



Message from the Headteacher

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place this week and this year's theme is **Growing Together**. We will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they can help others grow and flourish as individuals.

As part of the week we are inviting all pupils to not wear their school uniform on **Friday 11th February** but instead **Dress to Express!** Why not wear your favourite football kit, dance outfit or karate uniform? The most expressive and creative outfit on the day in each class will win a prize for individuality, so show us what makes you unique!

On this day if you would like to make a Donation of £1 (or whatever you can spare) it will be greatly appreciated and these can be made either in cash on the day or via our link below to the JustGiving page.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-pauls-primary-school-stalybridge



Money raised will be donated to the charity Place2Be

We will be doing a variety of activities to promote emotional wellbeing during the week because expressing yourself and growing as an individual is always important.

Thank you for your support in relation to this and we look forward celebrating this important week within our school community.

End of Term Reminder

The last day of term on school is Thursday 17th February 2022. The classes will finish at their normal finish time. School reopens on Monday 28th February.

School Uniform

This is just a reminder that earrings are not allowed in school. Thank you for your continued support with this. Children are also to wear black shoes in school and not trainers as part of our school uniform code.

World Book Day

On **Friday 4th March 2022** all children and staff at St. Paul's will be celebrating World Book Day. We are encouraging the children to dress up as their favourite book character. You can choose any character you want! It would also be lovely if your child could bring in the book that their outfit is from.

The most imaginative and authentic ideas for costumes will be rewarded with prizes, however the main focus of the day is to celebrate a love for books and the characters created within them, so please encourage your child to join in. During the day, photographs will be taken for the school website. Prizes will then be given for the best dressed in each class.

We will also be launching our 'Extreme Reading' and 'Character Craft' competition during the week leading up to World Book Day (information to follow).

On the day each child will receive a World Book Day £1 token to spend at any participating bookshop and you can either swap it for one of the eight specially produced W.B.D books. Alternatively, you may choose to use the voucher towards the price of any book worth £2.99 or more.

Attendance

We ask for your support in all attendance matters. If your child is absent from school, please ensure that you contact school by no later than 9.30am on the day of absence by phone or email with the reason for absence. Emails should be sent to:

admin@cstatstpaulsprimary.co.uk. You can also now report absence through the school spider app. There are times when we will need to ask you additional questions or ask for additional information. This is part of the process that we have to follow in school. We thank you in advance for your support with this. We ask that if at all possible that appointments are made outside of school time. When this is not possible, please bring your child's appointment card or letter to the office.

Holidays in Term Time

Government legislation states that only under exceptional circumstances may the Head teacher consider giving permission for a child to be absent from school at any point in the academic year. Under the legislation parents have no entitlement to take their child out of school for a holiday in term-time. This can lead to Penalty Notices

Penalty Notices for Non- school attendance

Section 444(A) of the Education Act 1996 empowers the local authority to issue Penalty Notices in cases of unauthorised absence from school. This means that when a pupil has unauthorised absences of 10 sessions (5 days) or more, in a 12-week period (where no acceptable reason has been given for the absence) or if their child persistently arrives late for school after the close of registration, their parents may receive a Penalty Notice of £120, which is reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days. The Penalty Notice will need to be paid in full before 28 days of the notice being served. Failure to pay a penalty notice may result in prosecution (a separate penalty notice will be issued to each parent for each child).

Dates

Friday 11th
January Dress to Express Day (part of Children's Mental Health Week).

Week Beginning 14th February
Bikeability for Year 5 & 6 who have signed up for the course.

Thursday 17th
February Last day in school.

Monday 28th
February School reopens after half term.

Reading Week at St Paul's w/b 28th February

World Book Day celebrated in school on Friday 4th March

Friday 11th March
Freddy Fit

Friday April 1st
PTA Break the Rules Day (details to follow closer to the time).

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'Life in all its fullness'
(John 10:10)