



# St Paul's Friday Round Up

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

*Welcome to our round up of news and information for the week.*

## **School Photographs**

Earlier in the term, the school photographer visited to take individual and sibling photos. This afternoon the photograph 'proofs' will be sent home with your child/ren. If you would like to buy copies of the photographs, please order on the photographer's website <http://www.cliffharrisphotography.com> - enter the username and password on your child's proof card. The deadline for placing your order is **Monday 22nd November**.

## **Election of Parent Governor**

Last night the votes were counted for the parent governor vacancy. The results were as follows: 71 votes, no spoilt papers, 43 votes for Suzanne Forbes and 28 votes for Emma O'Grady. As a result, Suzanne has been elected parent governor for a term of 4 years. I would like, on behalf of the governing body, to thank Emma and Suzanne for standing and all the parents who voted in the election.

The governing body has two parent governors. Mr Tommy Norton, with a child in Year 5 and a child in Nursery. Mrs Suzanne Forbes has a child in Year 5 and a child in Reception class.

As COVID restrictions have eased this term, the school's governors are seeking to share more information about the governing board and provide opportunities to engage more directly with pupils, staff and parents over the next few terms. Please do look out for details in future Friday Roundups.

## **Christmas Appeal 2021**

Usually, we would collect shoebox Christmas presents to send to needy children overseas. This year, the deadlines for sending shoeboxes was brought forward and we have missed the chance to take part in our usual appeal.

As a result, we have decided to support the Salvation Army's Christmas present appeal. The Salvation Army are collecting new, unused toys and gifts as well as rolls of Christmas wrapping paper that will be distributed to children who are unlikely to get a Christmas present in our local area.

I shall launch our appeal in assembly on Monday. Below is a list of suggested gifts that the Salvation Army would welcome.

We believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so we are unable to take used or second hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.

- **0-3 years:** dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles
- **3-5:** dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
- **5-9:** educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords
- **9-12:** games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
- **13-16:** books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers

Over the years, millions of children and young people have benefited from gifts donated to The Salvation Army.

By giving a gift to our Christmas Present Appeal you can make a real difference in someone's life at Christmas.

These should be **new and unused**. If your child is able to bring in a gift, it would be very welcome. If you could also provide roll of Christmas wrapping paper that would also be welcomed. The gifts should not be wrapped.

The collection period will close on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December. We shall then arrange for the gifts we have collected to be delivered to a local Salvation Army church, where they will be distributed at Christmas.

### **School Website and Social Media Development - Renewal of Consents 2021-22**

We are incredibly proud of our pupils and all that they do in school. We believe that their passion for learning and enjoyment of school is central to our success.

Over the years we have developed our school website to capture as much of the 'day-to-day' achievements of our pupils as possible. The 'news' section on our website is updated almost daily during term time and is packed with pictures and news from every class. We are very proud of it. If you haven't seen our news section recently, please [click here](#) to see more.

The way we use our website is changing as technology evolves. We updated our website last year and can now, amongst other things, share videos within news items. In addition, we have the option to automatically 'post' news items from our webpages onto the school's Facebook and Twitter accounts. These posts include a picture, some text from the website and a link to the full item on the school's website. This is a powerful tool that increases the reach of our news and website.

Over the years we have changed the parental permissions that we seek, as the way we use information changes. We now want to update our parental permissions to align with these new ways of using the website.

Next week, we shall send new parental consent forms out, which we would be grateful if you could sign and return to school. These forms reduce the number of consents we seek, drawing together website and school social media use.

### **St Paul's Recreation Ground – Refurbishment of ball area**

Over the last few years, the Friends of St Paul's Park and other community partners have made a number of improvements to the park next to our school. Last year the playground area was refurbished. The group have now secured funding for refurbishment of the basketball/football area and to put in a proper MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) and fence, plus some more landscaping.

The design has just been posted on council website. There's not a formal consultation but all feedback is welcome. The refurbishment works are planned for spring which means the area will be out of use for a few weeks. To look at the plans for this area, please click [here](#).

There is a 'hard copy' image of the plans attached to this Round Up.

### **COVID 19**

This week we have experienced very high levels of staff absence, due to illness as well as the rules around COVID isolation. Staff absence makes it harder to open and run the school. I am extremely grateful to those staff in school and those healthy at home for working together and showing great flexibility to keep the school running. We continue to follow and implement the COVID safety measures set out in our risk assessment and work closely with our local authority and health protection agency. Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms and act if you see any one of them, however mild. Any member of the school community with a new continuous cough, loss or change of sense of taste/smell or a temperature should isolate and seek a PCR test. Please do not send your child into school.

**Sayers Croft – Residential Visit**

On Monday, children from Year 6 will be going on their residential visit to Sayers Croft. We are delighted that, with careful planning and coordination, we are able to run the visit this year. Please hold these children and staff in your prayers, for a safe and successful visit next week. Photos from Sayers Croft will be on the news pages of the school website.

**School Meal Menu**

This half term, we have a new menu. This week’s menu is below:

## Menu 3

w/c 15/11  
w/c 06/12  
St Paul's Lunch Menu

<div style="background-color: #D9E1F2; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; width: 80%; margin: 10px auto;"> <p><b>Monday</b></p> <p>Demira's Chicken Pizza</p> <p>Margherita Pizza</p> <p>Sweet Corn &amp; Cucumber Salad</p> <p>Sultana &amp; Oat Cookies</p> </div>	<div style="background-color: #FFF2CC; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; width: 80%; margin: 10px auto;"> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p>Jumbo Fish Fingers</p> <p>Quorn Nuggets</p> <p>Crushed Potatoes</p> <p>Baked Beans</p> <p>Coco &amp; Beetroot Brownies</p> </div>	
<div style="background-color: #D9EAD3; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; width: 80%; margin: 10px auto;"> <p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p>Turkey Lasagne</p> <p>Roasted Vegetable Pasta Traybake</p> <p>Roasted Carrots &amp; Broccoli</p> <p>Strawberry Jelly</p> </div>	<div style="background-color: #F4CCCC; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; width: 80%; margin: 10px auto;"> <p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>Roast Beef</p> <p>Quorn Vegetable Roast</p> <p>Seasonal Roasted Vegetables</p> <p>Fruit Salad</p> </div>	<div style="background-color: #D9E1F2; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; width: 80%; margin: 10px auto;"> <p><b>Friday</b></p> <p>Stir Fry Chicken Noodles</p> <p>Singapore Vegetable Noodles</p> <p>Green Beans</p> <p>Cheese, Crackers &amp; Fruit</p> </div>

Allergen information available on request

If you would like your child to change their meal pattern – from packed lunch to school dinners, or vice versa – please contact the school office before making the change. We need a week’s notice prior to the change, as we need to adjust the food orders with our suppliers before a change can go ahead.

**EXTERNAL PARTNERS**

**Christmas Holiday Clubs**

This week we have been contacted by *Perform* and *Footy Fun 4 Kids* with details of Christmas holiday clubs they are running in the local area. I attach fliers with details of both clubs to this Friday Roundup.

**Contact:**

To contact the school, please send an email to [office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk)

To contact the Chair of Governors: [chair@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:chair@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk)