



Pauntley Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Our termly Value: Friendship

*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,
just as in fact you are doing.*

Thessalonians 5:11

Welcome back from the much needed Easter break. Although, not quite back to normal, school now feels almost as it should be with smiling faces and a real drive to learn. However, it is important to reinforce that our COVID protocols are still in place and as such, I thank everybody for complying with the requirements of wearing face masks and adhering to social distancing. We are hoping that as guidance changes we can start to resume some of the activities that have had to be put on hold over the past 12 months to further enhance the children's learning and plans are already afoot to make the summer term as enjoyable as possible.

We will let you know as and when protocols change and will issue this guidance through the newsletter as normal.

Please ensure that you follow the guidance regarding self-isolation and testing should anyone in your household exhibit symptoms; informing the school at the earliest opportunity.

With the beautiful weather making a welcome appearance this week please can I remind parents that sun hats are recommended for lunch and break play – please ensure these are **labelled**.

Let's hope that this term goes uninterrupted and the children can fully enjoy the summer months that lie ahead!

Apologies for the confusion that was caused earlier this week regarding PE kits. In order to make life easier, minimise bags in school and save time so that children get more opportunity to enjoy PE we made the decision to trial the process of children coming to school in their PE kits on their PE days.

PE is always on a Tuesday for both classes. However, in order to ensure that we cover all the requirements of the National Curriculum, including Dance and Gym, we are putting Forest school sessions on hold and teachers will be delivering these sessions over the summer term. Malvern Class will be having PE on Tuesday and Wednesday; Mayhill will be Tuesday and Thursday.

We recognise that some people will only have one set of PE kit and therefore we will be flexible with the kit expectations while we trial this idea.

Over the year the children will continue to receive Forest school provision, as we feel this is an important part of our school's curriculum, but this will be balanced with the additional PE sessions that allow children to experience a wider range of sports and activities that are required by the National Curriculum.

Swimming

We are hoping to be able to offer swimming sessions next term but are currently in discussions with the pool about how this will work and if this is possible; bearing in mind the restrictions that are currently in place. As soon as we know more we'll let you know.

After School Clubs – Term 3, 2021

We will be running the following clubs this term.

Monday – Nature Explorers with Hester (only 15 places available)

Tuesday – Sports Club with ProStars

Wednesday - Wildlife Club with Mrs Greaves

Thursday - Games Club with Mrs Jones (indoor and outdoor games)

All the children who have signed up so far, have places. For those who have not signed up already, there is still time! Please let the office know if you would like your child to attend a club. Clubs will start back w/c 26th April 2021.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, clubs may need to be cancelled at the last moment; we will let you know as soon as possible. There is a charge of £2.50 per session for clubs, payable promptly by Parentpay. It is important that once your child has signed up to a club, they must attempt to commit to every session.

A reminder: clubs do not run on the last week of term – Clubs finish PROMPTLY at 4:30pm

Family Learning Courses for Parents

Gloucester County Council have some exciting courses running this term. The courses are running on Zoom, and are open to all parents/carers/ grandparents living in Gloucestershire.

A lot of parents/carers are anxious about their own maths skills, so they are running a course to build their confidence. Parents will learn in a small group with a friendly and approachable tutor. This is a 4 week course initially, but can be extended to suit parents' needs.

All you Need to Know About Numbers runs on Thursdays from 12:30-2:00

They are running a **Money Management Workshop** on Wednesday 5th May from 9:30-12:00. This focuses on managing household budgets effectively and can transform parents' attitudes to finances.

The **Wellbeing Courses** are continuing to support families across the county.

- **Happier and Calmer:** Wellbeing at Home is running on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:00. This looks at the science behind feeling good and gives parents the opportunity to try out different wellness techniques to see what works best for them.

- **Get Crafty and Relax** runs on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00. This is a practical course where you get to make crafts in a relaxed group. We will send out all of the resources for this.
- **Writing for Wellness** runs on Tuesdays from 12:30-2:00. This course focuses on using writing for wellbeing, using free writing to develop wellbeing and builds learners skills and confidence to write for themselves and possibly to share life stories with their family.

They are continuing to run **ESOL classes** for parents/carers.

- **Improve Your English and Help your Child** runs on Wednesday and Friday mornings
- **Help Your Child with English in the Early Years** runs on Thursdays from 9:30-10:30. This course supports ESOL parents to work with their preschool children to build their English skills together.

The courses are **free** to people over 19 years old, have lived in the UK/ EU for 3 or more years, or have a valid Residence Permit, and are one of the following: Unemployed or earning below £17,000 per year; Qualified below a Level 2 (less than 5 GCSEs); Have mental health challenges, Have a learning difficulty or disability.

Kind regards

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Achievements

A huge well done to pupil's receiving awards this week:

May Hill Class: Lara, Delilah, Lewis and Ruby.

Malvern Class: James, Dominik, Arthur and Tazmin.

