



SEATON ST. PAUL'S C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6th September 2024

'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 fabulously 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 excited 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.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs commence on Monday (9th September) and those of you who have signed up for any of our clubs, should have by now received a text message to let you know which club(s) your child has been allocated.

Clubs cost £3.00 each and payments for clubs are made via ParentPay. A charge of £3.00 will be added to your ParentPay account after your child has attended a session. We are happy for parents to pay weekly, monthly or half termly, all that we ask is that all outstanding balances are completely paid in full by the end of each half term.

Payments for our breakfast club work exactly the same.

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.

Swimming Lessons – 6J (Miss Carter's Class)

Children in 6J 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.

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.

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. 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.

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 (£3.00 per session) and then we know that children are safe and being looked after. We cannot be responsible for children before 8.40am.

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 £3.10 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! If no lunch is pre-ordered, children will only be able to have the sandwich & fruit option.

Year 3 & 4 – Open Afternoon

We would like to invite all our year 3 & 4 parents to come into school on Thursday 19th September from 3.30pm-4.30pm. This will be a very informal afternoon and will be a lovely opportunity for your child to show you around the school building and look in their classrooms. Children's books will also be available should you wish to have a look at them. We will be serving free refreshments and really hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend. 😊

Year 5 & 6 – Open Afternoon

We would like to invite all our year 5 & 6 parents to come into school on Tuesday 17th September from 3.30pm-4.30pm. This will be a very informal afternoon and will be a lovely opportunity for your child to show you around the school building and look in their classroom. Children's books will also be available should you wish to have a look at them. We will be serving free refreshments and really hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend. 😊

Swimming Dates for this half term

Swimming – Class 6J – Miss Carter	Every day - w/c 9 th September
Swimming – Class 6R – Mrs Hughes & Mrs Ward	Every day - w/c 16th September
Swimming – Class 5N – Miss Crellin	Every day - w/c 23 rd September
Swimming – Class 5O – Miss Jones	Every day - w/c 30th September

PE Days

On the day your child has PE, please ensure 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).

Parking

Please can we once again ask our parents to be considerate to our pupils, parents, other drivers & residents when dropping off and picking up their child from school. The problem gets significantly worse in bad weather, when more children are being brought to school by car. We regularly receive phone calls from residents about cars blocking homes, private roads & driveways. There have also been cars parking immediately outside our school gates, at the point where the children regularly use the two footpaths – this is extremely dangerous for our children. We have also witnessed many cars pulling into the staff car park and using it as a turning circle and putting our children at risk. Parents should not come on to the staff car park and should not park there at the end of the day when collecting children. The staff car park is for staff and visitors only. We will be monitoring this situation closely. (The only exception is parents coming early in the morning to drop their child off at Breakfast club). We are dedicated to the safeguarding of all our children and very much appreciate your help & co-operation with this matter.

PE Days are as follows:

YEAR GROUP	PE DAYS
Year 3	Monday & Tuesday
Year 4	Tuesday & Friday
Year 5	Monday & Wednesday
Year 6	6J Swimming every day & PE Kit on Wednesday 6R Wednesday & Friday

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