



St Paul's Friday Round Up

Friday 13th November 2020

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

Remote Learning Trial Afternoon – Tuesday 24th November 4pm

Over the last few months, we have been learning more about Google Classroom and practising using it in class as well as for homework. Should the school need to close for COVID, we will use Google Classroom as the primary means of delivering remote learning. It will take time for us all to get used to setting, receiving and submitting learning over Google Classroom. The staff have been working very hard to prepare to use the resources effectively.

On Tuesday 24th November at 4pm we are inviting as many pupils as possible to go home and join their Google Classroom from home for a remote learning trial. The teacher will 'open' the trial with a short live broadcast to the class at 4pm before setting a short lesson with a learning task to complete and return through Google Classroom. We anticipate the trial lasting about an hour. This will give you a chance to open up and explore the classroom from home, experience remote learning and practise completing and submitting learning. As the trial ends, teachers will mark and return pieces of work.

It is very likely that difficulties will arise during the trial. We will then work to address any difficulties that arise. I am sure that it will be a useful experience for us all. Next week we will send home an 'Acceptable Use Statement' which will set out the ground rules for working together on Google Classroom. We ask that you complete and return it to school before the remote learning trial.

Action:

Log in to Google Classroom from 4pm on Tuesday 24th November to help test run remote learning.

Year 2 Phonics Assessment – Week beginning 7th December

In normal years children complete a statutory phonics screening check at the end of Year 1. This is a national assessment programme used to indicate children's (phonic) reading ability. The children currently in Year 2 were not able to complete this screener last summer term in Year 1. As a result, the Department for Education has instructed schools to conduct the phonics screening check during the autumn term in Year 2. We shall be completing the phonic screening check with all Year 2 pupils in the week beginning 7th December. The Year 2 staff have been working hard with your children to prepare them for the screening check. Reading at home is also really helpful. If you want to know more about the screening check click [here](#). Also on this site, there are a range of free interactive practice games to enjoy.

Road Safety Week

Next week is National Road Safety Week. We shall mark this in school with a special (virtual) assembly. Year 4 will also take part in Pedestrian Training on Thursday 19th November.

EXTERNAL PARTNERS

Department for Education Information for Parents on COVID Lockdown

The Department for Education has recently updated its information for parents on COVID lockdown in schools. You can find the updated guidance by clicking [here](#).

Contact:

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To contact the Chair of Governors: chair@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

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