



St Paul's Friday Round Up

Friday 25th February 2022

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

Staffing Update

This week we welcomed Mrs Rajini Rajendra to the school. Mrs Rajendra is providing maternity cover for Miss Clark in the school office.

PTA Bake Off Competition – March 21st – 3:45pm

Later in March we will see the return of a very popular PTA event, the Bake Off. We haven't been able to hold this event for a number of years, due to COVID.

For the Bake Off, children can bake a cake, which is entered into the competition. Nearer the time we shall distribute entry forms and entry criteria. The School Council judge the cakes and prizes are awarded to the winning cakes. After school, the cakes are available to buy. In addition, we shall hold a second-hand book and board game sale, as well as a raffle. Some of the cake entered into this year's Bake Off will be kept aside to share with local vulnerable residents and key workers as part of this year's lent appeal. I attach a flier with details of the Bake Off event.

In preparation for the Bake Off, we would like to ask for **donations for the raffle**. This might be a prize that would be appropriate for a raffle or perhaps you might know a local business or company that you could approach and ask them to donate a prize (discount voucher, a 'free' activity etc). We shall be collecting raffle prizes up until 18th March – please bring them to the school office, where we shall pass them on to the PTA.

We would also like to ask for donations of good quality **children's books and board games**. Perhaps you have some books that your child has moved on from. We would welcome these for the Bake Off event. Please bring book and board games to the school office, where we shall pass them on to the school office.

Finally, if you have some free time on March 21st and would be willing to give an hour or two to support our enthusiastic PTA, helping to set up the Bake Off, helping to run a stall and/or helping to clear down after the event, please email your details to the school office on: office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk. We shall pass on your details to the PTA.

More PTA Activities

We shall be holding further second hand uniform sales and be running the holiday reading challenge later this term. Look out for more information on these events in future Roundups.

Works on St Paul's Recreation Ground Playground

The works on the basketball area which were due to start during half term are now well under way. Parts of the park have now been sealed off whilst the renovations are completed.

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day takes place on Thursday. I attach to this Roundup a flier advertising the day. Pupils can come to school dressed as their favourite book characters. The day will be spent exploring books and sharing our enjoyment of reading. There will be a costume parade on Thursday morning. I look forward to seeing some wonderful costumes.

Spring Term Parents' Evenings – Monday 14th March & Tuesday 15th March

Today, the parents' evening letters have been sent home confirming the time of your child's appointment. Please ask your child for the letter when they get home today. The office team will have highlighted the appointment that you have been allocated on the letter. This appointment will be the closest available time to the one you have requested. All appointments will be held on the Alexandra House site.

New Admissions arrangements for our school from September 2023

Following the consultation which we launched in December 2021, the governors have now formally 'determined' the school's admissions criteria for September 2023 onwards. We have simplified our admission criteria.

Our criteria from September 2023 onwards are exactly the same as most local schools. Looked after Children have the highest priority, with all other places allocated in essence by distance. Our Church of England primary school retains its strong Christian ethos, but we are removing 'foundation' places from our criteria. You have never needed to be a churchgoer to attend our school, our new admissions criteria reflect this.

From the 2023 admission round (starting in January 2023) applicants do not have to complete an additional supplementary form. Our 2023-24 admissions criteria can be found at the foot of the [admissions page](#) of our school website.

We believe that this change will make our school easier for local families to apply to.

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

W4/Lullah Sports – Free Football Coaching

I attach to this Roundup a flier for free football coaching for 10 years+ in Acton which may be of interest to you.

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