



St Paul's Friday Round Up

Friday 17th December 2020

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

Christmas Holidays

We have finally reached the end of the Autumn term and the end of a very challenging year for us all. I am very proud of my staff, pupils and the entire school community for the way they have risen to every challenge and kept the school running despite the very many obstacles we have all faced. Thank you for working with us, adjusting to the many changes in school routines and encouraging your children. I hope that however different it is, you all find space to rest and spend time together to mark Christmas and the hope that Jesus' birth brings to us all at Christmas.

COVID Arrangements

The need to track, trace and isolate continues into the Christmas holidays. We all have a part to play.

Action:

If AS THE TERM ENDS, your child was off school with COVID symptoms or was isolating because somebody in the household has symptoms, please let us know the outcome of your test immediately result **EVEN IF THIS DURING THE HOLIDAYS**. Please email the school office on: office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

If DURING THE HOLIDAYS your child or anyone in your household develops COVID symptoms, is contacted by test and trace and is advised to isolate or needs to quarantine, please let us know the outcome of your test immediately result **EVEN IF THIS DURING THE HOLIDAYS**. Please email the school office on: office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

This is essential as we need to work with Public Health England and the Local Authority to contact other members of the school community who may have been in direct contact of the need to isolate.

Return to School

We are due to return to school on **Monday 4th January 2021**. As I type there is intense speculation about the start of the spring term. If the government guidance for primary schools in England changes during the holidays I will contact parents via email once we have worked out the implications for our school. At present I anticipate a full opening as normal on Monday 4th January.

Return to School – COVID Arrangements

I hope that you all stay safe and well over the break, however if:

- any member of your household develops COVID symptoms in the new year
- is waiting the result of a test
- has tested positive
- has been contacted by Test and Trace and told to isolate

Action:

If your child or household meet any of the above, you **must not** bring your child back to school on Monday 4th January. Please contact the school office via email on: office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk and phone the office on Monday 4th January.

Virtual Christmas Celebrations

If you haven't yet seen them, do please have a look at the various Virtual Christmas events that we have recorded over the last few weeks. This was the first time we uploaded video to our website and there were a few teething issues earlier in the week – I think we have now overcome them. I know that these videos don't replace the real thing, but I hope that you have as much fun watching them as the children had performing them!

Action:

Watch our Virtual Christmas celebrations on the school website. Click [here](#) to view them.

Year 5 and 6 Cycle Training

At the start of next term we shall be offering cycle training to pupils in Year 5 and Year 6. There are limited places and Year 6 pupils will be prioritised if demand is high. A letter with further details and a sign up form is being sent home with pupils today.

Action:

Parents in Years 5 and 6 – look out for the paper letter with details of the cycle training offer and complete and return the slip if you wish to enrol your child.

Dr Bike – Thursday 7th January 2021

To coincide with the cycle training, Dr Bike will be visiting the school on Thursday 7th January 2021. Dr Bike offers free bike safety checks and repairs for all pupils and staff. Any pupil or staff member who wants their bike to be checked over by Dr Bike should bring their bike to school on Thursday 7th January. The bike should not be locked, so that Dr Bike can work on the bikes during the day.

Action:

Bring your child's bike to school on Thursday 7th January, if you would like Dr Bike to give is a safety check and repair.

EXTERNAL PARTNERS

Jolie Ronde French Club

Over many years, Jolie Ronde have provided after school French lessons to pupils in the school. Since the pandemic started, they have moved to an online format. Please find details of their offer attached to this bulletin.

No Place for Hate – Art Competition

The Local Authority have organised an art competition to highlight the issue of hate crimes and to promote a positive message. Please find a flier for the competition attached.

Nobody Alone at Christmas

This Christmas will be unlike any other. I am sure that for some it will be a very difficult time with mental health, finance and food being amongst some of the biggest worries. There are many organisations that can help and the local authority have prepared a list of contact details to help families across the borough. Here is school we are keen to help where we can, please do come and speak to one of us if you are struggling. I have attached the LA contact form 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.