

Paulton Junior School

Newsletter



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It's Good To Be Back.

Wow! What a start to Term 1. It has been fantastic to get back to school and see everyone with such a readiness to learn. As you know we have high expectations at PJS and judging by the first few days everyone has risen to the challenge; uniforms are immaculate, behaviour is exceptional and our new Year 3 children have impressed us all.



Our new library looks amazing; come and have a look. Also, I would encourage everyone to visit our website regularly for updates on all manner of things, especially dates, homework and latest news items. I am looking forward to another very special year and feel confident that, with your support, we will achieve great things. Many thanks from Mr Grosvenor, Headteacher.

PTA AGM – Friday 21st September

Please come along to support your child's school by attending the AGM in the school hall at 3.10pm. The school PTA helps to raise funds for valuable resources for teaching and learning and to enrich the pupils' experiences. If you can help with any fundraising events you are very welcome to come along and offer your support throughout the year, so please volunteer and let's make it a success.

PE and Swimming

Your child will need their kit on the following days every week. PE kit consists of a House T-shirt, dark shorts and trainers. Tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt/rain jacket are needed for the winter.

Year 3 PE - Tuesday is Cricket. Thursday is Gymnastics

Year 4 PE- Monday is Tag Rugby. Friday is Gymnastics.

Year 5 PE - Monday is Basketball . Thursday is Tag Rugby Forest School is on Friday (wellies and waterproofs).

Year 6 PE - Wednesday is Swimming. Friday is Tag Rugby Swimming starts for **Year 6** on **Wed 12th Sept** - Swim hat, costume and towel needed.

Inhalers and medication/Sickness

Any child who needs an inhaler **must** have it in school with a named prescription. For the administration of any other medicines please see Mrs Pratten in the office. If your child is absent from school please call the office **before 9am**.

Lost Property

Lost Property (clothing, shoes, lunch boxes) from the summer term. Please collect by **Friday 14th September**. Any left items will be donated to charity. Thank you.

Welcome to our new staff

I am delighted to welcome three new staff members to the Paulton Junior School team. Year 6 have an experienced teacher in **Miss Becci Horler** who is teaching **6H**. **Mrs Denise Shenton** joins us as a teaching assistant and **Mrs Julie Parker** is our new SMSA. Their obvious enthusiasm for the job is already evident and I know that they will each bring so much to our team. I am sure that everyone will join me in wishing them all the very best as they embark on their careers in our incredible school.

Mr Moon

Sadly, during Term 6 Mr Moon, our School Crossing Patrol unexpectedly passed away. As a school, we sent our condolences to the family, and although he had only been in this role for a few months, he had established himself as a valuable member of our community; keeping children safe.

Goodbye Mrs Oakley, Mr Parry and Miss Baker

At the end of Term 6, we held a very special assembly for two amazing and dedicated members of staff - Mrs Oakley and Mr Parry. The children and staff said their fond farewells with songs, poems, readings and presents, as they were such fantastic people and had brilliant influences on our pupils' development in learning.

Mr Parry has gone to continue on his journey into teaching at a school in Bath and **Mrs Oakley** has relocated with her family to Wales. We will miss them both and we wish them well for the future.

Miss Baker leaves us today after nearly 14 years as an SMSA. I would like to thank her for her dedication to the pupils of PJS over the years and she leaves with our very best wishes.

Special Clothing

On most days, children will spend some time outside so they will need adequate clothing and footwear, especially for use in **the Playscape** e.g. waterproofs and wellies.

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING that comes into School.

Dates for your Diary

There are a huge number of up coming events (too many to list here) which are on the calendar on the home page of our website. Please take a look. Some important dates are;

Wednesday 24th October and Thursday 25th October from 3.15pm we are holding **Parent Teacher Consultations**.

Fri 26th October Term 1 ends.

Mon 5th Nov Term 2 starts.

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Moving our school forward.

Thank you to all 202 parents/carers who completed an evaluation form at the end of last year (see results below). This process is very important in helping us to move our school forward. The green areas are where we are doing extremely well and the red areas are where we need to improve because what we are aiming for is where all parents agree or strongly agree with every statement. We do also need to be realistic in what needs to improve, for example, answering statement No. 8. The school works closely with parents. Whilst 88% (176 parents) strongly agree or agree there are also 5% (10 parents) who disagree or strongly disagree so we understand there is a need to work more closely with some parents.

<u>Parents Review Questionnaire Results - July 2018</u>	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. My child is making good progress at school.	75%	24%	0.5%	0.5%	0%
2. Behaviour at the school is good.	60%	34%	4%	2%	0%
3. My child gets the right amount of work to do at home (including homework, spelling and reading).	54%	42%	2%	2%	0%
4. I believe that the quality of teaching is good.	76%	22%	1.5%	0.5%	0%
5. I am kept well informed about how my child is getting on.	58%	36%	1.5%	4%	0.5%
6. I would feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem.	68%	27%	3%	1.5%	0.5%
7. The school has high expectations of my child.	64%	27%	9%	0%	0%
8. The school works closely with parents.	47%	41%	7%	4.5%	0.5%
9. The school is well led and managed.	65%	27%	5%	2%	1%
10. The school provides a safe and happy environment for my child's education.	71%	23%	4%	1.5%	0.5%
11. The school provides an interesting range of activities after lessons.	73%	26%	0%	1%	0%
12. I am happy with the school overall.	75%	23%	2%	0%	0%

CALLING ALL BUDDING MUSICIANS

Do you play an instrument? Would you like to learn a new instrument? We can help you with that.

For many years we have worked closely with BANES music service to provide the children of Paulton Junior School with expert music tuition. They can provide teaching, during school time, for children wanting to learn any orchestral instruments, piano, keyboard and voice. For any enquiries, please follow the link below:

<https://www.banesmusiconline.co.uk/site/contact-us>

In addition to the opportunities offered by the BANES music service, Bernard Welch will be teaching acoustic guitar, electric guitar and ukulele. He will continue to offer these lessons, so look out for more information on this when the clubs list comes out next week. For any other queries, please contact Mr Smith at the school.

School Governor Vacancies

We have Parent and Community vacancies on our Governing Body. If you would like to find out more about the role, please come to the school office for further information or speak to an existing Governor.

Open Door Friday

Open Door Friday (ODF) returns this year where each and every Friday at 3.10pm you are invited into your child's classroom to share with your child what they have been learning that week. Its purpose is for you to see what your child has been doing in their books. Teachers will try to be on hand to answer questions but this is not always possible and it is not the primary function of ODF.

And Finally...

- **Fruit Stall** is open every morning break. All items of fruit are **20p each**.
- **Toasty Friday** runs once a week, (on a Friday - clue is in the title), where toast can be purchased for **10p per slice**.
- We operate a **Blue Box system** in each class. This is where any letters, forms or messages are to be placed by your child in the morning. It will then go to the office.