



PAULTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Friday 18th October 2024

Our Paulton Junior School 6R Values

RESPECT RESOURCEFUL RESILIENCE REASONING RESPONSIBILITY REFLECTIVE

Diary Dates

Term 1

Friday 25th October – End of term PTA Non-Uniform Day

Term 2

Monday 4th November – Start of term 2 – clubs restart for 4 weeks

Monday 11th November – Anti-bullying week- Choose Respect

Tuesday 12th November – wear odd socks to school day

Tuesday 19th November – School photos

Tuesday 19th November - PTA Junior School Discos (details later)

Friday 6th December – Christmas Fair 3pm

Thursday 12th December – Year 3 Christmas Assembly

Friday 13th December – Year 4 Christmas Assembly

Monday 16th December – Year 5 Christmas Assembly

Tuesday 17th December – Year 6 Christmas Assembly

Friday 20th December – End of term

Dear Parents/ carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to say how thrilled I am to have been appointed as the headteacher at Paulton Junior School. As you may have read recently, from the chair of Governor's letter - I have been working at the school and within B&NES for over 20 years and gained educational experience in other settings previous to this. It has been a delight and a privilege to teach numerous children from reception to year 6 and lead on many successful initiatives.

Paulton Juniors is a very special place to me. Everyone involved in the school wants the very best for the children. With the staff, pupils, parents and wider community, I aim to continue to create a wonderful, enriching learning environment, where children feel happy, thrive and have a sense of belonging.

We work collaboratively with the other primary schools within B&NES to develop and share good practice, together with the commitment from governors, our PTA and links with the Infant school.

As the headteacher, I am excited about what we can achieve at Paulton Junior School and how it can continue to be the excellent school it already is.

Kind Regards

Mrs Rawlings

Parents Evenings

This week we have had parent teacher consultations. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend as it really important to celebrate your child's successes and find out about how best to support your child at home with their learning. If you were unable to make your appointment, the teachers will be getting in touch. It makes a positive difference when parents and teachers work together to improve outcomes and support a child's learning and development. As always, you are also welcome into school for Open Door Friday from 3pm every week.

HOUSE CAPTAINS – CONGRATULATIONS!

A few weeks ago, the new captains were elected by their house members to represent them this year. All year 6 pupils were invited to prepare a speech and present it at their House meeting. Everyone who spoke made such a fantastic effort. The elected house captains and vice-captains were awarded their badges during assembly and have already been busy taking responsibility around the school. We all look forward to their year ahead and developing their role within the school.

Ash	Captain - Poppy	Vice-Captain - Hannah
Elm	Captain - Colby-Blue	Vice-Captain - Amelia
Beech	Captain - Fletcher	Vice-Captain - Olivia
Oak	Captain - Eva	Vice-Captain - Charlie



Baby News!

Congratulations to Miss Burke who has welcomed her baby boy into the world. She is over the moon with joy. Everyone is doing well and we send best wishes and congratulations to them. We can't wait to meet him and look forward to her visiting school soon.

Mrs Waterhouse will be leaving us to start her maternity leave, at October half term. We wish her well as she takes time to rest and begins preparing for the new addition to her family.

Uniform

Please **label ALL school uniform** as we have still many unnamed items that we cannot return. It also a good idea to label, wellies, coats, water bottles and lunch boxes/snack pots.

NSPCC

Year 5/6 had assemblies led by volunteers from the NSPCC. They met Buddy and learnt about how to 'Speak Out and Stay Safe' through the interactive assemblies. They talked about when they might need to speak to someone and who would be a safe and sensible person to speak to. Every child was able to participate and their responses to the questions and scenarios were very thoughtful and mature, well done to everyone.



PTA Funds

THANK YOU - We have recently received a cheque for £2644 from the PTA. This money was raised from the several events last year. (The Infants School have also received their donation). Some of this money will be used to provide resources for our children however, £1000 will be used towards dismantling the equipment in the Playscape and clearing it to make it safe and ready to use.

The Forest School Fundraising Campaign



This year, the PTA are launching **The Forest School Campaign** and committing to raising **£20,000**. All the funds that are raised this year will be spent on planning, building and replacing the outside classroom and other equipment within the Playscape. Forest School sessions provide all of the children at both schools from Reception to year six, a place to learn in nature and our schools believe it's a vital part of a pupil's holistic educational journey.

Throughout the year, the PTA are planning numerous events and hope that the whole community will embrace this opportunity to raise funds, donate and unite together to improve the outdoor learning opportunities at Paulton Infants and Junior Schools.



Non-School Uniform Day

To get the fundraising started, there will be a Non-School Uniform day on **Friday 25th October** and a donation of £1.

Good Hub Crowd Funding

In addition, the PTA have joined up with a crowd funding project. This enables anyone who is in support the campaign, to donate using the direct link below or QR code on the poster.

If you would like to donate to the crowd funding **Forest School Campaign**, use this link:

<https://app.goodhub.com/paulton-pta-forest-school-campaign>

ASDA Cashpot for schools

Paulton Junior School have opted into the Asda Cashpot for schools. All you have to do is shop at Asda **until 30th November 2024** and use the Asda Reward App.

Choose Paulton Junior School and the PTA will receive a percentage of your spend. And that's not all — every time any customer chooses our school, Asda will donate £1 to the PTA Cashpot, plus a further £50 when your first customer shops. Please encourage members of your family to opt for our school PTA. Many Thanks.



School Council

In Term 2, the school council will be hosting a Christmas Fun Run within the school grounds. They are very excited and have already begun to organise the themed sponsored event, to raise funds for the Forest School. More news will follow.

Year 3 Visit Stonehenge

Year 3's trip to Stonehenge this week was a huge success, bringing our Stone Age topic to life! The children were amazed to see the iconic stones up close and visiting the reconstructed village of roundhouses helped them understand how people lived in that era. We also had the chance to see real Stone Age artefacts which sparked their imaginations and helped with their writing this week which was all about Stone Age tools. All in all, it was a fantastic experience that deepened our understanding of history in a really memorable way!



Year 6 Life Skills Visit

Year 6 visited the Life Skills centre in Bristol in mid-September. This is an annual trip that we offer to Year 6 children and is a truly valuable experience for them. It allows them to practise real-life scenarios in a safe way including contacting emergency services and what to do if you feel unsafe.



Year 4 Egg Theatre Trip

On Thursday 3rd October, Year 4 had a very exciting visit to The Egg Theatre in Bath to watch The Little Prince. This opportunity enabled children to experience a real-life performance of a traditional tale. This was performed by Toby Thompson, who brought this enchanting tale to life with his signature style.

Half Term Holiday Ideas

The Active Way Project



The Active Way project provides a range of FREE activities to increase the health and wellbeing for the people in the Somer Valley, through walking and cycling. To find out more:

visit <https://theactivewaybathnes.co.uk> or email active.steps@sustrans.org.uk

Want to be more active and improve your mental health?

Come and visit Sustrans and The Active Way Team – **Tuesday 29th October in The Hollies, Midsomer Norton between 10.30am and 3pm** - to find out about free walking and cycling activity in the Somer Valley. Bring along your cycle to Dr Bike for a free safety check, tweaks and minor repairs. Please note: places are limited for Dr Bike.

Get more active Improve your mental health

Visit Sustrans and The Active Way team to explore local walking, cycling and wheeling activities and opportunities in the Somer Valley

**29th October 24
10.30am-3pm
The Hollies, Midsomer Norton**

Dr Bike
Bring your cycle for a free safety check and minor repairs*
*Places are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis

Find out more - theactivewaybathnes.co.uk

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Holburne Museum Links

We continue to work closely with the Holburne Museum in Bath and have some exciting opportunities for the children planned this year. Also, they have a few events happening over the Half term break which you may want to partake in with your family.

Free Activities at the Holburne Museum Autumn 2024

THE HOLBURNE MUSEUM



26 Oct - 3 Nov FREE*
FREE Family Entry + Activity Trail
FREE admission for families during October half-term + a 'Fantastical Tails' gallery trail inspired by the wonderful creatures and animals in the museum. (suitable for 6yrs+).
*Up to 2 free adult entries per family.



Friday 25 Oct, 5-9pm FREE*
Festival of Light
Celebrating all things light and joyful to mark Diwali, this festival takes place throughout the museum and gardens, inspired by Chila Kumari Singh Burman's neon installations. Join us for an array of colourful creative workshops, film, pop-up food stalls, performance and a finale of fire dancing!
*One workshop will require payment and pre-booking.



Tuesday 29 Oct, 9-11am, FREE
Calm Sensory Session - Family Morning
Calm Sensory Sessions have been created with neurodivergent children, families and adults in mind who may benefit from visiting the museum in a calmer and quieter period. Explore the museum 9-10am, then join for tea, coffee and a relaxed creative activity with the museum's Learning team.



Wednesday 30 Oct, 10.30am-12.30pm FREE
Mini Monsters
FREE Family Creative Drop-in. Drop-in to our Halloween-themed session to create fun mini-monster finger puppets!

Full details of our events can be found on our website: www.holburne.org

THE HOLBURNE MUSEUM



Friday 25 October, 5-9pm

Festival of Light

A free evening of colour, light and celebration

- Film screening
- Colourful creative workshops*
- Odissi dance performance
- Food stalls and bar
- Children's activity trail
- Free admission to the collection galleries
- Reduced admission to Uncanny Visions: Paula Rego and Francisco de Goya (£7)
- Fire dancing finale!

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