



St Paul's CE Primary School Newsletter

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26th March 2015

Message from the Headteacher

As I sit and write this newsletter there are only a few hours left until the end of term. It has been another very busy term with lots of exciting trips, activities and learning. This morning's Easter service was fantastic with the Year 3 and 4 children sharing the Easter story with such confidence and some amazing singing. If you have not yet seen the school's new website or have not looked at it recently, please do take a look. There are plenty of pictures and articles sharing some of the school's news as well as plenty of school information and resources. I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break.

Alexandra House

The construction team at Alexandra House are continuing to transform the site. The 1930's Crittal windows have been taken out and restored. The newly restored frames are now being re-installed. Many of the internal walls that need to be removed have been taken out and the new wall alignments are being prepared. There has also been some external work to the roof and to the gutterings etc. Over the next few months the building will begin to resemble a school! We shall have partial occupancy before the summer holidays and be installed fully after the summer holidays. Details of the practical arrangements will be shared later in the summer term.

Parents' Evening – Spring term

It was great to welcome so many of you to the school for parents' evening. I am very grateful to you for completing the parent feedback forms. We will compile the results and share them with you next term.

Parentpay

We know from feedback in the autumn term that many parents would appreciate an electronic payment method for all school expenditure. Over Easter we shall start to roll out a new electronic payment system called *Parentpay*. The roll out will be phased, starting with junior lunch payments. Details of the roll out will be sent home shortly.

Gardening Competition

The school gardens are beginning to thrive. There are over 300 bulbs that are about to flower across the site. The beds were weeded and the bulbs planted by Mrs Cox Freeman during the winter and we are very grateful for her work.

We have launched a 'mini-Chelsea' competition for the classes, which will take place over the summer term. The idea was suggested by a parent. Each class has been allocated a colour and a £50 budget and will be given a section of the raised bed planters to develop. The idea is for the class to grow a garden showcasing their colour. The seeds and other resources will be purchased over the Easter break.

As we enter the growing season, we are on the look out for a gardener who can help maintain the grounds and support the children's learning in the gardens. A few people have been suggested already, but they have been unable to take on the job. If any of you know of a local self-employed gardener or small gardening company who may be interested in maintaining and developing our grounds, please pass on their details to the school office or to one of the staff on the gates.

Reception Transition

Another area for development, which came up from the recent parent survey, was around preparing the children for transition between Reception class and Year 1. From next term, the children in Reception will start to attend more of the school assemblies.

We would also like to practise for the transition by asking parents of Reception children to say goodbye to their child at the school gate in the morning, as our other families do, rather than coming in to the school playground. This will help to prepare the children for the routines of year 1. We will start this after the Easter Holiday.

Later in the summer term we will organise a meeting for parents to prepare for transition to year 1. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Parents' Prayer Group

The Parents' prayer group is now meeting on a Monday. All parents are welcome to join the group after drop off on a Monday morning.

We shall be holding a special prayer walk for all parents and their children at 6pm on Monday 29th April. All parents are welcome, do come and join us.

Staffing

At the end of April, Mrs McConnell will be leaving us. She and her partner have the opportunity to take on a property lettings business in France. Mrs McConnell has been at St Paul's for over twenty years, so it will be with much sadness that we say goodbye. We all wish her well with the business.

Holiday Club

A number of parents have spoken to me about the possibility of running a holiday club for our children on the school site at Easter and during the summer holidays. This is not something that the school has the capacity to do, however a private organisation (Tinies) currently run a club on the school site for the employees of Glaxo. They are a well-regarded childcare organisation and I have been exploring the possibility of running a club through them. I will shortly send out a consultation document to test the feasibility of the club. If you would be interested, please do respond to the consultation. If there is sufficient demand, I can further the discussion with Tinies.

Seaside Visit – St Paul's at Littlehampton

We have organised a day trip to the seaside (Littlehampton) for the families and friends of St Paul's School on Saturday 20th June 2015. The aim of the trip is to have a day of seaside fun together. We will travel by coach leaving from and returning to the school. The governors have agreed to contribute to the visit, meaning that tickets can be £12 per passenger.

The trip is for families and friends of the school. All children must travel with their family and will be the responsibility of their family. Spaces are limited. A flyer for this event will follow shortly. Do sign up early if you are interested.

Playing in the Park

As we move into the summer term more and more children are going to the park after school. I have been made aware of a few behaviour problems in the park. The vast majority of our children are great. If you do take your child to the park, please do ensure that there is appropriate supervision.

Fancy a coffee (tea, hot chocolate, soft drink or refreshment)?

I know that a number of you catch up with one another at the start of the day and I also know that we have joked about the need for a good café nearby. The church café – Open House – has just had a makeover. They have a new coffee machine and much more besides. The café opens from 9am – perfect for the drop off. If you fancy catching up with friends after drop off do please consider going to Open House. The income from Open House helps support the work of the church in many areas of our community.

Coming Up...

The school's calendar is regularly updated on the school website

April 2015

Monday 13 th	Return to school – Summer term
Friday 17 th	Years 2,3,4 @ Will to Win Tennis workshops
Wednesday 22 nd	Year 4 Sky Sports Day
Friday 24 th	9:30 Tour of school for prospective families – please reserve a place through the school office 3:45pm PFA Talent Show – school hall
Monday 28 th	Parents' Prayer Group - School Prayer Walk 6pm at school

May 2015

Friday 1 st	Class Photos in school
Thursday 7 th	General Election – Nursery class closed on this day Year 3/4 Brentford Sports Day - group from school to attend
Friday 8 th 11 th – 15 th	Years 1 & 2 at the Science Museum Year 6 SATS Assessment Week
Thursday 14 th	Years 3 & 4 Primary Sports day – group from school to attend
Tuesday 19 th	Years 3 & 4 visit to the Wallace Collection
Wednesday 20 th	AM - Year 1 at Brentford Football Club – A taste of football workshop
Friday 22 nd 25 th – 29 th	3:45pm PFA May Ball (for children) HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

Community Noticeboard

On occasion we are informed of events and activities planned in the area, which may be of interest to our families. We do not endorse any of the notices below nor can we guarantee the quality of them.

Easter Holiday Opportunities

Free Family Events

Boston Manor House

Boston Manor Park, Boston Manor Road, Brentford, TW8

Special family storytime events and craft sessions, the last Saturday of the month, April – October, 2-4.30pm. Here's a hint of the fun:

25th April – Rivers

You'll hear about rivers and the natural world, plant seeds, build fish and bugs, and row your boat on this fine spring day ...

30th May – Alice in Wonderland

Queen of Hearts garden trail, make your own Mad Hatter hats and White Rabbit ears....if you were a playing card, which one would you be?

How to join us:

Bus: E3, E8, 195. Tube: Boston Manor. Rail: Brentford Station.

Parking: Boston Manor Park, Boston Manor Road, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 9IX

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Chiswick Children's Library

Jean's Creative Club

Local recycled art artist Jean Patricia will be leading fun, family-friendly craft workshops every Wednesday and Friday from April to June.

When: Every Wednesday 11:00 – 12:00 and Every Friday 15:00 – 16:00 (except Bank Holidays)

1st April – Flower making

8 & 10th April – Paper Hats

15th & 17th April – Finger Printing

22 & 24th April – Finger Puppet Storytelling

29th April & 1st May – Tree Creation

April 2015 – Free Family Activities

2nd April – 14.00-16.00 Easter trail and arts & crafts.

Cycle Experience are offering free Easter School Holiday Cycle Club

at Cranford Community College and at Chiswick School, please see the details below and the attached poster for display

Monday 30th March - Wednesday 1st April - Cranford Community College TW5 9PD

Tuesday 7th April - Thursday 9th April - Chiswick School W4 3UN

This is a 3 day cycle club which will run from 9am - 3.30pm

Free Easter School holiday Cycle Club in Cranford

Monday 30th March 9:00am until 3:30pm [See future dates](#)

Learn how to ride your bike safely in Hounslow Borough for children aged 10+

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Seven Elements to the cycle club

1. Safety Zone: Safety check of bikes and clothing.
2. Group Riding: Trainees will be given training on how to cycle safely within a group.
3. Cycle Skills: Cycling activities through cycling games.
4. Bikeability Level 2: Working towards the Bikeability Level 2 Award.
5. Maintenance: Basic bike repair tuition.
6. Team Skills: Cycling skills to include Highway Code/Route Planning.
7. Lead Ride: A combination of lead rides to local areas.

Bookings for the Cranford Community College venue will close on Monday 23rd March 2015

For further details and to book visit

www.CycleExperience.com/holidaycourses/hounslow

or call Cycle Experience on 0845 434 8451

Kingsley Academy Adult & Community Education Centre, Cecil Road, Hounslow TW3 1NX Easter Family Fun Event!

Tuesday 31st March 12.30 – 4.30pm

Free Admission

Drop in for an afternoon of fun-filled Easter activities at

Enrolment starts at 12 noon

- Make Easter creatures to eat (cannot guarantee nut free ingredients)
- Dress to impress in your own hat or crown creation
- Create and eat edible Easter pictures (cannot guarantee nut free ingredients)
- Learn face-painting with an Easter theme
- Enjoy our Easter crafts
- Create on-line "Voki" cartoon characters
- Get creative with self-hardening clay

No advance booking.

For more information contact: the Family Learning Coordinator on 020 8583 6083 or visit

www.hounslow.gov.uk

2 cool 4 school open access scheme

A Holiday playscheme in the local area:

Date: 30th March – 10th April

Time: 8.30-5.30

Activities and day trips out, includes lunch and snacks, fresh fruit and drinks.

Cost is £15 per day all inclusive.

Contact Rachel 07861733220 or Natalie 07939225754

2cool4schooloas@gmail.com

Mulberry Kids – Pre School

Opening soon in Brentford for ages 2-5

St Paul's Church, St Paul's Road Brentford

Indoor and outdoor adventurous learning

Contact Young 07702482980 or Elon 07974253105

mulberrykids@hotmail.com