



"...Let us remember that, as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school."

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

3rd January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year following a busy festive period. I hope that you enjoyed some rest and relaxation with your children and that the New Year brings you much prosperity.

December flew by with so many wonderful and exciting events for your children to take part in from the Nativity to the Christmas dinner and the pantomime at The Orchard Theatre. Each activity leading up to the festive break made me think about the strong school community that we have at St. Paul's and the opportunities that your children have. Thanks must go to the PTA for their continued hard work with all fund raising events and your support of them.

As I have said before, I fully believe that each child has one chance to get their primary education right and it is my job as Headteacher, along with the St. Paul's staff, to ensure that this happens.

We welcome Mrs Molly Gregory to the staff this term. Mrs Gregory will be working in Birch class, supporting our youngest children in their start at school. We hope that Mrs Gregory enjoys her time with us and working alongside Miss Searles and the other staff in Birch. You may have also heard your children talking about Mr Sinclair-Harris. Mr Sinclair-Harris has joined us on a Thursday in a Family Liaison Role. He is vastly experienced in working with children and families and offers a drop-in session for children at both break and lunchtime, to support with emotional and mental health. If you would like to make an appointment to see Mr Sinclair-Harris, please contact the office.

You may remember that prior to the Christmas break, we held an election for the role of Parent Governor. We had a fantastic total of eight people nominate themselves for the role, a real testament to the strong community we have and certainly the most that have put themselves forward. Mrs Nancy Wakeford was duly elected and will take up her term of office starting immediately. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents that put themselves forward.

I always think that this is one of the busiest times of the year for any school. As the SATs for Year 2 and Year 6 loom ever closer; along with the phonics screening for Year 1, there is much work to be done to ensure the high outcomes that your children deserve. Please look out for the information sessions on the SATs and Phonics later in the term. These are a valuable opportunity for you to find out what your children will be assessed on and how you may be able to support them further at home.

Finally, I truly feel that for St. Paul's to continue to make the excellent progress that it has done over the last two years and to become 'that school of choice' for the Swanley area, we need to keep improving and looking forward. With this in mind, I would welcome any feedback that you may have about the end of term reports that went home last term; positive or constructive. I would welcome further suggestions that you have for improvement, however small, either through a chat on the gate or via my Headteacher drop-ins. My door really is always open.

Yours faithfully,

Ben Hulme
Headteacher

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL,
SCHOOL LANE,
SWANLEY VILLAGE, KENT.
BR8 7PJ

T: 01322 664324 F: 01322 614939
E: OFFICE@ST-PAULS-SWANLEY.KENT.SCH.UK
WWW.ST-PAULS-SWANLEY.KENT.SCH.UK
HEADTEACHER: MR B HULME