



St Paul's Friday Round Up

Friday 10th September 2021

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

First Day at School!

A huge welcome to our new Reception parents and children. It has been lovely to see the children start Reception class this week. They seem to have settled so well. I look forward to watching the children grow in confidence, skills and knowledge over the years. They have made a great start. There are some lovely pictures on the [news pages](#) of our website. Next week we shall be welcoming our new nursery children. I am sure that they will settle well.

School Events Calendar 2021-22

I attach to this Round Up a list of the events planned in school for this academic year. Many core events are planned well in advance. Others are arranged during the school year. Please add the attached dates to your family calendar. These dates can also be found on the [school calendar](#) on our website. The website calendar can be synced via Google Calendar with your electronic devices. Any change in the COVID pandemic restrictions may impact the dates in our annual plan.

CHANGE TO 2021-22 TERM DATES - Additional Bank Holiday – 2022 – The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The government announced in the summer an additional Bank Holiday in 2022 to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The additional holiday falls in the Summer Half term holiday 2022. Legislation has been put in place to adjust the school year, so that the additional bank holiday can be accommodated. What this means is that the 2021-22 school year will now finish a day earlier than we originally planned – on Thursday 21st July 2022, rather than Friday 22nd July. Please find attached to this bulletin an updated academic year calendar.

Secondary School Applications – for September 2022

We shall be holding an information meeting for parents of children currently in Year 5 and 6 to explain how the secondary school application process works and to answer any questions that you may have. This meeting will take place at **3:45pm on Wednesday 22nd September** on the St Paul's Site. All parents from Year 5 will be welcome to attend. We shall record and upload the meeting afterwards.

Part of the application process includes visiting secondary schools to get a feel for which might be right for your child. Most secondary schools are returning to on-site open evenings and Headteacher welcome events. These events take place throughout September and into November. I have attached to this Round Up the dates for state secondary schools in Hounslow. If you are interested in schools in other London Boroughs, you can find information on their websites about their open events. If you wish to take your child to an open morning during school time, please complete a leave of absence request. You can do this via the ['contacts'](#) section of the school's website.

I also attach to this Round Up a copy of the LBH secondary school application booklet and information about open events and the application process sent to me by three LBH secondary schools: Brentford School for Girls, Cranford Community College and Isleworth and Syon Boys School. I will attach information from other schools in future Round Ups if I receive it.

Music – Year 4 Recorder Lessons

Recorder lessons for all children in Year 4 will start on Friday 24th September. The children will be given a recorder, which they will take home to practise with. They should bring their recorder to school every Friday.

Music – Peripatetic Lessons

Miss Vanos, our Music Subject Leader, is finalising the arrangements for peripatetic ukulele and brass lessons for this term. We have had a very strong response for lessons. Peripatetic instrument lessons will begin in the week of 20th September. Ukulele lessons are on a Monday (first lesson 20/09) and brass on a Friday (first lesson 24/09). Miss Vanos will send confirmation of place letters to families on Monday next week.

To meet demand for starter ukulele lessons in upper juniors, Miss Vanos will invite Year 5 and 6 children to sign up for a new, after-school (25 minute) lesson on Mondays. If we have sufficient numbers, we shall run this class. The letters inviting Year 5 and 6 children to sign up will go out on Monday. We are asking for a response by Wednesday 15th September to determine whether the class is viable and will confirm whether it will go ahead on Thursday 16th September.

If your child had lessons last term, you should bring your instrument into school on the morning of your lessons. If your child is starting ukulele, you will need to purchase a ukulele (details of the type of ukulele will be shared in the confirmation letter). If your child is starting brass, you can hire an instrument privately or from Hounslow Music service (You will need to collect the instrument from the Hounslow Music Service in Pears Road, Hounslow). The brass tutor will need to meet your child and 'size' them to determine what instrument they need. Details of instrument hire and type will be shared in the confirmation letter.

The music service provides 10 lessons each term.

After-school Sports Clubs

This week, Miss James, our sports leader, sent invitations to sign up to this term's after-school sports clubs. The clubs start next week, as follows:

Tuesdays: Year 5&6 dodgeball

Wednesdays: Years 3,4,5 street dance

Thursdays: Year 1&2 multisports

The clubs all take place on the St Paul's site. Pupils should be collected from the St Paul's Site office at 4:45pm, unless they are enrolled in aftercare.

Reading Workshops for Parents

We have planned a series of workshops for parents to explain how we teach reading and how we can work together to share our passion for reading. During the workshops we shall share information about book choices, using the reading record and helping your child to develop into a keen and avid reader who has a deep understanding of the texts that they read. We have arranged the workshops according to different age groups. They are taking place as follows:

Year 3,4,5,6 Parents - **Wednesday 29th September 9am – St Paul's Site Hall**

Year 1 and 2 Parents – **Wednesday 29th September 3:45pm – St Paul's Site Hall**

Nursery and Reception parents – **Thursday 30th September 9am – Reception Classroom**

We shall endeavour to record and upload these meetings.

Winter Flu Vaccination Programme – Friday 1st October

As part of the NHS national vaccination programme, the school nursing service will be visiting the school on **1st October** to provide the annual flu vaccination for pupils from Reception to Year 6. The vaccine is delivered through a nasal spray. Next week letters will be sent home with more information about the vaccination programme, requesting your consent. Consent is given via the health service website (see the information in the letter). The school does not collect consent. Children for whom consent has not been given via the website in the information letter will not receive the vaccine.

Action:

Look out for the letter next week with details of the flu vaccination programme. If you would like your child to receive the vaccine, please follow the details in the letter to consent with the health service.

INSET Day – Friday 22nd October

Please note that the final day of this half term, Friday 22nd October, is an INSET day and the school is closed to pupils on that day.

Contact:

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