



# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

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## Message from Mr Hulme

Welcome back to the start of our final term in school, term 6. Even though we are not all back just yet, it is wonderful to feel our school community beginning to come back together.



This week we welcomed some Reception, Year 1 and additional Key Worker children back into school. Year 6 were due to return but due to Mr Ledger being poorly, this did not happen; we are looking forward to them coming back on Monday.

Despite the changes to the routine for drop-off and pick-up, the school day is not too different to normal and children have enjoyed being back with their friends and teachers across the school. If you are a parent in Reception and Year 1, please let me know today if your child is due to return on Monday, so that we can safely staff this and get ready for them.



Parents in Years 2,3,4 and 5; we still do not have a return date for you and are awaiting further guidance from the Government about this. Rest assured that if your children are able to come back before the summer holidays, we have plans in place to welcome them back to school.



As always, thank you for your continued support since we closed and the colossal amount of home-learning and work you have done. We are regularly speaking as a staff about how we incorporate the skills your child has learnt at home, into our curriculum!

## Google Classroom

Apologies to those parents and children working through Google Classroom, for the lack of contact this week on there. We are looking at how this can be improved moving forward so that you don't feel left out. As always, there is no necessity to do the work on Google Classroom or through the Oak National Academy – these are just suggestions from us for things you can do at home. Whilst we love seeing the photos of your children's work, please don't put yourself under pressure to post on there if you have other things to do – do what works for you as a family!



## Virtual call with Mr Harris

Mr Harris is still offering telephone or video calls with children and families that might benefit from this. He could be discussing a return to school, transition, Year 6 moving to Year 7, or any other situations that are happening for you at home.



These can be regular; or one-off conversations and have proved very popular. Please contact the school office or Mr Harris directly, [rob.sinclair-harris@st-pauls-swanley.kent.sch.uk](mailto:rob.sinclair-harris@st-pauls-swanley.kent.sch.uk), to book a time with him!

## Transition and Teacher Information

You will be receiving today via School Comms, details of your child's teacher for the next academic year. Please do tell your child and share this information with them. All of the children in school know and have been taught at some point, by all of the teachers - so it shouldn't be too much of a shock to them. We are busy working out the best way to support transition for all children and will share details of this when we have them. If all pupils are not back to school by the end of this term, we will dedicate the first couple of weeks in September to transition to ensure your child is fully settled. If you have any ideas for improving transition, please do let me know.



## PTA: Socially Distanced Run

Despite the fact that we are closed, the PTA are still thinking of ways to support our school. School Closure has meant that we have not been able to raise as much money as normal, with the summer fair and events leading up to it, cancelled. Look out for their letter with details of a socially distanced run, jog, scooter or bike ride and take part – it would be wonderful to see our school community join together for this!



## Prayers for School Re-opening

What a beautiful week of weather. Thank You for the sun, the longer days and blue skies. In 2 Samuel 23:4 we hear your voice tell us about the joy of the sun on a bright day. While there is still so much difficulty globally with this pandemic as well as loss, today may we focus on what we have, rather than what we have lost. Amen. Is as the light of the morning when the sun rises,  
A morning without clouds,  
When the tender grass springs out of the earth,  
Through sunshine after rain.



Value of the Term: Forward-Thinking

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