

# The School Newsletter

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Our 5 Christian  
Values

Forgiveness  
Love  
Encouragement  
Wisdom  
Togetherness

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see the children happy and settled into their new classes. Our Reception children start full time next week and we look forward to seeing bright new faces in and around the school.

We are pleased to introduce our new school vision (overleaf) - our aspirations for all our children and our whole school community - and the values that underpin them. We now welcome your thoughts and ideas on how we can bring our vision and values to life.

With thanks for your continued support,  
Adeola Oladejo, Headteacher

## A couple of special mentions and thank yous to...

- members of our Parent Gardening Group (and their children) who came into school over the summer holiday to water the plants and look after the school gardens.
- Vera (Y6 and Y4 parent) who has run our Stay and Play sessions for babies and toddlers every week. Vera will be unable to run stay and play again this year, but we hope to have this up and running again very soon.

## Meet the Teacher

An opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher, learn more about the curriculum and ask any questions you may have.

- Year 1 & 2: Tuesday 24th Sept 3.45- 4.15pm
- Year 3 & 4 Wednesday 25th Sept 3.45-4.15pm
- Year 5 & 6: Thursday 26th Sept 3.45- 4.15pm

## Goodbye to... Ms Depala

On Friday 4th October, we will say farewell to Ms Depala who will be leaving to spend more time with her young family. We would like to thank Ms Depala for all her hard work and care of the children. We wish her the best of luck for the future.

## Homework

Well done to all the children who completed the summer holiday homework. Some fantastic models, posters, displays and slideshows are on display in classrooms and around the school.

Homework will be set differently this year. For KS1 and KS2 classes, it will comprise of:

- Weekly spellings and spelling patterns to learn
- Daily reading/reading activities to complete
- Weekly times tables (and corresponding division facts as appropriate, e.g.  $2 \times 3 = 6$ ,  $6 \div 3 = 2$ )
- DoodleMaths activities
- Termly project related to class topic

## Uniform

Well done to all children who have returned to school wearing correct school uniform.

A reminder that school footwear must be black.

**PE Kit:** It was great to see all children in correct PE kit for Sports Day during the summer term. All children should wear correct kit for PE each week:

- Red t-shirt (school logo t-shirts are available from the school office)
- Black tracksuit or shorts
- Outdoor PE shoes / plimsolls

**Congratulations** to Mr Hernandez, who welcomed



a baby boy during the summer holiday! We look forward to meeting the new baby very soon!

## After School Provision

After school provision from 3.30-6pm is available for all pupils. Registration forms are available from the school office. The cost is £8 per day.

## Class Assemblies for Autumn Term

All  
start at  
9.15am

4.10.19	Year 6
11.10.19	Year 4
17.10.19 (Thurs)	Year 1
Half Term	
1.11.19	Year 2
8.11.19	Year 3
15.11.19	Year 5
22.11.19	Year R

## Dates for your Diary

September/October

Tuesday 24th, Weds 25th, Thurs 26th Sept -  
Meet the teacher (3.45-4.15pm)

Thursday 26th September - Swimming starts for  
Y4

Tuesday 15th October and Wednesday 16th  
October - Parent Teacher Meetings

Friday 18th October - INSET Day for staff -  
school closed for pupils

Mon 21st - Fri 25th Oct - Half Term Week

### Message from Rev James Hill - Prayer at SJSP Church

St Jude and St Paul's Church will be having Morning  
Prayer in the church each school day (Mon-Friday)  
starting up on September 16th. All are welcome to join  
us at 9:15 for this peaceful and simple service.

### Used Uniform Sale

There will be a used uniform sale in the coming  
weeks. Should you wish to donate any unwanted  
uniform, please bring to the lower hall by Friday 27th  
September. Thank you!

### A New Vision Statement for St Jude & St Paul's School

**Jesus said, "You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good  
deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."** Matthew 5: 14-16

We aspire to shine as lights in the world as we journey together. We ask for God's  **blessing**  to:

- **encourage**, through valuing and celebrating diversity;
- **love**, so that we may flourish as one, nurturing the unique contributions of all, impacting positively on our world;
- **learn**, so that we develop a love of learning, aiming for excellence in all we do.

#### **What is a vision statement?**

A vision statement sets out the vision for the school and the school's aims. This is what we want to achieve and what we want to provide for every child and adult in our school community.

#### **Why have we reviewed our vision statement now?**

As a school, we wanted our school vision and its associated values to really reflect who we are as a school and why we're here. As a CofE school, it is also important that we have a deeply and distinctively Christian vision and that our vision is rooted in a biblical verse that is meaningful to us. We chose the biblical verse 'You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others...' as we want all children and adults to have opportunities to shine and be the best they can possibly be during their time with us. We chose to keep the words 'encourage, love and learn' as this is well embedded within our school.

#### **Who reviewed the vision statement?**

The governing body met with our advisor from the London Diocesan Board for schools to review the existing vision during an away day. From this, a working party of senior staff, our parent governor and our vicar met to write a draft statement which was then shared with the governing body and staff. Our school council reviewed our 15 existing values and from this, we arrived at our 5 core values to underpin our vision. We would now welcome any suggestions from parents of how we can bring our new vision to life.

#### **Will this reviewed vision statement mean anything changes in the school?**

The vision statement and the Christian values of *forgiveness, love, encouragement, wisdom and togetherness* will be introduced to the children in Collective Worship over the coming term. You will see our vision statement and values embedded within school policies, practice and on our school website.