

Friday 15th September 2023

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

First Week at School

This week has been the first week of school for our Reception class and for the first group of our nursery class. These new pupils have settled in so well, quickly picking up the routines and expectations of school – well done. I am sure that they will thrive as the weeks go on.

It is nice to welcome new families to our school community. There are lots of ways to keep up-todate with what is happening in school and to get involved. The Friday Roundup is sent on a Friday afternoon to parents by email.

The school's <u>website</u> is full of information about the curriculum, news and a downloadable calendar of school events. Do check it regularly. You can also join the <u>school's Facebook account</u> where we share school news throughout the year.

Parent and Teachers' Association

This afternoon we had an initial meeting with parents to re-invigorate the Parent and Teacher Association (PTA). The PTA is a group of parents who work to organise and run community events for families in the school and those in our local community. Over the years this has included: discos, bake-off competitions, book sales, summer fairs and much, much more. The strength of this group lies with the parents of the school. We have always had a lot of support for the PFA and are keen to build on the many successes of previous years.

We had a really productive afternoon sharing ideas for this term. We are looking to put together a number of events this term, including a Quiz and Curry evening for parents and staff in November and a Christmas craft fair for N, R,Y1 & Y2, and a Christmas disco for our junior children. We have ideas for every term and are keen to get started in planning them. If you missed today's meeting, but would like to get more involved, please contact the school office (who can send on your details or speak to Emma (mother of Willow Y2 & Eden Y4), Maz (mother of Blossom Y2, Chase Y4) or Jenny (mother of Alice in Reception).

High School Admission Meeting & Curriculum evening for Year 5 & 6 Parents – Wednesday 27th September 2023, 3:45pm

As advertised last week, we shall be holding a workshop to explain the secondary school admission process to parents of children in Year 5 and 6 on Wednesday 27th September.

When we announced the new vertical grouping arrangements for Years 5 and 6 last term we pledged to hold a meeting to explain how the curriculum will be delivered. We shall include this meeting within the admissions meeting. I anticipate this longer meeting lasting until approx. 5:15pm.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - Choir

The re-enrolment phase for the school choir closed on Thursday this week. Over the week Mrs Metcalf and Mrs Lonsdale have been holding auditions for junior children who want to join choir for the first time. They were very impressed with the children's singing ability and potential. As a result, all the children who auditioned this week have secured a place in the choir. Payment for choir will open to pupils who auditioned this week on Parentpay at 4:30pm on Monday 18th September.

Please complete the payment to secure a place for your child. The first choir session starts on Wednesday 20^{th} September.

Extra-Curricular Club – New offer – Cooking club Y1/2

Miss Leanage, our Design and Technology leader, has been working with a third-party supplier to secure a cooking club for infant children in the autumn term on Mondays after school. The arrangements hadn't been confirmed in time for release in last week's brochure. Please find attached to this Round Up details of this club. Enrolment for this club will open to all Year 1 and 2 parents at 4:30pm on Monday 18th September.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - Chess, Multi-sports, Street Dance, Sewing

There are still a few places left in these clubs, do sign up quickly to avoid disappointment.

Peripatetic Instrument lessons

The re-enrolment phase for the peripatetic brass and ukulele lessons closed on Thursday this week. On Monday, children in Year 3 and 4 will have a ukulele taster assembly, after which enrolment for ukulele new starters will open on ParentPay at 4:30pm on Monday 18th September. Enrolment will close on Friday 22nd September. We currently have insufficient pupils to run brass lessons this year.

Homework 2023-24

The first pieces of homework went home today. Please look out for your child's homework, which will be due back to school next week. If your child is in Year 1-6, they will have reading homework (requiring an adult comment and signature in the red reading book), spelling words to complete a practice exercise on and learn (again their spelling book requires an adult signature) and a maths homework sheet. Homework for our youngest is lightly different – please see the newsletter from your child's teacher.

Year 6 Height and Weight check – Wednesday 20th September

On Wednesday the school nursing team will visit the school to complete national height and weight screening with Year 6 pupils. An email with further information was sent to parents of pupils in Year 6 on 12th September. I attach a letter with details of the screening to this week's Friday Roundup.

Reception – Year 6 Flu Vaccination – Friday 3rd November 2023

The annual Flu vaccination (administered by nasal spray) for pupils in Reception to Year 6 will be taking place on Friday 3rd November 2023.

Flu vaccinations will only be given with parental consent. The vaccination is free of charge. The consent process is electronic. If parents would like their children to have the Flu Spray they need to give consent online. **Children for whom consent has not been given online will not receive the Flu Spray.** The deadline date is midday on Thursday 2nd November.

In order to access the online consent form click on the following link <u>https://clchschoolimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu</u> you will need to enter the unique code for St Paul's, the code is **CL102524**.

Parents who wish to decline consent need to also do this online.

Menu

Next week's lunch menu is below:



Contact:

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