



St Paul's Thursday (Friday) Round Up

Thursday 1st April 2021

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

This is the final Round Up of the Spring term 2021. This has been a term like no other. I hope that you all manage to have some time to rest and relax together as a family. Do keep safe and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school in the summer term on Monday 19th April.



Lent Appeal 2021

On Monday this week, Rev Guinness, Tipi and I went to deliver the first batch of Easter Eggs to the residents of Lambert Lodge. The eggs were very gratefully received. Further deliveries are being made to other local residential homes. On Tuesday, Mr and Mrs Riley delivered some of the Easter Eggs to the Hounslow Foodbox. Some of the eggs have gone to vulnerable/isolated local residents. In addition, a batch of Easter Eggs has been sent to St John's church for the Family Food club provision during the holidays. These eggs will all bring joy and hope to the recipients. Thanks to everyone who has contributed.

COVID notification during the Easter Holidays

Should your child or a member of your household develop COVID symptoms, test positive for COVID or be notified by NHS Test and Trace to isolate, please contact the school office by email on:

office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk This is really important, as it enables us to contact any members of the school community who may have been exposed to the virus.

We notify all families of a positive case in school and then contact individual families where their child has been identified as a direct contact.

COVID Testing over Easter

The following information has been shared with us by Hounslow Public Health Department:

COVID-19 infection rates are still high in Hounslow, so it's really important families get tested twice a week to help stop the spread of infection. Rapid testing is available for those who **do not** have COVID-19 symptoms.

If you're a parent/guardian or in a childcare/support bubble with nursery school, primary school, secondary school and college aged children, you can collect a FREE pack of Rapid Tests.

Choose your nearest collection site [click here](#). No need to book. You must be over 18 years old and NOT have COVID-19 symptoms to collect your pack.

Other ways to get your family tested:

- You can access Rapid Tests via your employer if they are offering testing to employees
- If you unable to get test kit from your employer or a collection site, you can order a home test kit online: [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

- We also have local Testing [sites](#) where you can get tested and Mobile Testing Units. For locations and opening hours, please keep an eye on our [Twitter](#) page.

Who needs to take a test?

1. Your secondary school children AND
2. All household members over 18

Catch Up – National Tutoring Programme

All the letters notifying families of catch up tuition in the summer term have now been sent out to families. The first wave of tuition will start on 19th April. We have Ms Dunys and Ms Wagner joining us on Monday 19th April as our tutors. Ms Teixeira will also join us to provide teaching assistant catch up support in the summer term.

All children are involved in catch up provision in a variety of ways. Some will receive tuition from the tutors, others will work with teaching assistants and we have adapted the curriculum and timetable in response to our assessment to provide catch up support for all children.

The catch up support is additional to and different from the usual SEN support and Pupil Premium provision that is already integrated into the school's work.

Easter Performances – Reception and Year 3

In normal times Reception class and Year 3 would lead our Easter celebrations in the church. This year, this has not been possible. The classes have recorded their performances. These will shortly be uploaded to the news section of the school's website. We hope that you enjoy them. I would like to thank all the pupils and staff for working on these recordings.

Change to collection times for Year 1 in the Summer Term

The infant children have now got used to the staggered collection routines and we do not need so much time between the year groups. As a result, from Monday 19th April, Year 1 parents should come to school to collect their child at 3:20pm.

Stewardship of the Park



Sadly, this week I have received a number of complaints from local residents following a birthday party held earlier in the week in the park next to the school. After the party, there were significant amounts of litter and an abandoned shopping trolley. Keeping the park clean, attractive, safe and tidy is a collective responsibility. We all have a responsibility to clear up after ourselves and to dispose of litter safely, in order that the park is safe and attractive for others. I would like to ask all parents and pupils of the school to be mindful of this shared responsibility and to tidy up after themselves.

Unfortunately, the entire school community is held responsible for the thoughtless actions of a few and the reputation of the school and its pupils suffers as a result.

Dr Bike – Thursday 22nd April 2021

Miss Browne has re-arranged the Dr Bike session that was planned for earlier in the year. Dr Bike will visit the school on Thursday 22nd April. All staff and pupils can bring their bikes to school on that day for a maintenance and repair workshop.

EXTERNAL PARTNERS

Family Food Club

The Family Food Club is excited to be launching this Easter, providing fresh and free takeaway meals, food parcels and activities to any family with children that is in need of a helping hand.

Launched by a group of local volunteers, this club will run at lunchtime on Wednesday 7th and Wednesday 14th April for families to come and collect a takeaway hot meal, offering a choice of meat and vegetarian dishes. Food collection will be from St Johns Church Hall on St Johns Rd, TW7 6RU and will be compliant with COVID safety guidelines.

To book a collection slot please contact rachelmaclure@stjohnsisleworth.org.uk or text 07939472323 (Rachel).

I have attached a leaflet with more information on the Family Food Club to this Round Up.

London Borough of Hounslow – Easter Holiday Activities Programme

I have attached to this week's bulletin a flier with details of Easter holiday events open to all families during the school holidays.

St George's Chapel – Windsor Castle – Chorister School

I have attached a flier with information about the Chorister school for St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, which may be of interest to Year 3 families.

Keeping Up with Children's KS1- English and Maths through the wider curriculum – Parent Training through London Borough of Hounslow

The local authority is offering a training course to parents with pupils in Years 1 and 2 to familiarise them with the Infant curriculum and help them in supporting their children. I have attached a flier with details to this bulletin.

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