



St Paul's Friday Round Up

Friday 4th December 2020

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

Peripatetic Instrument Tuition

The ukulele and brass peripatetic lessons for Years 3 and 4 are filling up fast. This afternoon, Mr Browne our recorder and brass teacher, gave a short demonstration of the trombone and tuba to the Year 3 and 4 children. If you would like to sign your child up for these lessons, please see the information below.

There will be two brass lessons on a Friday afternoon, one for Year 3 children and one for Year 4 children. The lessons last approximately 25 minutes and have up to 5 children in them. There will be ten lessons a term. A term's lessons will cost £50 (£5 per lesson). Pupils who are eligible for the Pupil Premium will have a reduced cost of £30 (£3 per lesson). The complete term must be paid for in advance of the first lesson. The exact brass instrument that your child will learn depends upon the size and shape of their mouth. The tutor will assess and recommend the correct instrument later this term. Brass instruments can be hired through the Hounslow Music Service. We will share details of instrument hire once your child's place has been confirmed. The school will cover the cost of instrument hire for Pupil premium pupils.

There will be four ukulele lessons on a Monday afternoon, two for Year 3 children and two for Year 4 children. The lessons last approximately 25 minutes and have up to 5 children in them. There will be ten lessons a term. A term's lessons will cost £50 (£5 per lesson). Pupils who are eligible for the Pupil Premium will have a reduced cost of £30 (£3 per lesson). The complete term must be paid for in advance of the first lesson. Ukuleles are not available to hire from the Hounslow Music service. Once a child's place is confirmed, we will share details of the type of Ukulele you should purchase for your child. The school will purchase ukuleles for Pupil Premium children.

If you would like to enrol your child for lessons, please log on to Parentpay and pay a £10 deposit. We shall close the process on Monday 7th December. We shall confirm your child's place in the week of 7th December. The remaining balance of £40 (non-pupil premium) and £20 (pupil premium) will be due by Friday 8th January 2021. If a balance is not paid, places will be re-offered.

Action:

Year 3 & 4 parents - Log on to Parentpay on to sign your child up for peripatetic instrument lessons, the portal will close on Monday 7th December.

Christmas Presentations

Thank you for returning the permission slips for our Christmas recordings. The classes have been working hard to put together their various Christmas presentations. We hope to be able to share them with you in the final week of this term. More details in next Friday's Round Up.

School Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas lunch will be served to children in their classrooms on Wednesday 16th December. If your child has a packed lunch, but you would like them to have the Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December, please sign them up. **To sign up:**

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, send an email to office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk with the subject "Christmas Lunch", include your child's full name and class. We must receive this email by 3pm on Thursday 10th December. You will then receive a confirmation that your child will be given a Christmas lunch on 16th December. You do not have to pay anything, as your child is eligible for UFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meals).

If your child is in Year 3,4,5 or 6 AND is eligible for Benefits related free school meals, with the subject "Christmas Lunch", include your child's full name and class. We must receive this email by 3pm on Thursday 10th December. You will then receive a confirmation that your child will be given a Christmas lunch on 16th December. You do not have to pay anything, as your child is eligible for FSM (Free School Meals).

If your child is in Year 3,4,5 or 6 and IS NOT eligible for Free School Meals, select 'Christmas lunch' and pay the £2.20 for your child's meal.

All emails/bookings must be made on Parentpay by 3pm on Thursday 10th December 2020.

If your child already has school meals, carry on your booking as usual, you do not need to do anything special.

Action:

Follow the instructions above to sign your child up for the school Christmas lunch.

Christmas – Foodbank Donations

We would like to collect donations for Hounslow Foodbox on Thursday 10th December. These will be collected at the school gates on arrival. We shall introduce the appeal to the children in Monday's assembly and send home details with them at the end of the day. If you are able to donate, please do so.

If you or your family are experiencing hardship and would benefit from the support of the foodbank, please make contact with me and I can arrange to make a referral for you.

Action:

Look out for the donation details on Monday and bring donations to the school on Thursday 10th December.

Breakfast Club & Aftercare – Spring term 1 2021

Bookings for breakfast club and aftercare are open for next half term. Again, we ask for a commitment of three days minimum, for half a term. There are 6 weeks next half term. If you would like to book a place for your child in breakfast club (£4.50 a session) or in aftercare (£10 a session), please send an email to office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk with the subject "Breakfast club/aftercare" or phone the office on 020 8560 3297 by Friday 11th December. Please include the club and the days that you will need it for in your email. Once your booking has been confirmed we will notify you and the payment will appear in Parentpay. The balance for the term's clubs will need to be paid by Friday 1st January to secure your child's place.

Action:

Email or phone the office by Friday 11th December to book a place in breakfast or aftercare for next half term.

Instagram and other social apps

I am aware that there is a Year 6 Instagram group currently operating. This has not been setup by the school. Over the week a number of concerns have arisen out of this group. The group appears to contain adults and children. There appears to be communication about adult issues that cause anxiety and fear in children. Children in the school appear to be using this account at anti-social hours.

Instagram has a recommended age threshold of 13. This and other popular apps such as Tiktok, Facebook and others are not designed for primary aged pupils, despite their evident popularity amongst children. This popularity is fuelled by peer pressure on children and adults alike. Your child may well tell you that everyone else has the app.

It is concerning that this group is causing fear and anxiety amongst a group of our pupils. I would urge all parents to delete these accounts from their child's devices.

EXTERNAL PARTNERS

Active Lockdown

The school nursing service have put together a guidance poster to support primary pupils who may need to isolate due to COVID symptoms. Please find the poster attached to this bulletin.

Contact:

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

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

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.