



St Paul's Friday Round Up

Friday 17th September 2021

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

First Day at Nursery!

This week we have welcomed our nursery pupils. They have settled so well and it is wonderful to see the nursery busy again. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our nursery and reception parents, as well as to the parents of children in other year groups, who have joined the school this week.

Fire Drill

This morning we had a fire drill in school. We practise leaving the building safely on a regular basis. I was very proud of all our children, as they left the building calmly and followed all the instructions. I was particularly impressed by our nursery and reception children who were doing this for the first time.

Secondary Transfer Meeting for Parents in Year 5 and 6 – Wednesday 22nd September, 3:45pm

We shall be holding an information workshop for parents with children in Years 5 and 6 on the St Paul's site. In the meeting we shall explain how the secondary school application process works and answer any questions that you may have. Do please come along to find out more.

A Return to Church

This week saw the return of clergy worship in-person. Rev Guinness and her team came to school on Thursday to lead worship for Years 1 and 2. Later in the morning Years 3-6 went to church. The theme of this week's worship was the parable of the talents. We thought about the talents and skills we have and how we can grow them. As part of the worship, the children in Years 3-6 all planted a bulb in the church garden. These bulbs will flourish and grow to produce beautiful flowers in spring. I am sure that our children will flourish in the same way, growing the talents they have been given.

It was lovely to be back in church and to meet the clergy team again. We were all very impressed with the refurbishment of the church and the new café. We also met the new curate, Chris. Sarah, Chris, Tipi, Leslie and Sara will continue to lead clergy worship for the school this year.

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.

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

Peripatetic Instrument lessons start next week. Ukulele lessons start on Monday and Brass lessons on Friday. Miss Vanos, our music subject leader, has sent letters to all pupils enrolled for lessons this week. The Year 5 and 6 after-school ukulele groups will go ahead. Miss Vanos will send confirmation letters to

these pupils today. Peripatetic lessons are led by tutors from Hounslow Music service. There are 10 lessons per term.

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. **To try and make the meetings available to as many parents as possible we have changed the plan. The morning AND afternoon workshops will be open to parents of children from Year 1 to Year 6. If you have a child in one of these year groups then you can come to either the morning or afternoon workshop.**

Year 1-6 Parents - **Wednesday 29th September 9am – St Paul’s Site Hall**

Year 1-6 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.

Please find a flier for these workshops attached to this Round Up.

Winter Flu Vaccination Programme – Friday 1st October

The letter regarding the winter flu vaccination programme (Reception to Year 6) was sent home in book bags and electronically earlier this week. If you want your child to receive the vaccine, please follow the instructions in the letter to give your consent. If you do not register your consent, your child will not be given the vaccination. I have attached a copy of the letter to this Round Up.

Action:

If you would like your child to receive the vaccine, please follow the details in the letter to consent with the health service.

St Paul’s Park Water Fountain

You may be aware that the Victorian water fountain in the centre of St Paul’s Park was refurbished last spring. The children, now in Year 3, were involved in the project and went to see the work in progress. They have been invited to participate in the official reopening of the fountain in early October. We shall send a letter about this to Year 3 parents later this month.

Harvest Service – Thursday 14th October 10am

Our Year 5 children will lead this year’s harvest service at St Paul’s church on Thursday 14th October. As part of the service, we make a harvest collection for the more vulnerable members of our local community. We shall send more information about this nearer the time. If you have a vulnerable neighbour who you think might welcome a harvest parcel of food, please send their details to the school office. We shall then arrange for a harvest box to be delivered to them shortly after the service.

New Noticeboard

We have recently had a noticeboard installed on the railings outside the school office. This week Miss Wellington, part of our administrative team, has started to put useful information on display in the noticeboard. We shall be adding to the board over time. I hope that you find this a useful source of information.

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