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Dear Parents and Carers,

A lot has been happening in school this week. Most assemblies are currently taking place in classrooms, but we have started our phase bubble collective worship, spread out in the hall for Year 1 upwards. This week we talked about the different feelings we might have about being back at school - and acknowledged that we could feel excited, happy and a bit anxious all at the same time. Although some things have had to change, and we discussed that in relation to our responsibilities to each other, we also focused on all the things at school which are the same. Our Christian values remain the same, and it was fantastic that they remembered and could explain how we could all continue to show them (including Respect, Responsibility, Love, Honesty, Friendship, Perseverance, Wisdom and Courage).

Y6 are leading this half term with 'Responsibility' and so far they are doing a marvellous job. In the past, Y6 roles have involved regularly going in and out of all the other classrooms and supporting other groups on the playground. This year's Y6 are finding creative new ways of leading. This week, they have helped to lead with collective worship and they have started their own Leader Newsletter - which you will find attached with this newsletter.

Clubs: It will not be possible to keep the car park closed for the duration of morning and after-school clubs. With the very limited number of children attending each club, it should be possible for children and parents to be able to pass safely at morning clubs using one entrance - and wait for passing at any 'pinch points', such as the narrow parts of the path. Some schools are not permitting parents onto the site at all, but with our school and village layout, we have decided that it is safer for parents to drop off on the site (but outside). When dropping-off in the morning, please do not come into the school building at all. When collecting from clubs after school, please wait outside the school gates at the front and your children will be brought to you. Thank you.

Home Learning: The teachers have been working hard to provide activities for those children who have had to self-isolate. Please bear in mind that teachers are still teaching classes during the day so will not be able to respond immediately to communications or work sent in.

Diary Dates

(new events highlighted)



September

29th - FOSP/PTA meeting on Zoom, 8pm
30th - FGB, 7.30pm

October

w/b 5th - Y5 Cycling Proficiency
9th - Happy Bags
23rd - INSET day - school closed to children

26th - 30th - **HALF TERM**

31st - Deadline for applications for secondary schools

November

2nd - Online system opens for admissions (Reception 2021)
17th - Flu vaccinations
27th - INSET - school closed to children
30th - Occasional Day - school closed

December

14th - Flu vaccinations
18th - End of term - 1.30pm

Friends of St Paul's (FOSP/PTA): Please join us for the Zoom meeting on Tuesday at 8pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3590252254>

Meeting ID: 359 025 2254 Passcode: FOSP

Donations: Disposable Gloves, Hand Sanitiser, Wipes and Tissues: With the extra hygiene measures that are now required, we are getting through an extraordinary amount of cleaning materials and other hygiene products such as tissues and sanitiser. Schools have not been allocated additional funding to help with these costs, and we are having to dig dip into an already-stretched budget. Thank you to those who have already donated - either with resources or funding. If you are able to help, please continue to add to the donation box at the front of school. Many thanks.

Workbooks for Reception Children Upwards: Thank you to those who have already helped to fund the cost of these materials - and to those who have given a little extra. We still have quite a shortfall. If you have not yet done so and are able to contribute, please do so on www.schoolgateway.com

Summer Reading Challenge: A huge well done to the following children who completed the challenge:

Y2 - Kimi, Owen and Sophia

Y3 - Corey, Evalyn, Beth and Freya

Please let us know of any other children who have completed the reading challenge.

Thank You and Goodbye: Today we say thank you and goodbye to Mrs King, who has been a teaching assistant at St Paul's for 6 years. She has decided to return to education herself. We thank her for all her care and hard work during her time with us, and send her with our love and best wishes in the next step of her career.



Value Award:	Reception: Archie	Y1 - Eva	Y2 - Rupert	
Responsibility	Y3 - Alice	Y4 - Florrie	Y5 - Joshua	Y6 - George
Bronze	Y5 - Jennifer and Daisy			
Headteacher's Trophy	Julianna (Y6) for making such a noticeably positive start to the year. Julianna has approached Y6 showing great enthusiasm and a great deal of responsibility. She has already been helpful with sorting out playground procedures, organising and helping to pass information around so that everybody knows what is happening. As well as that, she has been working with great effort and determination.			

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Caroline Moore

Headteacher