

# ST. PAUL'S PEEL C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Miss Barker

Monday 10th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

A few updates:

#### Parking Complaint:

A very irate neighbour came into school last week - a parent/carer had parked up the neighbour's drive when dropping off a pupil. This is not acceptable behaviour and I request that no parents/carers park up any neighbour's driveways or indeed block a neighbour's drive (not even for a few seconds). Parking attendants regularly patrol the area around school at drop off and pick up times.

# School Attendance:

It is an expectation that pupils attend school every day, unless of course if they are poorly, missed days mean missed learning opportunities. Our attendance target is 96%, however our attendance to date is only 92.6%. The Attendance Officer, Emma Hallam, is closely monitoring any absences which may mean that you receive an attendance letter or are requested to attend an attendance meeting. Please see our attendance signs on the school gates to see the impact that missed school does have on a pupil's learning.

## School Punctuality:

The first school bell rings at 8.45 am, this is the time that the school doors open and pupils are able to enter their classrooms to begin their learning. A second bell rings at 8.55 am, this is the latest time that pupils should be entering their classrooms. Please see our punctuality signs on the school gates to see the impact lateness has on a pupil's learning.

## Water Bottles:

We have some parents/carers who are sending their pupils into school with 'water' bottles that are being filled with cordial and not fresh water. As a school we have the 'Healthy Schools Status' which <u>does not</u> promote the use of cordial in 'water' bottles to be consumed during a school day. Drinking water rather than sugary drinks is beneficial to your child's health and helps to keep them hydrated.

## Our 'Sunshine' Room:

Our 'Sunshine Room' has had a fabulous refurbishment, over the May holidays; it now has stars, bubbles and music. Did you see the photographs of the room's first visitor...Martha.

## Staffing News:

Our school family said a fond farewell to one of our welfare assistants, Mrs Heywood, who has retired. Mrs Heywood has dedicated more than 32 years to our school, we wish her good luck in her retirement.

## Place2Be News:

I am thrilled to let you know that Nicole has given birth to a healthy little boy, Jacob. I know that you will join with me sending her and the family congratulations.

Aimee, who is covering Nicole's maternity leave, has settled in very well into our school family.

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#### Free School Meals:

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals and have not checked recently go to: https://www.salford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals/

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils receive universal free school meals (different to free school meals) so it is important that parents/carers for those pupils go to the above website to check eligibility for free school meals.

#### **Emergency Contact Details:**

Please let the school office know if you have a change in your mobile number, email address or your home address and if you want to change any contacts on your child's emergency sheet. There is a legal requirement that schools hold at least two up to date emergency contacts for every pupil.

#### Parent Governor:

I would like to welcome Caroline Walton (mum to Isabella in year 6 and to Elsie in reception) onto the School's Governing Board.

We also still have another parent governor vacancy on our Governing Board. You can either nominate yourself or nominate another parent, if we have more nominations than needed there will need to be a ballot. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are interested.

## School Website - www.stpaulspeellh.co.uk

As well as our Class Dojo portal, please can I remind all parents/carers that our website is kept up to date and includes all diary dates, parent letters, up to date information regarding online safety and wellbeing, any local initiatives or parent workshops. Did you know that every Friday pupils who have been praised by myself, staff, welfare assistants or sports coaches are celebrated on the website? As well as class winners for overall attendance and punctuality - https://www.stpaulspeellh.co.uk/page/weekly-praising-awards-2023-2024/140925

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely, Miss Barker Headteacher

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