



ST. PAUL'S PEEL C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Miss Barker

Friday 1st March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,
A few updates:

Staff Update:

I am pleased to announce that Nicole, our Place2Be Mental Health Practitioner is expecting her first baby. Nicole's last day in school will be Friday 15th March. We all wish her well! We will have another Place2Be Mental Health Practitioner, Aimee, replacing Nicole, she will be working alongside Nicole prior to Nicole leaving so there is a smooth transition for us.

World Book Day:

Thursday 7th March is annual World Book Day, pupils can come to school dressed as a book character or indeed as themselves. There will be a prize for each class for the pupil with the most 'original' costume. All pupils will also be given a £1.00 book token.

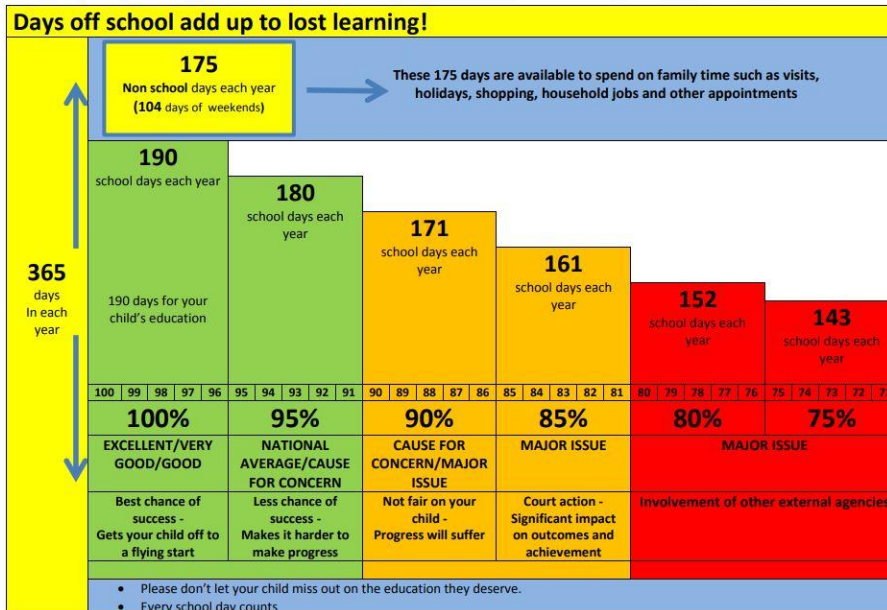
World Book Day Special Meal - Mad Hatter's Tea Party:

If your child is usually on packed lunches but would like the special menu on Thursday 7th March, please make a payment via parent pay.

School Attendance:

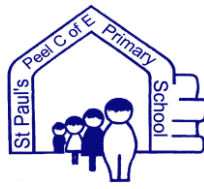
The Government has an expectation that over the course of a school year (190 days) a child's attendance should be 96%. As a school our attendance for the last week of term (12/02/24 - 16/02/2024) was only 91.8% this is more than 4% lower than the Government's expectations.

Please take a look at the information from our Attendance Officer around attendance:



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If your child's attendance goes below 90% the Government classes them as being persistent absent from school.

- Attending 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year
- Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year or 2 full years missed over the course of their school career.
- Attending 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.
- An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school

"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child. #AttendanceCounts"

School Opening Times:

Please can I remind you all that the school doors are open from 8.45 a.m. to allow pupils to complete additional activities prior to the register being taken at 8.55 a.m. We do have a number of families that are coming to school after 9.00 a.m.

Punctuality Research:

Being late or Being picked up early reduces learning time.

- If your child is 5 minutes late or picked up 5 minutes early every day they will miss three days of learning each year.
- If your child is 15 minutes late or picked up 15 minutes early every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

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 benefit related 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.

New Phonic Scheme:

To further increase our pupils' progress in phonics we have now as a school changed from 'Monster Phonics' to 'Read, Write Inc'. Parent/carers workshops are to be arranged.

Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March:

Come to see dressed in red with a voluntary donation of £1.00 for Comic Relief.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Barker
Headteacher

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