



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

What a busy two weeks we've had!

Our new pupils and staff are settling in well and the term has got off to a flying start.

We had an excellent turnout for our Curriculum Evening and for Thursday's Reading Information Workshop. Both events were very well supported. If you were unable to attend, the presentations are available on our website here:

- [Curriculum Evening](#)
- [Reading Information Evening](#)

Last week's golf taster sessions were a hit with the children and we now have a golf club running this term. Although the club is now full, we are hoping to be able to offer further sessions in the future.

As part of our safeguarding work, the Lewis Taylor Road Safety Roadshow visited on Tuesday, delivering two safety talks, one to the lower school and the second to Years 5 and 6. The feedback from the children was that it was a "fun way to learn" and "fantastic". We also held a special whole school assembly on Keeping Safe, which included what to do if approached by a stranger.

Thank you to those parents who completed our Parent View Survey last term. We were pleased with the overall results and grateful for the suggestions we received as to how we might make improvements. You can view the results [here](#)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Taylor

Democracy in action!

Pupil voice impacts significantly on our school and is something that we actively encourage. Our School Council is made up of an elected representative from each class and it is also chaired by one of our pupils. Its members are tasked with helping to make St Paul's a better place in which to learn, and this can include anything from selecting new equipment for the playground to helping with the recruitment of new staff. The Council meets every other week and items raised by the pupils and council business

Upcoming Events

September 24 - 27

Hustings for House Captains

September 27

House Captain Elections

October 1

Open Morning 9.00-9.45 am

October 1

Liddington Parents' Information Evening
6.30-7.30pm

October 4

TVRL – Blue Coat School

October 8

School Photos

Safeguarding

WhatsApp

Parents should be aware that the minimum age for using WhatsApp changed from 13yrs to 16yrs in May 2018. For the latest parents' guide on WhatsApp follow [this link](#).

We have a number of pupils with acute allergies and for safety reasons, we do not permit any items containing nuts. Please check packaging carefully when choosing items for lunch boxes and break time snacks!

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is often an agenda item at Full Governing Body meetings.

Our Year 6 House Captains are elected by secret ballot by pupils from across the school. The election comes at the end of a week of hustings. House Captains are pupil ambassadors, welcoming visitors to open events, giving tours of the school and help to run the school office at lunchtimes.

Next week, is Election Week and we will be holding a series of special assemblies in which prospective candidates will have the opportunity to address the whole school. On Thursday afternoon, pupils will visit our Polling Station to cast their vote and the girl and boy earning the highest number will be awarded the title of House Captain.

Monday 24th September 11.15	Tuesday 25th September 11.15	Wednesday 26th September 11.15	Thursday 27th September 11.15
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Election ~ Thursday 27th September 2pm

Candidates using a PowerPoint presentation as part of their speech **MUST** save it into their area of the Learning Platform, so Mrs Brook is able to download them ready for each assembly.

Jameson candidates must save their presentations before Monday 24th September, Lewis before Tuesday 25th, Selwyn before Wednesday 26th and Walter before Thursday 27th.

PE & Games

Reminder: For outdoor games, the children are permitted to wear a plain navy or black tracksuit. **Football Team shirts, whilst very popular, are not school kit and therefore not allowed. They are permitted for clubs only.** For swimming lessons, a one piece costume, swimming hat and towel are required. The children are welcome to wear goggles.

Break Time Snacks

We encourage the children to bring in a healthy snack for morning break – fruit, vegetable sticks, dried fruit and cereal bars are all suitable items. Crisps, chocolate, biscuits and other sugary snacks are not allowed.

Homework

The children will receive their new reading journals next Monday and their first task is to cover their journal, writing their name and class neatly on its new front cover.

Vacancies

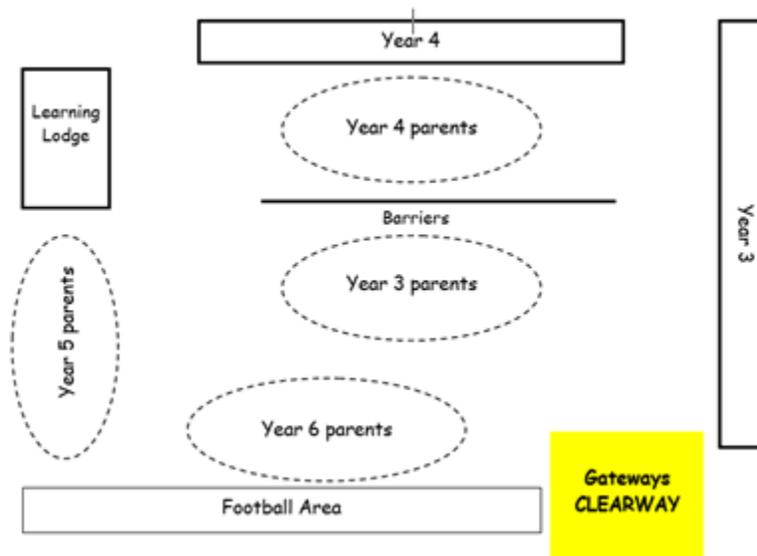
We currently have several vacancies on our Lunchtime Team and we are also looking to recruit a Clerk to Governors and a part time PE and Games Assistant. If you are interested in finding out more about these opportunities, please see the [vacancies section of our website](#) or contact our Office Manager, Mrs Crouch on 0118 978 5219.

Water bottles and Packed Lunches

If after dropping your child off at school, they have forgotten their water bottle or lunch box, please do not worry about bringing it in to school. We will make arrangements for your child to have a school meal and ensure they have access to drinking water throughout the day. Hopefully this will save you yet another trip to school, and minimize the number of times lessons are being interrupted due to the delivery of forgotten items.

Playground Procedures

Areas of the playground are still very congested at the end of the day. Please ensure that you wait in the designated area and avoid standing in the mouth of either the wooden metal gates.



Diary Dates	
Wednesday 26 th September	PTA AGM: 2.50pm, Learning Lodge
Monday 1 st October	Open Morning: 9.00-9.45am
Monday 1 st October	Liddington Parents Information Meeting: 6.30-7.30pm
Thursday 4 th October	TVRL – Blue Coat
Monday 8 th October	School Photos
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th October	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 29 th October	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

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