



# St Paul's Friday Round Up

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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

## **Back to School**

It has been so good to see everyone coming back to school this week. The children have done so well, settling back into class and getting back to a more normal school experience. Each class teacher sent home a newsletter this week with details of the curriculum for the rest of this term and a few reminders about class routines. In addition, there are pictures and news items from the week on our school [website](#). Do have a look at both the newsletter and the website.

## **COVID absence**

One of the most important measures in our system of control is ensuring that anyone:

- with COVID symptoms,
- living in a household or in a support/childcare bubble with somebody with symptoms,
- who has tested positive in the last 10 days,
- Living in a household or in a support/childcare bubble with somebody who has tested positive in the last 10 days,
- has been told to isolate by NHS tests and trace,
- Has been overseas and needs to complete a period of quarantine

Does not attend the school site. Instead, please contact the school office and let us know about your absence. We shall set remote learning for your child and support you in returning to school, once you are well and safe to do so.

## **Face Coverings**

All visitors over 11 years of age must wear a face covering when coming on to the school site. If you are exempt, please send an email to the school office on: [office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk) I am very grateful to the very great majority of adults who have worn a face covering. This keeps you and others safe.

Please continue to wear a face covering whenever you visit the school.

## **Catch up tuition and learning support**

The engagement with remote learning during the lockdown was very impressive, however we all know that the experience is not as effective as being in school. In the autumn term teachers made a series of comprehensive assessments of the children's learning to identify areas of learning loss. We have continued with this during the last lockdown and over the next few weeks teachers are undertaking a number of brief assessment activities.

All schools have been allocated additional funds to commission tuition for some pupils and further learning support for many pupils. This funding is known as the catch-up premium. We had set in place plans to start tuition in January, but were prevented from doing so by the national lockdown.

We are now working on a programme of tuition for identified pupils starting in the summer term. The tuition will take place in four blocks (each of three weeks) over the summer term. Mrs Cossar has sent letters this afternoon to the first 30 pupils, those in the first block of tuition. Our aim is to provide tuition to more than 100 pupils over the summer term.

In addition, we hope to bring in two additional teaching assistants for the summer term to work with individuals and small groups of pupils on specific curriculum areas. These children are being identified through our assessment. This provision is different from and additional to the usual teacher assistant support and Special Educational Needs intervention groups that we normally run.

Class teachers are also provided class focussed catch up support to their pupils in a special timetable slot every day of the week.

All of this additional support is designed to help our children catch up and develop areas of the curriculum that they may have missed or had insufficient practice in as a result of the national COVID lockdowns.

### **Term Dates 2021-22**

I have attached to this week's bulletin the school's term dates for the 2021-22 academic year. These dates can also be found on the school's [website](#).

### **Lent Appeal 2021**

We hope this term to use our Lent appeal to provide some care and cheer for residents of local care homes. We intend to hold a mufti-day in school later this term. Rather than bringing in money, we will ask the pupils to bring a chocolate Easter Egg to school on the mufti-day. We will then collect up the Easter Eggs, make some Easter cards and distribute them to local residential care homes. I will share further details in next week's Friday Bulletin.

If you know of an elderly or otherwise isolated neighbour who might appreciate a card and an Easter Egg, please send an email to: [office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk)

### **EXTERNAL PARTNERS**

#### **Easter Holiday Childcare Camp**

We have received details of a childcare holiday camp for the Easter Holidays. I have scanned the flier and attach it to this email, if it is of interest.

#### **Contact:**

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

To contact the Chair of Governors: [chair@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:chair@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk)