St Paul's Friday Round Up

Friday 3rd December 201
Welcome to our round up of news and information for the week.

COVID – Omicron Variant
Last weekend, the government announced the discovery of a new COVID variant: Omicron. Whilst little is currently known about it, they also announced a number of control measures. In school, all adults must now wear face coverings in public/communal areas of the school building. In addition, anyone identified as a contact of an Omicron case must isolate for 10 days, irrespective of age or vaccination status.

It is highly likely that further measures and possibly further restrictions may be imposed at short notice. We really want to run many of our normal Christmas events, as we recognise how important they are for the school community. However, we have to risk assess each event on an individual basis according to the context in the school and national guidance at the time. We must also seek adapt our plans in order to mitigate against potential virus spread.

As a result we have made some changes to upcoming events, in order to run them as safely as we can, rather than to cancel them (please be aware that if national guidance changes we may yet need to cancel).

PTA Christmas discos
Wednesday 8th December – 3:45-5:00pm – (KS 2) Years 3,4,5,6
Thursday 9th December – 3:45-5:00pm – (FS/KS1) Years N,R,1&2
This will now be held **outside** in the St Paul's site playground. We will all need to wrap up extra warm. We will have stalls selling hot dogs, hot chocolate and glow sticks. We will have a dance section in the playground. All children must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for their care throughout the event. The discos will only be for the children in the correct year groups and older/younger siblings cannot attend. If the weather is very poor, we shall need to cancel and will alert parents by text message.

On Wednesday 8th December children in Years 3,4,5,6 may wear their own clothes giving a £1 donation on the gate towards the disco. On Thursday 9th December R,1 & 2 children may wear their own clothes giving a £1 donation on the gate towards the disco. Please be aware that these are school days and so the children will need to dress appropriately.

We still need parent volunteers to support with setting up, running stalls and supervising children in specific areas – particularly on Thursday 9th December. If you are able to help, please email the school office on: office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

Nativity Performances
We need to reduce the audiences for the school's nativity performances.

The nursery nativity at 10am on Tuesday 7th November will only be for parents of children in the nursery. All adults will need to wear a face covering (unless medically exempt). The nursery nativity will be held in the school hall. Nursery parents should enter and leave the school via the vehicle gate opposite the church on St Paul's Road.

The Year 1 nativity at 10am on Thursday 9th November will only be for parents of children in Year 1. All adults will need to wear a face covering (unless medically exempt). The Year 1 nativity will be held in St Paul's Church. Parents should go directly to the church.

Class Parties

I shall provide further details on class parties in next week's bulletin.

School Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 15th December

The school Christmas Lunch will be held on Wednesday 15th December. **If your child usually has a school dinne**r, you do not need to do anything and your child will be given a school Christmas lunch. **If your child usually has a packed lunch**, you will have received an email from the school office this afternoon, inviting you to sign up for the lunch. **Please respond to this email by Wednesday 8th December**. Because we need to order the food in advance, we will be unable to add children to the Christmas lunch after Wednesday 8th December.

Christmas Appeal 2021

Thank you for the many gifts and wrapping paper that we have received in school for this year's Salvation Army appeal. The final day for gifts is **Monday 6th December**. I am extremely grateful to everyone for supporting this appeal, which really will benefit children in our community.

Final Day of the Autumn Term – Friday 17th December 2021

The final day of this term is Friday 17th December. We shall close early on this day, at 1:30pm. There is no aftercare club on the final day of the term.

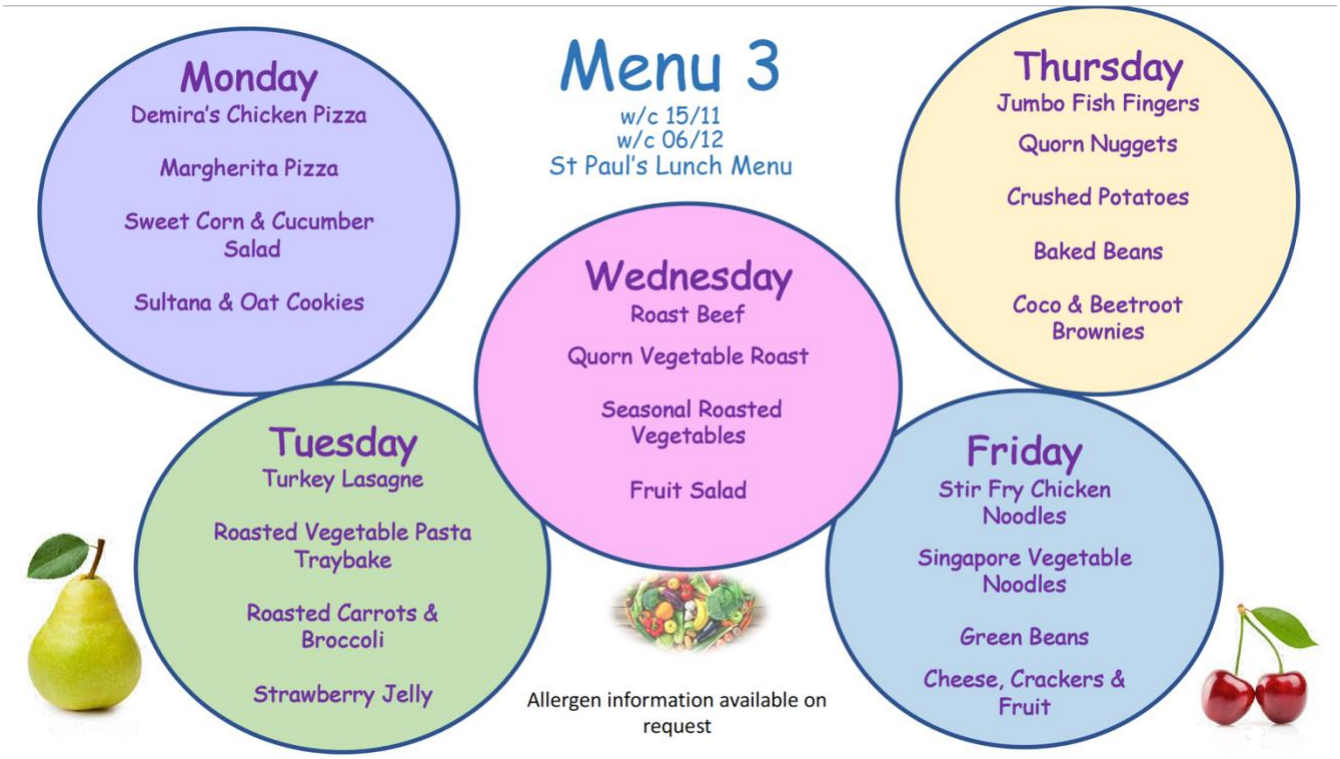
First Day of the Spring Term – Tuesday 4th January 2021

The first day of the Spring term is Tuesday 4th January. School opens on this day for all pupils at the normal time.

Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs, Chess Club and Peripatetic Instrument Lessons – renewals

Next week, we shall be sending home details of next term's sports clubs, chess and peripatetic instrument lessons. Please look out for these letters.

School Meal Menu
This half term, we have a new menu. This week's menu is below:



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

Brentford Christmas Market – 11/12/21 & 12/12/21
Please find attached to this bulletin a flier advertising a Christmas community event next weekend in Brentford.

Contact:
To contact the school, please send an email to office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

To contact the Chair of Governors: chair@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk