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"Starting children off through God's love and Jesus' teachings"

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

Christian Value: Friendship

British Value: School Qualities

Living out the School Vision this Week: (Y5)

Curiosity: "I wanted to find out about Laika and other animals that went to space," reported Agnes.

Compassion: "I help my younger brother if he feels sad or left out," said Max.

Resilience: "I was resilient when I had to recall facts about the solar system," shared Lilith.

Worship quote: "Carry each other's burdens and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ," *Galatians 6:20*.

Remember in our prayers: the Royal Family and other families who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Good attendance

We want to 'Start children off on the way they should go...' by ensuring that they have good attendance, from the very start of the school year. Research has proven that children with high attendance do better at all stages of their education. We understand that sometimes children are ill and cannot attend school but for minor ailments or low-level 'tummy aches', every effort should be made to bring children to school. We will always ring parents if their child becomes more unwell. When children are with their friends, they soon forget about minor ailments.

Holidays in term-time will not be authorised and are highly likely to result in a fine.

Free School Meals

If families are in receipt of certain benefits, including income support or income-based job seekers' allowance, they may be eligible to apply for free school meals. Even if your child is in R, Y1 or Y2, and receives a school meal anyway, it is worth applying because then children will be able to access pupil premium funding. This funding provides some items of free uniform and some free school trips and visits. Please see our policy: [here](#)

Homework

Parental feedback has been mixed about the various on-line homework that we have set, in previous years. This term, we will be trialling paper-based homework. We will be rewarding the children for completing their tasks and handing it in on the correct day. Most children will need a little

support from parents, possibly with reminders about timescales. If your child needs much support, please let the class teachers know. Also, we appreciate that home life is busy and children often do lots of out of school activities. If there isn't time to complete all homework, do what you can.

Macmillan Coffee

This will take place during the Golden Worship time slot on 29th September. More details to follow.

Mobile phones

Many Y5 and Y6 children may now be bringing mobile phones into school because they are getting themselves to and from school. These are stored by teachers, during the school day. We cover much on-line safety at school but below are two useful links for parents: [Internet matters](#)
[NSPCC Parents on-line safety guide](#)

Academy Conversion Meeting

Leaders from Rise Multi Academy Trust will be with us next Friday, immediately after Golden Worship. The 'listening site' remains open:
<https://stpauls-listening-site.risemat.info/>

School Diary

- Sun 10th Sept: community picnic, all welcome (see attached flyer)
- Mon 11th– Wed 13th Sept: Y4 residential
- Fri 15th Sept 2.40pm: Golden Worship R,Y1 & Y2 (parents of those year groups welcome)
- Fri 15th Sept 3.30pm: Rise Academy meeting (all parents welcome)
- Fri 22nd Sept 2.40pm: Golden Worship Key Stage 2 (Y3-6 parents welcome)
- Fri 29th Sept 2.40-3.30pm: Macmillan Coffee event, parents/grandparents welcome
- Mon 2nd – Fri 6th Oct: Y6 residential
- Fri 6th Oct 2.40pm: Golden Worship R,Y1 & Y2 (parents in those year groups welcome)
- Thurs 12th Oct 2.15pm: Harvest Festival service, St Paul's Church, Y3 parents welcome
- Fri 13th Oct: break up for half term.

Have a good
weekend,
Mrs Gilchrist

