



February 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for reading our Newsletters and following our new feeds on Dojo and [Twitter](#)!

The Russian invasion of Ukraine I am sure many of you will have watched the events in Ukraine unfold over the last week or so. I have asked all teachers to reassure pupils as much as we can, about this current conflict. Having heard some comments in the playground and overheard conversations between

children yesterday, I think this is something that would be useful for them. The resources teacher will share are child friendly for example:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60568631>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround#more-stories-2>

<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/ukraine-first-news-explainer/>

One of the main messages is to reiterate that not everything passed on through social media or 'playground talk' is entirely true and if children wish to ask questions/share worries, that is of course ok, but it's important to ask a trusted adult rather than believe things they may see or hear. If you have any questions please let us know.

Covid restrictions You will know I am sure, that the Government has relaxed most of the COVID-19 restrictions from 24th February. This means that face coverings are not generally required in schools and there is no requirement to test regularly, or isolate except if you have a positive test result. Good hand hygiene and ventilation remain important ways to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Therefore, please remind your children to continue using hand sanitiser provided, or wash their hands well with hot water and soap.

I have summed up the guidance for schools in the bullet points below:

- If your child has any of the main symptoms of Covid-19 (a recent onset of a new continuous cough; a high temperature; or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell) you should order a PCR test for them. Your child should stay at home and avoid contact with other people while they wait for the test result.
- If you can, you should let people who your child may have been in close contact with know about the positive test result.
- Children and young people with Covid-19 should not attend school while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from five days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these test results are negative they should return to school, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.
- If you or your child lives with, or have stayed overnight in the household of someone who has Covid-19, you or your child are advised for ten days to:
 - minimise contact with the person who has Covid-19;
 - avoid contact with anyone you or your child knows who is at higher risk of becoming severely unwell
 - limit close contact with other people outside of your household, especially in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces;
 - wear a well-fitting face covering made with multiple layers or a surgical face mask in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces and where you or your child are in close contact with other people.

- However, children and young people who live with someone who has Covid-19 should still continue to attend work as normal and abide by the guidance above.

Attendance At the beginning of the academic year the new Secretary of State for Education stated that 'it is a national priority that children regularly attend school, this is important for their education, wellbeing, and long-term development. Attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age'. As a school we regularly monitor attendance and issue specific letters as and when it is considered necessary. Some letters will be for reference, to allow parents to see their child's percentage of attendance across a specific time period and then detail what this percentage would mean to their child across an academic year. Other letters may refer to time taken off for illness. Obviously, we understand and appreciate that illness occurs, however, illness that does not necessarily warrant being off of school, may prompt a letter, depending on how that time has affected your child's attendance figure. As we are now fully back in school the expectation for attending school is extremely high.



1 - Physical Education DAYS! [Click Here](#)

- *Year 3- Thursday*
- *Year 4 - Monday*
- *Year 5 - Wednesday*
- *Year 6 - Tuesday*

Uniform - Please make sure your son or daughter is sent in the correct uniform to ensure we are maintaining our usual high standard across school. Can I remind parents that black jeans or leggings are not part of school uniform.

***New Members of staff-** We are pleased to announce a growth in the members of staff working at St Paul's following some internal promotions and new positions being made available.*



2 - Mrs Kate Williams: Non- class based teacher, supporting children across the school



3 - Mrs Debbie Phillips: Family Well-being Coach



4 - Mrs Julie Robbins: Higher Level Teaching Assistant (Well-being Coach & EAL Coordinator)



5 - Mrs Becky Ware: Teaching Assistant



6 - Mrs Abbi Candy-Neighbour: Teaching Assistant



7 - Miss Kayleigh Fowler: Teaching Assistant



8 - Mrs Lindsey Davies: Teaching Assistant



9 - Mrs Sarah Cooper: Lunchtime Supervisor



10 - Miss Katie Helps: Office Manager

New Position available- RECEPTIONIST / Administration Assistant

Join Our **TEAM**

Position Start Date: April 2022

Pay Range: Grade 15 pt 3

28 hours per week, 39 weeks per year + 1 week – Fixed Term in the first instance.

We are seeking an organised, enthusiastic, and cheerful individual to undertake the multifaceted, and always interesting, role of School Receptionist / Administration Assistant. The successful candidate will

be highly organised, extremely well-presented, and efficient, with a flexible approach and 'can-do' attitude. A calm, yet firm, fair, and personable manner is essential to this role.

Reporting to the Business Manager, the successful candidate will provide high quality comprehensive and confidential administrative support and reception duties to the School.

Our school can offer:

- An opportunity for you to make a real difference to the lives of young people.
- A supportive school community including children, parents, staff and governors.

The ideal candidate should be able to demonstrate:

- Experience of Office 365 and its functions
- Knowledge of a school office environment.
- Excellent ICT, literacy and numeracy skills.
- Effective organisational, interpersonal and problem solving skills.

We have a commitment to the professional development of staff and will consider supporting relevant training. St Paul's is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and appointments are subject to an enhanced DBS checks.

Informal visits are encouraged and warmly welcome.

Further details and an application pack are available from Mrs Tracey Roberts, Office Manager. Please email recruitment@stpaulsjs.co.uk

Closing date: Friday 18th March 2022

Interviews: Thursday 24th March 2022

Driving children to school is seen as the most convenient choice for parents with busy lives. Many parents take the view that by driving their children to school they are keeping them safe. Yet the combination of each individual decision means an increase in vehicle traffic and congestion particularly at the school gate. Many children now miss out on the opportunity to develop vital road safety skills with their parents on the way to school. They fail to build up confidence and learn the ability to manage risk walking around their local community. Walking can improve overall fitness levels in children and adults. It is a cheap low impact way to exercise. Getting active in our daily lives can have a big impact on health issues such as obesity. We realise that there are some parents/carers who have no alternative but to drive their children to school, however, many are driving short distances where walking is a real option. Even those who have to drive to school can do their bit by parking away from the school entrance and walking for part of the journey. We will be regularly closing the school gates to keep our carpark free for visitors and easy access for staff to leave at 3:00pm.



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Please ensure that the school office is updated with any new contact details, especially mobile phone numbers and email addresses as these are essential in making contact in case of emergencies.

Spring Term

- Wednesday, 2nd March Yr 6 Trip Kilver & Monmouth Carymoor Environmental Centre
- Thursday, 3rd March World Book Day – Dress Up as book character
- Friday 4th March Yr 6 Trip Foxwell & Wickham Carymoor Environmental Centre
- Tuesday 15th March Year 3 Cannard Trip to Stonehenge
- Wednesday 16th March Year 3 Fosse Trip to Stonehenge
- Wednesday 16th March Year 4 Roman Day
- Thursday 17th March Year 3 Collett Trip to Stonehenge
- Friday 18th March Comic Relief Day – Mufti - wear something red £1 donation
- Monday 21st March Science Week
- Friday 25th March Science Dress-Up Day
- Friday 25th March Full Reports to Parents
- Thursday 31st March Parents' Evening 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm
- Friday 1st April Year 5 Indian Workshop
- Tuesday 5th April Parents' Evening 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm
- Wednesday 6th April Easter Service in Church- pupils only (no parents)

Summer Term

Monday 25th April

Children return to school

Thursday 28th April

Year 4 Trip– Haynes Motor Museum

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday

- Wednesday 4th May Open Morning – New Parents 10.30 am–11.30 am
- Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May Year 6 SAT's
- Wednesday 25th May Class Photographs
- Friday 27th May Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in school

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June Half Term

- Thursday 9th June Sports Morning and Picnic
- Tuesday 14th June Whole School Photograph
- Wednesday 22nd June Year 3 (September 2022) Meet the Teacher 6pm
- Thursday 23rd June Reserve Sports Morning

Monday 27th June - INSET Day (No children attend)

- Friday 8th July End of Year Reports
- Wednesday 13th July Year 6 Prom
- Wednesday 20th July Leavers' Service

Monday 25th & 26th July - INSET Day (No children attend)

All dates subject to change/cancellation depending on any restrictions.



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