



Job Vacancy

We are looking to add to our wonderful team of welfare staff who work 12-1pm or 12:15 – 1:15pm. If you, or anyone you know is interested, please call the office to request an application form. At Caton St Paul's, we take safeguarding very seriously and would request references before being appointed to the post.

Prospective parents

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in sending your children to our wonderful school, the application window for Reception 2021 is now open. Whilst we can't hold our usual open day, we are putting together an information video that we hope will answer all your questions and be spread far and wide. We are also taking bookings for one parent at a time to look round after school, in a Covid-19 secure manner: please call the office on 01524 770241 to book an appointment.

Parent Governor Vacancy

The Governing Board currently has a vacancy for a parent governor and Mr Gittins our Headteacher will be running the election for us shortly. We are a friendly team, dedicated to the children, the school, and its continuing development, and would love to hear from anyone who might be interested in this vital role. Please contact me at shonea@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk or Mr Gittins at school for a chat.

Thank you

Anna Shone, Chair of Governors

New starters

It has been lovely to see how well our Reception children have settled in and to welcome many of them full-time this week. All children will be full-time from Monday

Virtual curriculum evenings

Our teachers are currently working really hard to create a video about life in their class. This is to replace the usual 'meet the teacher' evenings that we are not able to hold at the moment. Videos will go online at the end of next week: look out for these. We are currently reviewing our arrangements for an actual parents evening: the likelihood is this will be via phone or zoom after half-term – bear with us while we arrange this.

Extra-curricular clubs

Please see the website for details of our extra-curricular clubs: we still have spaces at some of these. At the moment, we don't have as many running as usual due to the current situation. We are hopeful this will change as the year progresses. Early morning clubs start at 8:30am, not 8:15am as it says on the letter.

Special Lunch

There will be a change to the school menu on:-

Thursday 1 October as we are having our **Hello Autumn** lunch. The menu is:

British Beef or veggie burger in a soft bun or cheese and ham or cheese and tomato calzone served with crispy fries and crunchy salad sticks followed by sticky toffee apple cake.

The usual cost of £2.30 is payable via Parent Pay for Key Stage Two children.



Textile Recycling

COLLECTION DATE – MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

Why not have a clear out of any used clothes, paired shoes, bags, belts and soft toys and raise funds for school. Please bring them to school on the morning of the **12 October by 9am please** (not before please as we don't have space to store it) and drop them by the front wall of the staff car park in the Roberts Recycling Ltd bags which your child will bring home soon. Extra bags will be available from the office should you need them or use black bin liners ensuring all bags are tied. Thank you for your support.

Resources

If anyone has any of the following items they don't use anymore, and would be willing to donate them to our outdoor play area, we would be very grateful:-

Metal/plastic spoons and ladles, mashers etc,

Wooden crates, large plastic cars/trucks

Log slices, tree stumps

Tarpaulin

Buckets, plastic pegs

Plastic washing up bowls, teapots / tea set, whisk, pipette, turkey basters

Balls – rubber, plastic with and without holes

Conkers

Thank you for your continued support.

Wraparound Care Club

Our WAC club is now fully up-and-running and operational: children are supervised in the hall, in their bubbles, to ensure current school procedures are adhered to. Children are given a snack before and after school and are able to take part in a range of different activities, both inside and outside.

If you would like to use our WAC club, please contact longhornj@stpauls.lancs.sch.uk and she will book you in.

Homework

Homework is now being set via Google Classroom, although children will still be bringing some paper home (e.g. spellings, reading books). Homework, especially for UKS2, is generally something your child can do independently and is based on either what they have been learning in class, or practising basic skills that they will need to revisit throughout the year. Please don't worry if your child's homework is too easy: every piece of work will have some merit decided on by the teacher. Teachers are not expected to differentiate homework for each child. To help your child at home, please ensure they read their school reading book as much as possible.



PTA News

Hello everyone we hope you are all keeping safe and well and a very big warm welcome back to all children, teachers and parents. A special welcome to Mr Gittins and we wish him a very successful and wonderful career at Caton St Paul's. We hope everyone, especially the new starters and their parents are settling into school life again.

I am very pleased to let you know that Rachel Richardson has joined the Caton St Paul's School PTA Board in the role of Secretary. A big warm welcome and thank you to Rachel, exciting times ahead.

As you will understand the PTA cannot 'get up to' as much as it would like due to restrictions that are in place so, therefore, for now, we haven't produced our annual calendar. We do still want to raise funds for the School, which will in turn benefit our wonderful children and the Teachers. If anyone has any great ideas for fund raising that would be within the boundaries of the set restrictions please contact me via email: julespea13@hotmail.co.uk and I will take your suggestions to the Board.

During the Summer Hannah Horner invited us to have a 'bucket' for donations to the PTA at the first outdoor movie, thank you so much Hannah, we received £85.

The new school library was completed through lockdown/summer with a great mural created and painted on the wall by Mrs Assit – thank you very much Mrs Assit, looks great.

The PTA Board for this academic year is:

Julie Pearson – Chair

Lindsay Proctor – Vice Chair

Ellie Eccleston – Treasurer

Rachel Richardson – Secretary

We all look forward to working with you all this year. If you have any questions about anything to do with the PTA please contact me via the above email address.

Best wishes and stay safe – Julie, Lindsay, Ellie and Rachel