



ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year everyone. I hope you had a wonderful holiday with your children. It was great to see them all back today looking very smart in their school uniforms. As they may have told you we are having the heating system overhauled with new boilers installed and although the contractors worked very hard during the summer the work will not be completed for a couple of weeks yet. We have had to move out of some classrooms so a number of children are being taught in the hall. This means that we will not be able to run any after school clubs until the week beginning 18th September. We are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause but there is no alternative. Looking on the bright side, at least we will all be warm in the winter!

Just a reminder that in line with our uniform policy the only jewellery permitted in school is one pair of small stud earrings. A number of children had "dangly" earrings in today and this is a safety issue. Your co-operation in not allowing children to come to school with jewellery is very much appreciated.

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school – plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts and black pumps. Kits should be left in school in a clearly marked bag. If you could also add your child's name to each item of kit that would be very helpful. Names in school jumpers will also make life easier so thank you for that.

As mentioned in the letter sent out before the holidays, school now starts at 8.45 with the gate opening at 8.40. This means that the morning sessions for KS1 children will now run from 8.45 – 11.45. Please ensure your F1 child is collected at this time. The Twos morning sessions remain unchanged and run from 9.00 – 12.00 meaning that parents who have a child in each of the settings will have time to get to both children and will not be late at either gate.

We have always run top up sessions for F1 and Pre School Twos children if we have space and staffing in place. Charges for these sessions are paid through Parent Pay. This year the Governors have decided that the charge for top up sessions will have to be increased so from the week beginning 30th September the cost of a top up session will be £20.

Times for children in F1 accessing 30 hours are also set to change. From the week beginning 16th September sessions will be Monday – Thursday from 8.45 – 3.15 and Friday from 8.45 – 1pm. There will also be an option to top up for Friday afternoon. Please contact the office for details.

Some early dates for your diary

Mass

On Friday 6th September we will have our start of the year Mass in the church at 9.30 a.m. Parents are very welcome to attend.

First Holy Communion

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you wish to enrol them on the sacramental programme this year, you will need to attend one of two meetings with Father Michael. The first will be held at Our Lady's on Monday 16th September at 6pm and the second is at St Paul's on Tuesday 17th September at 2 pm in the Annexe. You only need to attend one of the meetings. Please bring details of your child's Baptism with you on the day.

For those signed up to the programme there will be an enrolment Mass on Sunday 29th September at 9.30 in the church.

Flu Immunisations

You will be sent details of this year's flu immunisation programme in the near future. It is your choice whether or not you have your child immunised. We do not have any part to play in the programme other than giving out the letters and providing a space for the nurses to complete the immunisations.

School Photos

The photographer from Tempest will be in school on Thursday 3rd October to take photos of all the children individually and in family groups. There is absolutely no obligation to buy the photos and if you do not want your child photographed then please let us know beforehand.

Swimming

Year 5 and 6 will be going swimming every afternoon in the week beginning 14th October and the week beginning 21st October. More details will follow nearer the time.

Harvest

Our Harvest Mass will be held on Friday 18th October and on Sunday 20th October. Both Masses will start at 9.30 and all parents are welcome to attend.

Thank you in advance for all your support. I look forward to seeing you at many events in our school year and at the school gate every morning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Fenna
Headteacher

