



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

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Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term, I hope that you all had a lovely break enjoying the early warmth and sunshine. Thank you for everyone's support on Monday, regarding our burst. Luckily the burst must have only happened at some point on Sunday, as the water damage was restricted to the main corridor.

Here are a few updates for you:

**Staffing News:** Congratulations to Miss Hackey, who got married in the holidays and is now to be known as Mrs Hackey. Mrs Prince is retiring from school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to spend more time with her family.

**Attendance:** Our Spring Term 1 attendance was 93.9%, our school target set by the Government and the LA is 96.1%. 131 pupils had 100% attendance.

**Punctuality:** Unfortunately, more and more parents are picking pupils up from school before school finishes (3.15 pm for the Nursery and 3.30 pm for the rest of school).

Pupils being picked up early from school have just the same impact on their education as arriving at school late.

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

**School Gates:** We have new signs on the school gates, reminding everyone that school starts at 8.55 am. For information: For Breakfast Club the main gate is opened at 8.15 am, the Stocksfield Drive gate is now closed at 9.00 am, the main gate for Nursery pick up is only open now from 3.10 am.

**Online Safety:** There has been a recent report in the media of another disturbing online 'game'. The alleged form of cyber bullying spreads through social media and mobile phones. It is hard to know whether these games are real, where they come from and what to do about it. Parents and teachers will undoubtedly be worried about the effects of these rumours, and whether it's real or not, it can still be scary for pupils. Here are six ideas that may help:

### Do Your Research

Find out and learn more about what children are getting up to while online. Find out what your child is looking at, and judge for yourself if it's appropriate.

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### **Talk To Your Child**

Knowing how to block and report inappropriate content can help to start to make a difference. Look at Thinkuknow. The website is connected to police and CEOP and offers advice that's targeted appropriately to the age of your child.

### **Take Them Seriously**

It doesn't matter if the fear is real or proportionate, if it's scaring your child, it's worth listening.

### **Understand Technology**

It can be hard keeping up with which app, game or social messaging service kids are using. If you want the latest on the latest technology, consider checking out parentzone. There are sections ranging from explaining the game Fortnite, to what game age ratings really mean.

### **Report Any Serious Risk of Harm**

Take a look at the CEOP online safety centre. You can make a report to one of CEOP's Child Protection Advisors if you are worried about online sexual abuse, or the way someone has been communicating with your child online.

School Book Fair: Our annual fair is taking place next week, Monday - Thursday from 3.30 pm in the school hall.

World Book Day - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March: Pay a £1.00 dress up as a Book Character, prizes will be given!

World Book Day £1.00 Book Voucher: Your child has tonight come home with a £1.00 book voucher to spend at the Book Fair!

Website Log-on Details: If we have an email address for you later today you will receive an email so you can get alerts from the school website as updates are posted. If you don't receive an email, we don't have an email address for you.

Payments: Please be reminded that parents/carers are now expected to pay in advance for school meals and Breakfast Club. All payments can be made via Parentpay.

School Uniform: We operate a school uniform policy, which you have agreed to by signing our home/school agreement. Please can all parents/carers be reminded that pupils should be wearing black shoes and not trainers with different coloured soles?

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Barker  
Headteacher

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