



Thursday 21st December 2023

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

Merry Christmas

We have had a wonderful advent in school, preparing for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. Once again, families have been very generous with cards and gifts for me and other staff – thank you all so much. I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and find time to relax and spend time together with your family.

Pre-schoolers 'Story and Craft' session – Tuesday 9th January 11am – 12pm

Mrs Riley, our early years lead, will be running a fun-filled story and craft session for pre-school children on the morning of Tuesday 9th January (directly after the Play Café at St Paul's Church). This session is open to pre-school children (including siblings, local families and pre-schoolers childminders with pre-school children). The workshop is a great way to come and experience Primary School. The workshop is free, but spaces must be booked via email. Please send an email with the names and ages of the children and number of adults attending to: office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk. We shall confirm and issue an admission ticket by email in the New Year. Do come and join us.

Mobile Phones, smart watches and other smart devices

As I set out in the Roundup two weeks ago, from the start of Spring term 2024, pupils will not be allowed to bring mobile phones, smart watches of other interactive devices onto the school site. These items are now banned from the school site.

First Day of the Spring Term – Monday 8th January 2024

The school reopens to all pupils, after the Christmas holidays, on Monday 8th January 2024 at the usual time.

150th Year Anniversary Celebrations

We shall be continuing to mark the school's 150th anniversary in the Spring term. We shall complete our printing project next term and have a number of other events. At the end of January, we hope to have a week focusing on the late Victorian period, when the school was founded. As part of this week, we intend to have Victorian dressing up day. On that day we encourage the children to come dressed in clothes that Victorian children may have worn. I wanted to give plenty of notice, so that you have a chance to think about and collate clothes for this day. I am sure that we shall have a fun and memorable week.

Menu

Please see next week's menu below.

	MONDAY	Tuesday	wednesday	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
week 1	Sweet & Sour Pork Noodles 1 Cauliflower &	Chicken Stew & Dumpling 1 Pesto Pasta Bake 177	Minced Beef & Yorkshire Pudding 1,7,9	Pasta Carbonara 1,7 Falafel Wrap 1 ve	Fish Fingers 1,8 Cheesy Bean Slice 1,7 v
30th Oct 27th Nov	Chick Pea Curry vs	Green Beans, Carrots	Lentil & Bean Loaf 1 vs	New Potatoes	Chips, Peas
8th Jan	Rice, Sweetcorn Peppers	Apple Crumble 1	Rustic Roast Potatoes Cauliflower, Broccoli	Seasonal Vegetables	Baked Beans, Coleslaw 9
5th Feb	Rice Pudding & Jam 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	& Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	Fruit Jelly, Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	Chocolate Swirl 1,7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1	Ginger Biscuit 1,15 Yoghurt 3,7
11th Mar	Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 3,7	Fruit Pots, Yoghurt 3,7	Fruit Pots

EXTERNAL PARTNERS

Christmas in the Parish of Brentford



Working families can get up to 15 hours of childcare per week for two-year-olds from April 2024 From 2 January, eligible working parents can apply for 15 hours childcare for their two-year-old.

Parents have until 31 March to apply for a code, with the best timing being mid-January to the end of February in case they need to provide further information to support their application. To apply for a childcare code each parent needs to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum/living wage and under £100,000 adjusted net income per year. This means that each parent needs to earn from just over £8,600 per year to be eligible for 15 hours a week of childcare during term time.

There is more information on the childcare support available to parents on the <u>Childcare Choices</u> website, where you can explore the early education entitlements and other government help with childcare costs.

Activities for children and young people taking place during the Christmas holidays – Information from Hounslow Council

Please share the following link with parents if they are looking for things to do over the Christmas break:

Hounslow Family Service Directory

Please also find below the link for parents to use if they are looking for childcare during the holidays: Family Service Directory - Search By Route (hounslow.gov.uk)

Holiday Activity Fund

HAF eligible Pupils



Other Pupils



Christmas Events at Boston Manor Park



Contact:

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