



# PAULTON JUNIOR SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Our Paulton Junior School 6R Values

RESPECT RESOURCEFUL RESILIENCE REASONING RESPONSIBILITY REFLECTIVE

#### Diary Dates

**23<sup>rd</sup> September- Clubs start this week**  
**(running for 3 weeks this term and 4 weeks next term)**  
**27<sup>th</sup> September - Year 6 Trip to Lifeskills**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> October - Year 4 Trip to The Egg Theatre**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> October - Flu Immunisations**  
**14<sup>th</sup> October - Year 3 Trip to Stonehenge**  
**16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evenings**  
**25<sup>th</sup> October - End of term**  
**4<sup>th</sup> November – Start of term 2**  
**19<sup>th</sup> November – School Photos**

#### Extra-Curricular School Clubs

At PJS we strive to provide opportunities for children to enjoy that are beyond the curriculum. All the clubs are run by the staff or the Year 6 pupils, on Fridays. Thank you for completing the on line form to request a place for your child to attend a club. Today, your child will be told which club they have been successful at attending and will bring home a slip of paper with this information in. There are a limited number of places at the clubs, some are over-subscribed which may mean that your child may not have a place in the club they chose. Therefore, it is very important that your child is responsible and committed to the club and attends every session. If they are unable to attend due to an appointment, please make sure the staff member is told via your child or a phone call to the office.

Lunchtime clubs and after-school clubs will be running for 3 weeks Term 1 and 4 weeks in Term 2.

Week beginning- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Week beginning- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Week beginning- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Week beginning- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Week beginning- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Week beginning- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Week beginning- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November



## **Playscape and Forest School**

Outdoor learning, play and connection with nature are recognised as fundamental parts of education, at every stage, for every child and young person. Our school Playscape is such a valuable asset as it is a natural environment in which the children can learn and develop.

On recent inspection of the wooden structures, including the bridge and the outdoor learning classroom, it is with huge disappointment that the decision has had to be made to remove them as the wood is becoming rotten, unrepairable and unsafe. Together with the Infant School, we endeavour to do this as quickly as possible to minimise the disruption to lessons and forest school opportunities. There are costs involved and implications which we need to factor in, however we hope that during this year both schools can begin to raise funds for the redevelopment of the Playscape and outdoor learning areas with the PTA and all our families help, through fundraising .

In the meantime, the wooden structures that will be removed are now out of bounds, restrictive barriers have been put in place to cordon off the central area. The Forest School curriculum will continue from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, within a restricted area- around the perimeter, under the trees, top and lower halves of the Playscape. Inspections will continue.



**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October PTA AGM at 3.10pm**

**Please come along to the Junior School to attend the AGM.**

**This will be in the Garden Room. Enter via the school garden.**

## **Wraparound Care**

Over the last few months we have been assisting the Infant School to source and set up Wraparound Care providing both breakfast and afterschool care. We have now secured another company called Super Pirates and we hope that this provision will be in place from Term 2 after the Autumn half term. At some point in the near future there will be an opportunity for you to meet members of the team from Super Pirates and to discuss any questions you may have then. More information will come as soon as is available.

## **Congestion**

At drop off and pick up it can be very congested around the gate as Year 3 are waiting to go into class, or being collected. Please be mindful not to block the entrance as many people still need to access the gate to get to other areas.

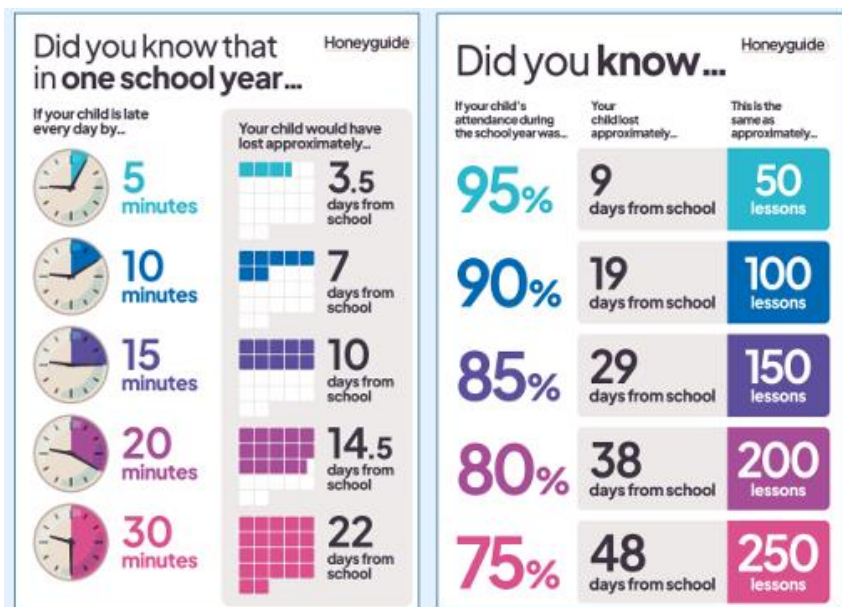
## **Healthy snacks & allergies**

If you send your child to school with a healthy snack, this should be something like a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. Please do not send children with chocolate biscuits or crisps for snack time. We have children in school with allergies to certain foods, including nuts. Please keep this in mind when packing lunch boxes and snacks. **NO NUTS**

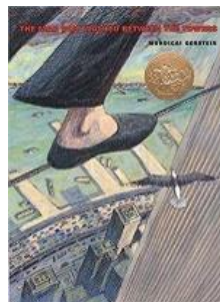
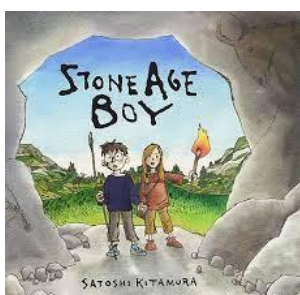
## **ATTENDANCE - New DfE statutory attendance guidance - 'Attendance Counts'**

There has been growing national concern regarding declining school attendance rates across the UK. In response, the Department for Education introduced new statutory guidance, effective from August 2024, aimed at reducing term-time holidays and unauthorised absences, and supporting families whose children are struggling to attend. The primary goal of these measures is to ensure that children do not miss out on their education. Every lesson is a crucial part of your child's

learning journey, and frequent absences can significantly hinder their progress. Thank you for your continued cooperation in supporting your child's education.



### Learning at Paulton



Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

This year we are really focusing on improving writing- process, curriculum, attainment, teaching and learning.

Above are the books that all our writing is based upon this term. The children are thoroughly enjoying the texts and have already produced some excellent work based upon dialogue, description and internalising the stories. You are very welcome to come along to Open Door Friday at 3pm to visit your child's class. Look at their books and celebrate all the learning for the week.

### Year 6- Healthy Friendships Project

Next week, year 6 pupils will be taking part in workshops based upon the importance of healthy relationships, digital safety and personal well-being which aim to equip children with the skills to support their futures. This is being delivered by Tender – an education and arts charity who deliver empowering drama based workshops that engage the children, raising self-esteem, improve communication skills and encourage empathy and respect. We look forward to sharing this work with everyone.

Overall it has been a wonderful return to school for this academic year 2024-2025 and we really look forward to the positive and rewarding journey ahead together, at Paulton Junior School.