



Pauntley Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Our Termly Value: Truthfulness

'Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free'

John 8:32

Once again there is very little to report in terms of developments in school. The staff continue to work hard to provide the best experience possible in school, for those attending, along with ensuring learning packs are available for all of you still working diligently at home.

Once again, it is important to add that we recognise the difficulty in motivating children, working around your own work commitments and also having to, in some cases, teach children from multiple age groups. Please do what you can but do not stress too much if some days you are unable to complete everything (or in some cases anything!).

All of us here really hope normality can resume in September but as always we wait to hear the latest guidance from the Government.

One decision has been made at Governors this week regarding summer holidays. As you know the school has remained open throughout the holiday periods (or provided alternative provision) throughout the entire lockdown period. All staff have worked throughout without a break in what are testing times to support the families in the local community. As such, in order for the school to be able to provide the best quality education in September the Governors have decided to ensure the school closes its doors on 17th July to give the staff a well-earned break. I am hoping that this early decision will give key workers the opportunity to source alternative childcare, as they normally would, for the summer holidays.

School will resume (barring any changes in Government guidance) on Wednesday 2nd September.

School development

Having now spent a few weeks at school I have been able to unpick the key areas that we need to focus on in order to move the school forward next year. The staff are already on board and working hard behind the scenes to get things moving. The key priorities for development are:

Curriculum Development – Ensuring a bespoke curriculum, that matches the celebrated ethos and Christian foundation that Pauntley prides itself on, is developed to ensure clear progression in learning and challenge for all pupils across all subjects.

English Development – Focussing on the provision of Reading & Writing and how to ensure, in a mixed age class, all children are sufficiently challenged and progress effectively. This will be underpinned by the Education Endowment Foundations research on developing literacy in KS1 & KS2.

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/tools/guidance-reports/literacy-ks-1/>

Maths Development – Continuing to develop the ‘Mastery’ approach of teaching that is widely celebrated and felt to best support the development of mathematical understanding in school.

<https://www.ncetm.org.uk/resources/47230>

Leadership/Management Development – Throughout all aspects of management, including governance, the school will be looking to review current practice and ensure clear procedures are in place to monitor standards and address areas that require improvement.

Over the course of the next academic year I will continue to let you know how we are progressing and keep you informed.

Parental Feedback

I am hoping to report back on Parental responses on the online survey in the coming weeks. To date we only have 3 responses. It really does help to shape the direction of the school with understanding of parental views. I would really appreciate it if you could find a few minutes to have a go at this very quick online survey:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Also, if you have any more stars and wishes please email them in to the office.

Free School Meals

The government have recently announced that they will be funding free school meal vouchers over the summer holidays. This facility is eligible to any family that have previously registered for free school meals (not to be confused with the Universal free school meals that are provided by the Government to all children in Reception/Y1/Y2). Mrs Wilder will be contacting eligible families in due course to ask whether you wish to take advantage of this service and we will get this set up in the next week or two.

Mr Larner
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