



SEATON ST. PAUL'S C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

9th September 2023

'Joy, Hope & Aspiration-Life in all its fullness'.

WELCOME BACK

We have been delighted to welcome the children back to school this week!

Our new starters in Year 3 have settled in fantastically and there are lots of happy, smiling faces! We are delighted with the way they have all adapted to their new school and our expectations.

All our children seem very happy to be back in school and it is wonderful to see happy faces around school once again!

We will continue to produce a newsletter every week. Our newsletter will be uploaded (every Friday) on to Facebook, Class Dojo and on to our Website too. The newsletters contain lots of important information and diary dates, so please take the time to read them each week and then you will be able to keep up to date with what is happening in school.

ParentPay (After School Club & Breakfast Club)

As from Monday, we will become a 'cashless' school and all clubs & trips will now be paid for using this new system. Every child was sent instructions and log in details before the summer, so if you have not done so already, please ensure that your child is set up over the weekend in order to be able to access ParentPay. We hope that parents will find this new way of paying user-friendly and will eliminate the need to send cash into school every week!



If you have signed up for an After School Club, you will have noticed that we have already debited your ParentPay account by £12.00 (6 sessions for this half term). It is completely up to you how you decide to pay, you can still pay £2.00 a week and this will reduce your balance to zero by the end of term. If you prefer, you can pay the full balance. We are happy for you to pay in a way that suits you, however, all club payments **MUST** be paid up to date by the end of each half term.

Parents who usually pay with childcare vouchers can still do so. Once payments are received by school we will manually add these to your ParentPay account from this end and when you log in you should be able to see these amounts.

We have decided against the need to book in advance for Breakfast Club and we are happy for parents to bring their child on the morning they need to use this facility and sign them in as normal. The only difference will be the payments. Please do not bring cash. Once your child has attended a session, this will be recorded on your ParentPay account and will make you have a £2.00 debit balance. Again, this can be paid daily, weekly or termly, as long as your account is paid up to date by October half term.

As with any new system, it always takes time to get used to and there may be a few teething problems along the way! If you have any problems at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Keyboard & Guitar Lessons

All music lessons will begin again next Thursday! Don't forget to bring your guitar or keyboard to school! Keyboards can be dropped off at the main reception first thing in the morning by parents, if they are too heavy for children to carry.

Morning Snack

All children are provided with a free piece of fruit at morning break time.

Academic Year Diary Dates

Each child is bringing home a list of pre-planned diary dates of events for this academic year! There will be further events throughout the year that will be arranged as we go along, but we thought that this would help parents to plan ahead. We are also sending home our holiday dates for this academic year, so there is no confusion for parents when booking holidays. As we are fortunate to have a two week holiday in May, please be mindful that due to this, there are several occasions when our school term will finish later and break up earlier than some other schools. Parents will also receive a letter regarding attendance.

Swimming Lessons – 6R

Children in 6R will begin their course of swimming lessons next week. They will go swimming every day next week and will need to bring the appropriate kit each day. A separate letter was sent home earlier in the week with more details.

Flu Vaccinations

The immunisation team will be in school on 22nd November to carry out the nasal flu vaccinations for our children. Consent forms are coming home with children today. If you would like your child to receive a nasal flu vaccine, please return your consent form by Friday 15th September.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you would be interested in applying for this role, please contact the school and we can send out some information regarding this role. The closing date for applications is Friday 22nd September.

Clerk to the Governors

We also have a Vacancy for a 'Clerk to the Governors' at our school. If this is something that you would be interested in, please contact the school for further details. The closing date for applications is Friday 22nd September.

Uniform

The children all look very smart in their uniform, but please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name, so that everything comes home as it should! We cannot promise to reunite clothes with their owners without names. Please ensure that all long hair is tied back for school (boys & girls). Children can wear either black shoes or black trainers for school, but trainers must be plain black with no coloured logos or other colours. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Mobile Phones

As a rule, children should not be bringing mobile phones into school. Towards the end of the summer term, we were seeing an increasing number of children bringing mobile phones. We realise that there are exceptional reasons where a child may need to bring their phone to school. If you feel that there is a reason why your child must bring their phone to school, parents must complete a permission form. You must state why your child needs to bring their phone into school; your request will then be reviewed by the Headteacher. Parents will be notified as to whether their request has been agreed or not. If you need a permission form, please contact the school office and we will send one home with your child. If your request is agreed, children will need to bring their phone to the school office at the start of the day and collect at 3.30pm.

School Opening Time

Children should not be arriving before 8.40am in the morning and left to stand by the gates. If parents need to drop children off early, please use our breakfast club (£2.00 per session) and then we know that children are safe and being looked after. We cannot be responsible for children before 8.40am. We will be monitoring the situation and may contact parents of those children if necessary.

After School Clubs

If you sent in your request to join an after school club, you should have been notified by text, to let you know if your child has been successful in gaining a place. All clubs begin next week and are £2.00 each. Payments will now all be made via ParentPay.

School Lunches

Please remember that children who have a school lunch, must have a meal pre-ordered by 9.30am each day. Meals can be selected up to three weeks in advance. Children can get involved at home with their choices and ensure that they are selecting a lunch that they will enjoy. School lunches are £2.85 per day and are paid for online via our 'SchoolHub' system. Please note that even if your child receives a free school meal, lunches will still need to be ordered on this system. Children can alternate between school dinners and packed lunches if they wish, but please remember to place your order! Thank you. 😊

Swimming Dates for this half term

Swimming – Class 6R – Mrs Ward & Mrs Fergie	Every day - w/c 11 th September
Swimming – Class 6J – Miss Carter	Every day - w/c 18th September
Swimming – Class 5N – Miss Crellin	Every day - w/c 25 th September
Swimming – Class 5O – Miss Jones	Every day - w/c 2 nd October

PE Days

On the day your child has PE, please can they come to school wearing their PE kits. We have found that this works really well and also reduces the amount of lost uniform and PE kits! Children should wear their PE T-shirt, PE Hoodie along with plain black or plain navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings (No logos).

PE Days are as follows:

YEAR GROUP	PE DAYS
Year 3	Tuesday & Friday
Year 4	Tuesday & Friday
Year 5	Monday & Wednesday
Year 6	Wednesday

And finally...

Please do not hesitate to contact the school at any time if you have a concern. We are a listening school at Seaton St Paul's C of E Junior School and your feedback and thoughts on school are very important to us. Open and honest communication is always the best way.

Kindest regards

Mrs Lynn Carini
Headteacher