



Paulton Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers

It doesn't seem like that only a week ago we were off on half term. I hope that you all had a fabulous break.

Celebration Assembly



Congratulations to the following children for going above and beyond and staying focused in their learning—showing true Sapphire powers:

Mya from Diamond for amazing descriptive writing about fireworks.

Scarlett from Amethyst for an amazing Starry Night piece of work just like Van Gogh's

Alfie from Topaz for always trying hard in quick maths

Minnie in Sapphire for fantastic use of observations to recreate Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh

EYFS Open Day

We had to postpone our last EYFS Open Day due to Covid numbers rising. We have rescheduled for Wednesday 17th November, however this too is a provisional date if rates continue to increase. Thank you for your patience and understanding if you were/are planning to attend.

Children in Need—November 19th

Children in Need is fast approaching. This year we have decided to use Children in Need as an opportunity to raise the awareness and understanding of what a charity is and why we have them in our society. There will be an assembly that launches Children in Need at the beginning of the week.



Each class will choose an event to carry out on Children in Need Day. A suggested £1 contribution will allow each class to raise money for Children in Need. It will be a non-school uniform day and spots will be encouraged!

Vacancies

We still have the following vacancies in school that you may be interested in:

Part time Caretaker role (shared on our Facebook page)

Governor Vacancies: We still have 2 vacancies for Parent Governors on our Governing Body. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor please let the school office

know, who will put you in touch with our Chair of Governors Dave Howson. You can find out more about what being a school governor might entail by accessing the links on the Governors tab of the Website in the COG Welcome page.

Morning dropping off arrangements

Further to a parent's request to speed up drop offs so that children's anxiety is reduced we have decided to trial that all KS1 children can access their classrooms through their respective gates at the same time at 8.40 am. However we need to maintain the staggered pick up times to ensure that staff can safely release to their parents/carers. A member of staff from each class will be at the gate. If we feel that this arrangement does not work we may have to revert back to the staggered KS1 starts. We still ask that only one parent/carer drops off. Please aim to arrive at 8.40 so that children do not have to wait around too much before entering school. Obviously we want to avoid a bottle neck at each entrance, so please continue to filter your child through when there is a space. And then leave the site as soon as possible to reduce congestion. We would also ask that any messages relating to collection are texted to the office. We thank you for your cooperation with all of this. Also, I have noticed children playing on the grass space behind the blue fence in front of the Junior School, please ensure that this does not happen as this is not part of our school grounds.

Safety on school site:

Please can you ensure that your child pushes their scooters and bikes through the car park as there have been a few injuries where children have been hurt accidentally.



Covid awareness:

Rates are still escalating, please remember to keep your child at home and arrange a PCR test if they display any of the three main symptoms below:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Lastly, if you would like to speak to me at anytime—please feel free to catch me at the front of the school or call the school office to arrange an appointment.

PTA: Please see attached a flier for the 2021 Grand Christmas Draw.

Have a lovely weekend,
Emily Omell



DIRECTOR of PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD

