



St Paul's CofE VC Junior School Newsletter

Newsletter: October 23rd 2020

COVID RELATED NEWS

- A reminder that the school reception is open daily, please come to the hatch or contact Mrs Roberts and her team on 01749 343250 or message on Clasdojo or email stpauls@educ.somerset.gov.uk
 - We continue to recommend the use of a face-covering when dropping off or collecting your child.
- Please also adhere to the recommended social distancing guidelines when talking to other parents/carers or members of staff.

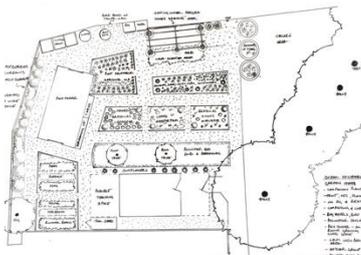
Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well. With half term approaching, it might be useful to remind parents that we are on INSET day on Monday 2nd November.

I also wanted to start by saying a huge thank you to all the staff who have worked incredibly hard this term. It has been a very busy time with many new things to organise to ensure that the school is safe for everyone. All staff have gone above and beyond to ensure that the children have stayed in their class bubbles and been kept safe at all times.

Forest School This half term Year 3 have been introduced to the joys of our Forest School. The children have been fantastic at learning and respecting the Forest School boundaries and have had a wonderful time exploring the site and often getting very muddy! We are looking forward to having more adventures together after half term.

Parents Evening Our teachers held their parent consultations recently. For the first time this was done via telephone and we thank all parents for their support in ensuring that the system ran smoothly and mostly to time. It was encouraging to receive feedback from so many on how well the children have settled since coming back to school after a long period out.



Well-Being Garden We've registered with easyfundraising, a great site where you can raise money for St Paul's CofE VC Junior School with your everyday online shopping.

We want to raise as much as possible for our **Well-Being Garden**, which is being developed behind the Year 4 classroom. So please sign up and help us at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpaulscofevcjuniorschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=t1

Questionnaire We are currently gathering your views from this term to identify areas for development for us. Currently we have 83 returns out of 323 children. The questionnaire only takes a few minutes and the information is really helpful to us. Thank you

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3Uw9KN7IV06XfymowbLfemygnouMZDIBnYvOAbb34ENUNUtVQThVMk9BQUxTSU43WUg2SVJaMlcwMy4u>

Friday, 23rd October – Break up for Half Term

Monday 2nd November INSET day
Tuesday 3rd Children return to school
Tuesday 10th Yr4 Rainforest Workshop Day
Monday 16th November Yr6 Viking Visit
Friday 20th November Flu Immunization
Friday 18th December Break Up



Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing Physical health and mental wellbeing are interlinked, and it is important that children understand that good physical health contributes to good mental wellbeing, and vice versa. Since lockdown in March, we have all spent more time at home and less time out and about. Children, in particular, may have stopped attending clubs that kept them active before. Sticking to regular routines became more difficult when schools closed so bedtimes went out the window! Lack of routine also meant that structured mealtimes became less important as we grazed through the long days. If your child is finding it difficult to get back into the swing of things, Mentally Well Schools have created a poster, which are displaying around the school after the ½ term break. We would encourage you to take a look at them with your child and try some of the tips included.

Golden Mile The children take part in the Golden Mile across the school, organized by Mr Evans. So far a combined total of 4,287 miles have been completed this half term by all classes. The highest class is Cornhill with 773.28 miles. 2nd was Foxwell with 544.96 miles and 3rd was Mendip with 530.77 miles. The highest lower school class was Garton with 446.46 miles, 2nd was Charlton with 326.61 miles and 3rd was Langhorne with 291.26 miles.

Highest individuals were;

- Matt S 50.31 miles
- Maisie G 30.14 miles
- Filip P 34.10 miles
- Keira A 23.14 miles
- Jacob V 29.35 miles

- Dylan L 48.57 miles
- Ashleigh M 46.17 miles
- Jake Ms 13.09 miles
- Alex B 15.86 miles

Attendance term

One of the areas the school is working hard to improve is the attendance of children at St Paul's. The United Nations Convention on the rights of the child entitles them to a Right to Education (Article 28). If the attendance drops below 95%, this could potentially affect any future Ofsted judgement, as well as children missing vital learning which reduces their chances of success. Please help us to continue the upward trend by ensuring your child comes to school every day and on time. Attendance 97.11% overall from September to End of Autumn 1st Term. Thank you for your support

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| Yr 3 = 98.10% |
| Yr 4 = 97.53% |
| Yr 5 = 97.04% |
| Yr 6 = 95.93% |

Open Days Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and our priority of keeping the community safe. We have **not**



allowed adults to walk around your child's class. Therefore, later this year, we are running **Virtual Open Days** to give you an opportunity to find out more about St Paul's CofE VC Junior School. We have already held virtual parents' meetings and will be inviting the community to view our 360 virtual tour shortly. If you know any parents that might be interested in joining our school or require any further information, please contact the office on 01749 343250 or visit our website. <https://www.stpaulsjuniorsomerset.org.uk/> or youtube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCy2Xjq7h0Y0lp1ly_i6SXMQ

Netflix Parental Controls Many families use Netflix as one of their main sources of viewing. It's vital to supervise what our children are watching and use the settings available to reduce the risk of them coming across inappropriate or upsetting content. Netflix has its own guide to using Parental Controls at: <https://help.netflix.com/en/node/264>

Have a great ½ term break and see you on Tuesday 3rd November.

Chris Partridge