grateful for all Andrew's hard work and look forward to continuing this successful relationship.

**Tim Groves:** Tim is the father of a child in Diamond class and is keen to contribute and give something back to school. He was a keen rugby player and brings knowledge of logistical planning from his current role. Tim has Governor experience as his father was a Governor at his school when Tim was younger. We are grateful for Tim's application and look forward to working with him for the next four years.

## Glass jars

Eco-committee needs glass jars with lids on: jam jars etc. They are dyeing their own clothes using natural materials. This is after investigating the air miles that are involved in clothing production and the negative effect of this on our environment.

## Movie Night

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Movie Night this week and for providing snacks. A great fundraiser and lots of fun.

## VIPs

A massive CSP well done to all our super VIPs this week.

Diamond – Toby for trying hard in all areas and always doing his best.

Ruby – Chloe for giving up her own time to help other children. What a superstar!

Topaz – Stanley for incredible arithmetic work and super speedy running around the track!

Emerald – Sophia for being thorough, conscientious, and hard working in all subjects.

Sapphire – Sophie for showing determination when running for distance and improving her personal best!

Amethyst – Callum for being brilliant helping with all the music for our school play and for being a good friend to others.

Please can all VIP T-shirts be returned on Friday morning so they can be washed and handed out the following Friday. Thank you.

## School trips

Even though this has been the most difficult of years, we are really pleased to have provided outdoor educational enrichments for each year group, as well as curriculum enhancement trips for each class. Today, Sapphire are building on their local history topic with a trip to Morecambe promenade – luckily the sun is shining. Then it is the turn of Ruby, Diamond and Topaz classes who are all visiting different locations to study animals. These trips have all been thoroughly risk assessed and are Covid-safe.



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## Online safety update

This half-term, our online safety focus is 'Privacy and security' and 'Copyright and Ownership'. It is really important, with the summer holidays approaching, that we are keeping children safe on the internet.

We will be talking to the children about what personal information is, how to keep their personal information safe online and how this can be shared. Alongside this we will be looking at who owns the content that is online, and how this can be downloaded and distributed. Below are a few questions that can help you start conversations about this important topic at home. (These questions are taken from [projectevolve.co.uk](http://projectevolve.co.uk))

**EYFS/KS1** - What is personal information?

Is it ever OK to share personal information with an adult?

Who do you trust with your information?

Why should we not just share this information all the time?

What things 'belong' to you at home? (e.g. toys, bedroom, other belongings)

If I give a copy of my digital picture to my friend, do I still own it?

**KS2** – Who owns the things you see on the Internet?

What might happen if you didn't have a (strong) password?

Why do we share personal information online? Who might we share it with?

Can you always trust the contents of a message?

What does 'public domain' mean?

You can also click this link to the Childnet website that has some online-safety activities you can do at home. <https://www.childnet.com/resources/online-safety-activities-you-can-do-from-home>