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Our St Paul's Vision For Our Children:

Love God, Love Themselves, Love Others, Love Learning.

Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God.

Our school Christian values are:

Love, Joy, Perseverance, Forgiveness, Justice, Hope and Respect.

They permeate through everything we do at St Paul's.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been busy with flu vaccinations and photographs, alongside all the usual routines. It's been a hectic term so far, made a bit harder by some unavoidable staff absence. We were therefore glad to welcome back Mrs Marshall, one of our early years teaching assistants, this week. The little ones are always at their most demanding at this time of year so it was great to get Mrs Marshall back now that she's recovered from a nasty broken leg. I'm sure that early years parents, who don't yet know Mrs Marshall, will welcome her. Mrs Marshall has many years experience in early years. Thank you to our other teaching assistants across school who have been helping out doing "shifts" in reception!

Behaviour



We all know that good behaviour is essential. In school, if behaviour is not good, children won't learn and some children might be unhappy or hurt. That's why we are always very insistent on good behaviour at St Paul's. The vast majority of our parents are firm with their children, always 100% supportive of school, and we thank those parents for that. They are instilling consideration and care for others from an early age, habits which will stand their children in good stead for the rest of their lives. However, we are noticing a rising number of parents who make excuses for their child's behaviour, blame others unfairly and seem reluctant to show firmness, tough love or to hold their child accountable. I'm afraid that, as well as being unsupportive of school, those parents are not doing their child any favours because, without parental guidance, those children are likely to become more and more badly behaved. All children overstep the mark at some point. When they do, please be strict and firm – don't make excuses or be afraid to say "no" to your child. That starts right from early years. It does not reflect badly on you if your child has been naughty – unless you are unwilling to hold your child to account. Thank you again to most of our parents who believe in good behaviour and stand no nonsense! Home and school is a partnership and we all want the children to grow up to be kind and respectful people.

Please support us in caring for a child who has been seriously ill- Measles, chickenpox and shingles



Please may we ask for your co-operation in an important matter. One of our pupils is receiving medical treatment for cancer which puts them at risk if they are exposed to measles, chickenpox or shingles. Please let us know immediately if your child is suspected of having measles. Our pupil is also at risk from chickenpox and would need to be given an injection within three days of contact. If your child is suspected of having chickenpox, you should let us know immediately. It is also important that you let us know if there is shingles in your household. Your child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and well-being of our pupil who is at risk does depend on the co-operation of all other parents and we hope you can help us.

School nurse sessions



The sessions with the school nurse were a great success last week. What a great opportunity to be able to pop in and chat to a nurse about ongoing health issues! We will be running this about once every half term so do look out for the next one. Mrs Entwistle arranges the appointments.

No earrings in PE



I would like to remind parents and carers about our uniform policy for PE wear. Children cannot wear earrings when doing PE – not even supposed “safety earrings” or earrings covered with plasters. This is to keep children safe. Many years ago, I witnessed a child in another school having her earring torn from her ear in a really nasty accident. If you want your child to have pierced ears, the best time to have that done is right at the beginning of the summer holidays. Then ears can heal before a return to school and your child does not need to miss any PE lessons.

Open evening 13th November 4-6pm

We are holding an open evening for the parents of early years children considering St Paul’s for their child in September 2026. If you know anyone who is thinking of sending their child to St Paul’s, please tell them about our open evening. There will be a headteacher talk from me, an opportunity to look around school and talk to staff, including Mrs Cregg, Early Years Lead & Deputy Head, and also an opportunity to meet the new headteacher who is starting in January. Other senior staff and early years staff, including our SENDCO, should be there to answer any questions parents might have.

School harvest festival

On the last week of this term, we will be celebrating Harvest. Over the next few weeks, could you please send your child with a tin or a packet of non-perishable food. These donations will be sent to Colne Open Door, which is an amazing charity providing support for those in need.

Dates for the diary

Monday 13th & Thursday 16th – Maples Parents evening

Tuesday 21st October - Parents evening for Starfish, Seahorses, Rockets, Astronauts, Penguins, Oaks, Leopards, Jaguars, Spitfires & Jets

Thursday 6th November – School Disco

Tuesday 11th November – Year 3 Blackpool Zoo trip

Have a great weekend everyone.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH NEWS.

For any information regarding St Paul's church and what parents and children can access, please get in touch with Revd Guy on 615888 or guyjamieson@btinternet.com or officelittlemarsden@gmail.com or take a look at the parish website: www.nelsonlittlemarsden.org

Yours sincerely,

Julie Wood

Headteacher

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