



St Paul's Friday Round Up

Friday 23rd October 2020

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

School meals

We shall be introducing a hot meal into our meal service from the first week after half term. We have never delivered hot meals to classes and will need to test and trial the system. We aim to work up the offer over the term. Some parents have asked whether they can sign up for the hot school meal day. We can't cater for daily changes between school dinners and packed lunches. However, so that children currently bringing in a packed lunch can try the hot meal offer, we plan to have a 'Dip in Day' for the hot meal service on Wednesday 18th November. We will share details on how to sign up for this 'Dip in Day' after half term.

We go nuts about nuts!

We have a small number of children across the school with complex allergies, some caused by nuts. As a result, we are a nut free school. If your child is having a packed lunch, please make sure that there are no nuts in it. Nutella spread contains nuts as do a few other lunchbox favourites. Please help us to keep everyone safe by avoiding any nuts when putting together your child's packed lunch

Action:

Please do not include Nutella or other nut containing foods in your child's packed lunch.

After school sports clubs

This afternoon the children in Year 3 will bring home a letter inviting them to sign up to an after school multi-sports on Thursdays. The Year 4 children will have a letter for an after-school dodgeball club on Mondays. The clubs will start in the week beginning 9th October.

Action Year 3 & 4 parents:

Look out for letter tonight. Pay for a place on Parentpay and return the completed paper reply slip to your child's class teacher on the return from half term.

Year 4 Dukes Meadow

Next half term the pupils in Year 4 will receive tennis lessons from coaches from the Dukes Meadow tennis club as part of their PE lessons. During the colder months children may wear black tracksuit bottoms and a plain coloured sweatshirt for outdoor PE.

Uniform

Our stocks of school uniform have now been replenished. If you would like new uniform, you can order via Parentpay. You can also phone through to the school office to place an order.

Action:

If you want new uniform items please order through Parentpay or phone the office.

PTFA Christmas Card and Gift Project

The PTFA Christmas card and gift project details were circulated by hard copy letter a couple of weeks ago. The deadline to submit your child's drawings and order is 3rd November.

Action:

Please send in orders and artwork with your child on 3rd November. They should give them to their class teacher on arrival.

Number November and Maths Dress Up Day

Next half term our November activities will start. We have a month's focus on key number skills such as learning number facts by heart and practising number and problem-solving activities. In addition, we have a dress up

day, when we create costumes with number and maths themes. This year's maths dress up day will be Friday 6th November. Mr Kearney, our Maths subject leader, will send more information about Number November after half term.

Action:

Start thinking about a number/maths theme costume for your child to wear on Friday 6th November.

Parent Feedback

Thank you to the parents who completed our quick survey in the St Paul's and Alexandra House main playgrounds yesterday after school. It was great to get your feedback. If you weren't there and would like to give your feedback, I have attached the questionnaire to this bulletin. Please do complete it and send it in to the school office. The feedback we have received so far has been very encouraging and helpful – thank you. We shall share the findings in a future Friday Roundup.

Action:

Drop in a completed feedback sheet to the school office via email or in the postage box (after half term).

Remembrance Day Poppies

We shall be supporting the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal as we do every year. This year we invite children to bring their contribution for the appeal to class on Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th or Friday 6th November. Each bubble will have a small bag of poppies to give in return for the contribution. Once the stock is used up we will close the appeal.

Action:

If you want to contribute to the Royal British Legion Appeal through school, please send your child in with a contribution on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday in the first week back to school.

Year 6 Parents – High School Applications

A reminder that the closing date for high school applications is on 31st October. Please ensure that you have submitted a completed application by the deadline. Late applications reduce the chances of getting a place in the school of your choice. Further information can be found on the [Hounslow Borough](#) website.

Action:

Complete your application for high school by 31st October 2020.

New school website

Our new school website will launch over half term!

INSET Day – Monday 2nd November

Just a reminder that Monday 2nd November is an INSET day and the school is closed to pupils. We reopen after half term on Tuesday 3rd November.

EXTERNAL PARTNERS

Tier 2 COVID

Last weekend the whole of London entered the government's Tier 2 category for COVID restrictions. The local authority public health team has shared with me a poster which explains the restrictions. I have attached it to this bulletin as a helpful reminder.

Safe Halloween

Whilst we do not mark Halloween in school, I know that some of our families participate in some of the activities such as 'Trick or Treating' in their neighbourhood. These activities present a risk of COVID infection spread and the local authority has drawn up some safety guidelines and advice for families who wish to participate. I have attached their guidance to this bulletin.

Designed & Made in Hounslow

'Designed & Made in Hounslow' is an exciting new project from the Adult learning service. The project is open to all adults to learn and refine handicraft skills, with a view to producing products that can be sold. Its aim is to help create small business opportunities through training.

Action:

Have a look through the 'Designed & Made in Hounslow' brochure attached.

Contact:

To contact the school, please send an email to office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk or phone: 020 8560 3297

The office gate is currently kept closed to reduce mixing. You can call the office from the gate if you need face-to-face support.

It has been a great start to the school year. I hope you all have a safe and peaceful half term, even if you can't go on a big holiday.