



St Paulinus Pre-School
Newsletter Term 4
Spring 2021



Dear Parents

We hope you have had a lovely half term and are looking forward to welcoming a few more children and families back this term.

News from last half term

Last term was a quiet term, we had quite a few children off for various reasons and numbers were low, this did increase as the term progressed. The children have really enjoyed being back with the peers and it has been such a tonic for us staff to see them in the setting doing what they do best - just getting on with it!! We managed a few days where we got out in the garden in the snow and let off some steam.....not sure who enjoyed it most, us or the children!

Everyone who requested a parent consultation call should have had it by now....if not let Lee know please.

We have managed to get through another term without Covid -19 affecting us. And we continue to ask you to be cautious about any illnesses your child may have, if they are displaying a new continuous cough, a high temperature or loss of taste or smell please do not bring them into pre school. If you have been asked to isolate also please do not come to Pre School, if you can arrange for someone else to bring your child in then please do, if not keep them off until your isolation period is over. We'd love to get through another term with no cases but need your help. The staff are having regular lateral flow testing for Covid-19 and a few have managed to get their vaccine. Please also continue to socially distance outside Pre School and where possible only one person to drop off and collect please.

If your child is off for any reason please call the pre school or text on the morning of absence on 07796 795811. The pre school email is not checked until the afternoon or evening as we have no internet at pre school, but you can email us on info@stpaulinuspreschool.co.uk if you have any queries, or message or message the Facebook page [st.paulinus pre school - parents group](#), this is a closed group so you will need to request to join.

The half term ahead

Week 1 Spring
Week 2 Mother's Day
Week 3 Mother's Day
Week 4 Easter
Week 5 Easter

We have lots planned for next term and the children will be working on gifts and cards to come home with them. We will also be doing an Easter egg hunt in the last week of term. We ask parents for donations of small individually wrapped chocolate eggs - more details will follow nearer the time.

When the weather improves and the garden dries out we will be using it again so the children will need named wellies and warm clothes. Wellies can be stored at Pre School

Lunch club is running every day 12.15 to 1.15, so please let us know if you want to take this up. It cost £5 per session or if you have funded hours left over they can be used.

We continue to ask that children do not bring additional drinks, other than for lunch club or toys and that bags and contents are kept to a minimum, this will help us to prevent the spread of the virus. The hall will continue to be ventilated so maybe colder than usual, please make sure the children wear warm clothes, they can be removed if they get hot.

We have really missed having parents in the hall and being able to speak to you and catch up. Please be assured that we are there for a chat if you need or want one. If you have a question please ask, we can always call you or email you at a

convenient time. A few staff have been off this term shielding but rest assured the remaining team are pulling together to work with their keyworker children. Our door is always open.....even if you can't come in ☺

Pre School Uniform

We have uniform for the children who would like to wear one, it is a blue sweatshirt and t-shirt. These can now be ordered direct from www.wainwrightscreenprint.co.uk, tel: 01258 837364 or email info@wainwrightscreenprint.co.uk. We will be adding a link to our website page later this month!

We'd like to share with you a website www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod it has some great information on speech and language, mealtimes, sensory processing, speech sounds etc

Thank you all once again for supporting us in these very strange times.

Term dates

Monday 22nd February to Friday 26th March

Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May

Monday 07th June to Friday 16th June

Regards,

Lee, Vikki, Ruth, Sue, Anna, Chantel, Alison and Emma