

FRIDAY ROUND UP

Friday 13th September 2024

Welcome to our Round Up of news and information for the week

Welcome

This week the children starting nursery this year had their first days in school. It is lovely to see them settling into the Early Years base and to welcome them and their families to St Paul's School. I am sure that they will thrive this year. We also have pupils across the school who have joined classes from year 1 - 6. I have met many of them around the school and am pleased to see that they are settling in to the school. Welcome to them and their families. Next week, our Reception class children will start to attend school. This is a very special part of the academic year.

For parents starting in the school, there is lots of information on our school <u>website</u>. You might also want to join the school's <u>Facebook feed</u>. Each Friday in term time I send a copy of the Friday Roundup via email to parents. The Roundup gives details about upcoming events and activities in the school. If you don't receive it, please contact the school office, who will add you to the mailing list.

I attach to today's Roundup the annual calendar and term dates. There is a calendar section on the school website, that you can sync to your electronic calendar.

If you have any queries or questions, please speak to a member of staff on the school gate or contact the office team who will be happy to help.

Peripatetic Instrument Lessons Start next week

This term's peripatetic instrument lessons start next week. Ukulele and Guitar lessons start on Monday and Brass on Thursday. Children having ukulele and guitar lessons should bring their instrument to school on Monday – they will take it straight to the music lesson room. They should bring their instrument home at the end of the day, to practise during the week. Please see the emails sent this week from the office for details of instrument purchase and hire.

Children starting brass lessons will be 'sized' for an instrument on Thursday. Following the lesson, they will be given a letter with details of the appropriate brass instrument they will need. This can be hired from Hounslow Music Service. From the second lesson, children should bring their instrument to school on Thursday morning – they will take it straight to the music lesson room. They should bring their instrument home at the end of the day, to practise during the week.

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There are 10 peripatetic instrument lessons a term, the planned dates for this term were included in the extra-curricular clubs Autumn Term brochure (this can be found on our <u>website</u>).

Extra-Curricular Clubs

This term's extra-curricular clubs start next week. There are a few spaces left in Streetdance (please book on Parentpay). All other clubs are now full.

Secondary School Admissions – September 2025

Parents with pupils in Year 6 will need to complete an application for a high school place by the end of October this year.

We shall be holding an information meeting for parents of pupils in Year 6 (and Year 5) at **2:30pm on Monday 23rd September 2024 on the St Paul's Site**. You do not need to book, just come to the school office. During the meeting we shall give details about the admissions process. Many of the secondary schools have open evenings in September and October. These evenings are helpful in finding the right school for your child. Check the school websites for details of upcoming open evenings and events for Year 7 admission.

Looking for....

We are looking to create a breakout space for some of our SEN children in one of our garden areas. To help enrich this space, we are looking for the following items. If you have any that your child no longer uses and would be happy to donate them to the school, please bring them to the school office for the attention of Mrs Lee:

Good roots run deep.

- second-hand mud kitchen tools, eg. pots and pans, etc. (just the tools, not the actual kitchen)
- second-hand indoor kitchen plastic / wooden food and indoor kitchen utensils, eg. bowls, cups, teapots, pots and pans, plates, etc. (again, just the tools and food, not the actual kitchen)
- second-hand playdoh tools and toys.

Medical Appointments during the School Day

We have a really good attendance record in the school, which is really important for learning. We work hard with our parents to minimise school absence for appointments. Please see the guidance below, which we have devised to support this:

Short notice appointments due to illness

Children who need to go to the doctor because they have become unwell should stay at home, as they are ill, and be taken to the doctors. Please notify the school office on the first and subsequent days by telephone or email before the start of the school day.

Non-urgent, routine appointments

Appointments such as dental check-ups and non-urgent dental treatment, optician appointments and routine doctor appointments or vaccinations should not be booked during the school day. Such appointments should be scheduled after school (leaving adequate time to travel to the appointment) or during school holidays.

Paediatric hospital clinic appointments

Some hospital appointments may only occur in working hours, on specific week days. Where this is the case, we ask parents to endeavour to book these on working days during school holidays. In some cases, we recognise that this may not be possible. Where this is the case, we ask that you apply for leave of absence, in good time. This can be done <u>online</u>, or by completing a paper form, available from the school office. You will be asked to provide a copy of the appointment details from your hospital letter (Where letters include specific health information, we do not need this – however it is important to give some more general detail about the reason for the appointment).

Taking siblings out of school

On the rare occasions that an absence during the school day is authorised, we do not allow a sibling to be collected at the same time. Instead, we ask parents to make arrangements for the sibling to be collected by another adult, or to make use of the school's aftercare club.

Notification of Illness

Should your child wake up ill and not be fit to come to school, please notify the school by 9am, either by email or telephone. You should then contact the school each subsequent day that they are off school ill.

It can sometimes be difficult to determine whether your child needs to be off school ill. We follow the <u>UKHSA guidance</u>. Whilst we cannot instruct parents, we can give advice and are happy to do so, please contact the school office if you need advice on illness and absence.

Menu

Next week's lunch menu is below:

WEEK 3	Sweet Chicken Curry	Sausage Roll 1,6	Roast Pork & Gravy	Meatfeast Pizza 1,3,7,9	Fish Fingers 1.8
	Cheesy Pasta 1,7 v	Quorn Sausage & Gravy 1 v6	Samosa Puff 1 vs	Margherita Pizza 1,3,7,9 v	Summer Frittata 7.9 v
29TH APR 3rd JUNE 1st JULY 16th SEPT 14th OCT	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7.8.9 Rice, Seasonal Vegetables Herby Bread 1.3.7.9 Apple Crumble 1 vs & Custard 7 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 vs Fruit Pots vs	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7.8.9 Mashed Potato Baked Beans, Broccoli Banana & Toffee Cake 1.7.9 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 ve Fruit Pots ve	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7.8.9 Rustic Roast Potatoes Green Beans, Carrots Crispy Cake 3.7.16 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 ve Yoghurt 3.7 Fruit Pots ve	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 78,9 New Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Peppers Lemon Drizzle Cake 1,9 Mr Nourish Biscuit 1 ve Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots ve	Jackets with a Choice of Toppings 7,8,9 Chips, Peas Baked Beans, Cucumber Sticks Caramel Cookie 1,7 Yoghurt 3,7 Fruit Pots ve

EXTERNAL PARTNERS

Brownies - St Mary's, Isleworth

The Brownie pack at St Mary's Isleworth have places available at the moment for girls aged 7-10 (Ys2-5). We meet on a Wednesday from 6-7:15pm in the new hall term time only. For more details, please WhatsApp us for more details - 7548 506062



London Borough of Hounslow, Festival of Storytelling

As we approach the end of September, we're excited to share the final events of the Hounslow Festival of Storytelling. These events are perfect for students and families,

offering a rich blend of culture, creativity, and community. **Entry to all events is free,** and everyone is welcome.

Saturday, 21 September – Feltham. 11 AM – 4 PM. The Centre, 210 High Street, Feltham, TW13 4GU.

Sunday, 22 September – Feltham. 12 PM - 4 PM. The Centre, 210 High Street, Feltham, TW13 4GU.

Saturday, 28 September – Chiswick. 11 AM - 4:30 PM. Chiswick Library.

For more information, please visit Summer of Culture's web (<u>Hounslow's Storytelling</u> <u>Festival 2024 (inhounslow.com)</u>). We look forward to celebrating the power of storytelling with you.

Contact:

To contact the school, please send an email to <u>office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk</u> To contact the Chair of Governors: <u>chair@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk</u>

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