



# PAULTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### **WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL**

It's been a fantastic first week back. All the children have been ready to learn and impressing their teachers with their good learning behaviours. Everyone has settled in well and they are getting use to the expectations and routines of the day. It's been a delight to celebrate learning achievements already and we look forward to the many more yet to come.



### **Year 6 School Trip**

On Thursday, Year 6 went on a school visit to the Life Skills Centre in Bristol. The children experienced a wide range of activities based upon real-life scenarios that required them to problem solve, explore and learn how to cope in an emergency. The staff at the Life Skills Centre were really impressed with the children's attitudes and ability to work collaboratively on challenging tasks.

### **Playscape Update**

A **HUGE THANK YOU** must be sent out to our parents at PJS. During the holidays, Mr Reed gave up his own time, came into school and mended the wooden bridge and structures that were vandalised earlier in the year. Also, thanks to the generosity of some parents, the cost of all the materials has been met and covered by donations. This is such a kind gesture and really does confirm that exploratory, outside play is valued as an important part of our school curriculum and ethos.



### **Hot school meals**

School meals were back on the menu this week for all children who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). The hot food is delicious and it has been great providing this option. These meals are provided everyday and do not need to be booked. Please take up this service if your child qualifies.

If your child does not qualify for free school meals, you will need to provide a healthy & balanced packed lunch such as sandwiches, pasta, salads, yoghurts, and fruit.

All children need to bring a water bottle to school every day. This is for use during class time, PE lessons, break, and lunchtime. NO fizzy or flavoured drinks please.

### **Governor vacancies**

Would you like to be a school governor? There are a few vacancies on the school's governing board so if you are interested please email Simon Memory - our chair of governors for details. [chair.governor@paultonjuniorschool.co.uk](mailto:chair.governor@paultonjuniorschool.co.uk)

### **Healthy Snacks - NO NUT School**

Children can bring fruit for a playtime snack. Please make sure that there are NO NUTS in anything that they bring in.

### **PE Days**

On P.E days, the children need to wear their P.E kit to school - House t-shirt, dark blue or black shorts, joggers or skort, trainers and school sweatshirt. For safety reasons, pupils will be asked to remove earrings or tape them over for their PE lessons and swimming.

Year 3 - Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 5 - Monday and Thursday

Year 6 - Monday and Wednesday (Swimming- swim wear, hat, towel, goggles)

### **School Uniform**

The children are looking smart and feeling proud of their PJS uniform. Thank you for supplying your child with the correct uniform and shoes. **REMEMBER** to label / **name all clothing**, shoes, bags, kit, equipment so that if it were to be misplaced, it can be returned. We have a lot of coats, waterproofs and wellies left over from last year that are in the lost property boxes at the front of school. Please have a look!

**NAVY BLUE Sweatshirt or cardigan – with School Logo**

**GREY Trousers, Shorts, Skirt or Pinafore BLUE & WHITE Gingham Dress**

**WHITE Shirt, Blouse or Polo Shirt (school logo polo shirts are available).**

**BLACK, NAVY OR GREY socks, GREY Tights**

**ONLY BLACK School Shoes**

**NO TRAINERS (except for sports) NO BOOTS, HIGH HEELED SHOES, NO OPEN TOED SANDALS or FLIP- FLOPS**

**No jewellery – only stud earrings and watch.**

**No nail varnish, false nails or extreme haircuts.**

### **Our School Day**

School starts at 8.30am. Registers close at 8.40am. Children should arrive at school no earlier than 8.25am and go to the classroom to wait for their teacher to open the doors. School learning finishes at 3pm.

### **Attendance**

It is essential that children attend school every day. If your child is ill, late or absent for any reason, please call the office 01761 418137 or leave a message on the answer phone, explaining the reason.

### **Medication**

If your child requires daily medication including inhalers, epi-pens, etc. you must inform the school office via phone or email (01761)418137; also inform the class teacher. You will be required to complete a form that gives permission and details of the times and dosage of the medication required.

### **Open Door Friday**

Every Friday at 3.10pm, you are invited into your child's classroom to look at work and to see the teacher. If you need to contact the teacher during the week, please send a note via your child, call the office or email the school [Paulton\\_jun@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Paulton_jun@bathnes.gov.uk)