



Paulton Infant School Newsletter No. 8 April 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to term 5. I hope you all had a really relaxing and enjoyable two week break from school; the children have settled back into our routines and I am so proud of the focused and independent learning I can see in each class.

SCHOOL COMMS



If you haven't managed to sign onto the app yet, please have a go; ask at the office if you need help.

EDWARDS AND WARD

Following the closing down of the BANES catering team, our new catering contract has started; the lunches are still as delicious as always. Thank you to the kitchen team who work so hard to make tasty, healthy lunches for your children each day. Our new provider is saving us 30p per child, per day which will also go a long way to help our budget. All forms outlining any specific dietary requirements accompanied by the medical evidence required by Edwards and Ward have been sent to the food nutrition team who are actively creating personalised menus for those children as we speak. Please come and let us know if you have any questions.

EASTER EGG DECORATION COMPETITION



Some of our entries :)

We had a fantastic turnout for our Egg decorating competition. What a creative and talented bunch we have at Paulton Infants! Our judges found it

incredibly difficult to choose a winner.

Congratulations and thank you to all of the entrants A special congratulations to our winners: Freddie, Grace, Maya, Fabian, Leyla, Harley, Evangeline and Elsa.

PARALYMPIAN FUNDRAISER



We are really excited to be welcoming GB Paralympic Sprinter, Katrina Hart, to school on Tuesday 8th May. Katrina will lead a sponsored fitness circuit

with all children and then have a follow up assembly/question and answer session. The aim of this session is to inspire our children to regularly enjoy sport and most importantly to pursue a passion in their life. We will be sending home information about sponsoring this event next week and all funds raised will support us with purchasing sport equipment for school and supporting our GB athletes including Paralympic athletes.

BAGS OF HELP



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A huge thank you to all parents / carers and members of the community who supported Paulton Infant

School through the Tesco bags for help scheme. We have been awarded up to £3, 304 to help with our grounds development work to ensure the children are active and happy at play and lunchtime play.

THRIVE SESSION



To share how we support children's healthy neurological development, we are running a Thrive information session for parents/carers on Tuesday 24th April at 2pm . The session will begin with a brief talk from Mrs Perry,

followed by time to try out some of the activities with your child in class. We really look forward to seeing you next Tuesday and answering any questions you may have.

SPARE SOCKS

Please can you pass any spare socks you have to the office. Thank you.



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BIG PEDAL



Our Big Pedal event is running from 23rd April to 3rd May. Once more, we will be competing to become one of

the UK's top schools for two-wheeled journeys and will be in with a chance to win prizes. Journeys made by parents, guardians and siblings, known as supporter journeys, also count towards our entry so please make sure your child shares this with their teacher.

DON'T WALK ON THE WALL OUTSIDE EMERALD AND DIAMOND CLASSES



As part of their topic for this term, Emerald and Diamond class children have created a growing wall along the fence outside their classrooms. Please can you remind all

children not to walk along this wall before and after school to avoid them becoming broken or damaged. The children from these classes have felt worried that their Science investigations may get spoiled. Thank you.



DONATION FOR GARDENING

If you have any seedlings, seeds, compost etc hanging around that you would like to donate to EYFS for their growing projects, please share with your child's teacher or donate these at the office. Thank you.

BAGS TO SCHOOL



We will be sending home bags for this worthy charity in the next couple of days. Please drop off any bags, with your unwanted textiles, outside the junior school by the canopy on the collection date of 17th May

SUNCREAM AND HATS



It has been so lovely to see the sunshine again after the really cold weather we experienced last term. We recommend you apply sun cream which lasts the whole day as it is tricky for one teacher to supervise application of sun cream for a class of 30 children. If your child does need to bring sun cream to school, please can

you ensure they know how to apply it independently. Please also tell them not to share it with other children, as many children have skin allergies that can flare up and cause discomfort.

ART EXHIBITION

We will also be holding an Art Gallery fundraiser in the summer term. The children will work with their teachers to produce a piece of art work which will be framed and displayed during our celebration evening on 17th July. Any funds raised will support the school budget with buying art resources.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

We still need Governors to help with the strategic direction of our school. We currently have 3 vacancies; One parent governor vacancy and two co-opted governor vacancies. If you have experience or skills in HR, marketing, social media, H&S and compliance or Finance we would love to welcome you and would value your expertise. Please ask for an information pack from the office or download it from the school website. The deadline for applications is 20th April



DATES

- 09/04/18 Term 5 begins
- 24/04/18 Parent information session for Thrive
- 27/04/18 Gem Power project at Chelwood (Diamond class—further information to follow)
- 01/05/18 SAT Tasks begin
- 08/05/18 Katrina Hart Paralympian sponsored event
- 09/05/18 EYFS visit to Noah's Ark
- 15/05/18 Class Photos
- 24/05/18 Picnic and Play planned (more information to follow)
- 24/05/18 Last day for children for Term 5
- 25/05/18 INSET for staff
- 04/06/18 Term 6 begins

Kind Regards,

Julie Hogan April 2018



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SPONSORED WALK



I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Reed, Joseph's dad in Opal class, for organising a sponsored event for our school.

"On 9th May, seven colleagues and I will be walking the three highest peaks in Wales: Snowdon, Cadair Idris and Pen y Fan. We'll be starting at about 5am and hope to finish before dark!"

Mr Reed has decided to do this as he was so pleased with the impact of the reading and phonic books bought following the sponsored walk that we carried out in the Autumn Term.

This is from his 'Just Giving' page.

"My Son, Joseph, is in Reception at Paulton Infant School. The school is fantastic; providing a caring and nurturing environment in which Joseph and his class mates thrive.

I have been amazed by how quickly the pupils are learning essential reading skills, but I have been equally struck by how carefully the school has to manage scarce resources.

My aim is to raise money through sponsorship for new books and other educational equipment by walking the three highest peaks in Wales: Snowdon, Cadair Idris and Pen y Fan in just one day.

In preparation, I've dusted off the walking boots and lost a stone and a half in weight!

I'll be funding the trip so all donations will go straight to the School.

Your support would be very much appreciated!"

If you would like to contribute please go the just giving page below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/matthew-reed-1>

This will be such a help as school budgets are still facing a squeeze. The impact of school funding pressures at Paulton infant School have been felt by everyone.

- We have reduced teacher numbers, despite having increased pupil numbers
- We have reduced TA hours which has meant less adult support for each and every child.
- We still have no caretaker
- We can no longer support with costs towards school trips and visitors to keep these costs down for parents
- We have been very much reliant on fundraising and donations to support the purchase of consumable resources that infant classes rely on as well as replenishing our reading books, library books and keeping on top of the technological changes for the computing equipment.
- In addition, all of these reductions have meant there are fewer adults to read with children, record in reading records and change book bags, provide individualised support children who need extra help whether to fill in gaps in learning, accelerate progress or extend their thinking.

On Saturday, I went to the centre of Bath with other Head Teachers, Governors, parents and children to share our concerns about the real terms erosion of school budgets. Leaflets will be sent home this week to give you more information if you would like it, about the difficulties schools face.

Thank you
Julie Hogan



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