



# St Paul's Friday Round Up

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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

## **Half term works on St Paul's Recreation Ground Playground**

About a year ago there was a major refurbishment of the playground in St Paul's rec. Pupils in the school worked with local community groups to redesign the play space. There is a second phase of works to upgrade and improve the ball court area. These works are due to start over the February half term break. Whilst the works are underway, sections of the recreation ground will be cordoned off. I am sure that this disruption will be worth it when the new MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) and additional seating are completed and the area is reopened.

## **Home learning during COVID absence**

Despite very great challenges this term, we have managed to keep the school running and every class open for pupils. This has required quite significant flexibility from staff and I am very grateful to them. I am very conscious of the additional burden this places on staff. It is incredibly difficult to book supply teachers, so our options when staff are absent are extremely limited. We really do not want to close a year group or the school unless we really have to.

If your child develops COVID, symptoms or tests positive asymptotically, they cannot be in school. For pupils in this position, who are otherwise well, we set learning on Google Classroom. This learning is called 'ad hoc learning', as it is for individual COVID absence, rather than learning planned for a whole class or year group absence. The 'ad hoc' learning consists of four lessons a day taken from the Oak National Academy. The lessons include a video teaching sequence, delivered by a qualified teacher and linked learning activities which can be submitted to your child's teacher through Google classroom. These lessons are specifically designed for each year group and cover elements of the National Curriculum. The lessons are loaded to the Google Classroom by our administrative team. Once a lesson has been loaded to the Google Classroom, your child's teacher is notified. At the end of the school day or in the morning of the next day, your child's teacher will usually check the Google Classroom and respond to any messages and work that has been submitted. The ad hoc learning will not exactly mirror the learning happening in the classroom, but is age appropriate and planned against the national curriculum.

I appreciate that the context of every COVID absence is different. You may wish to add to the ad hoc learning offer. You can find detailed information about what is being taught in class from a number of sources. Firstly, there is the half-termly curriculum overview, which we send home as a hard copy early each half term, but can also be found as a download at the foot of the Year group page on our website. Secondly, there is much greater curriculum detail in the planning attached at the foot of each curriculum subject page. The subject pages and year group pages can be found under the 'learning' tab on the homepage menu bar. You can also ask your child's teacher about spellings, homework etc. through the Google Classroom stream. Please be aware that the teacher is not live on the stream, as they will be teaching in class, however they will check and respond to the stream when they are not teaching.

## **Headlice**

Headlice are endemic in the British population and advice from the public health authorities to schools is very different now from the past. There is no such thing as a 'nit nurse' and school staff do not check pupils' hair for headlice. Similarly, we no longer send home letters advising of a headlice outbreak, as it is now considered to be an endemic health issue and outbreak letters have not proved helpful in addressing the issue of headlice. Most children will experience a case of headlice whilst they are of school age and

some will experience it repeatedly. I know, having a daughter with long hair, that this can be an unpleasant and distressing problem.

The best way that we can address headlice is for all parents to be vigilant and check their own child's hair regularly, treating any evidence of headlice immediately. Tying up long hair can help and there are shampoos that contain ingredients that makes hair less attractive to headlice.

I have attached a leaflet called 'Once a week take a peek' which gives information and advice to parents on what to look out for, preventative measures and treatment advice for headlice. I hope that you find this information helpful.

### **Second hand uniform sale**

I am extremely grateful to the PTA for setting up and running the second hand uniform sale on Alexandra House site after school on Wednesday. These sales really help, especially as children grow out of uniform so quickly. I will share details of future PTA events in a future newsletter.

### **Parents' Workshop – Internet Safety – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – 3:45pm (St Paul's Site Hall)**

Mr Johnston, our Computing subject lead, will be holding a workshop for parents on safe use for the internet. The workshop falls on Internet Safety Day. The children will have a special assembly and lessons on that day in their classes.

### **Mufti Day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February, the final day of this half term, the children may wear non uniform (mufti) to school. We ask for a contribution of £1 towards school funds. Make up and party clothes should not be worn as the school day will take place as usual. The school day ends at the usual time.

### **INSET Day – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

The school will be closed to pupils on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February for an INSET staff training day. The school will reopen to pupils on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

### **World Book Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Mr Lacy and Mrs Lewis, who lead English in our school, will shortly share plans for our World Book Day celebration in early March. On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, children can come to school in Book Day costumes. The costumes should be inspired by a book. Often they are favourite characters. Designing or choosing a costume may be something to think about over half term. More detailed plans will be sent home before the event.

### **Spring Term Parents' Evenings – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March & Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

This afternoon appointment invitations for the spring term Parents' evenings were sent home in hard copy form with the children from Years 1-6. The arrangements for Nursery and Reception Parents will be slightly different and we shall send a letter with details of these meetings to parents in Nursery and Reception classes shortly.

Please complete the invitation form, listing your top three preferred appointment times and return it to the school office. If you have more than one child at the school, please include all your children on one form. We shall endeavour to allocate an appointment as close to the times you have requested as possible. Appointments are allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Your invitation will be returned once we have allocated an appointment to you, with details of your booking highlighted.

We can only make one appointment per child. Where families are separated, we encourage one parent to attend in the autumn term and the other in the spring term.

Please do not request a meeting with your child's class teacher outside of the appointment times in the week of or the week preceding or following parents' evening, as they will need this time for lesson preparation and administration. All appointments should be in the allocated parents' evening appointment times.

### School Meal Menu

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

**Monday**  
Beef Spaghetti Bolognese  
Vegetarian Bolognese  
Garlic Bread  
Mixed Vegetables  
Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream

**Tuesday**  
Jacket Potato  
Cheese  
Tuna/sweetcorn  
Baked Beans  
Lemon Drizzle Cake

**Wednesday**  
Caribbean Style Chicken  
Vegetable and Lentil Curry  
Rice and Peas  
Cucumber and Sweetcorn Salad  
Fruit Jelly

**Thursday**  
Fillet of Fish Burger in a Bun  
Vegetable Burger in a Bun  
Chunky Chips  
Cucumber Salad  
Coco & Beetroot Brownie

**Friday**  
Roasted Vegetable & Chicken Pasta  
Roasted Sweet Pepper & Courgette Pasta  
Mixed Vegetables  
Cheese Crackers & Fruit

**Menu 3**  
w/c 17/1  
w/c 7/2  
St Paul's Lunch Menu

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

#### Brentford Community Sports Trust – Half Term workshops

I attach to this Roundup a flier for activities that the BCST are running at Gunnersbury Park on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

#### Contact:

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

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