



St Paul's C of E Primary School

Newsletter No 1 - 17th September

2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to St. Paul's for our academic year 2021-2022. We are so happy to have you all back at school as we have so many exciting things planned for the year ahead. I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share. It has been great to see all of the happy faces, desperate to see their new teachers and friends.

A very warm welcome to our new Reception and Nursery children and their families who are settling in really well. Your children will be happy and content here and we will endeavour to support you all as families.

We wish all our new families a special St. Paul's welcome, and we hope they will continue to enjoy their time at school. We look forward to working with you. I know you will continue to work with us, so your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best version of themselves.

We are really looking forward to the fresh new start this year. Please get in contact with school if you have any worries or concerns. Thank you for your ongoing and enthusiastic support into the exciting new school year.

Miss Harvey
Deputy Head Teacher

Attendance

Attendance up to the 10th September 2021, is 97.69% . The school target is 97%.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Nominations are now being invited for the Position of Parent Governor on our school's Governing Body.

Parent governors play an important role as members of the governing body, which is responsible for directing the conduct of the school and for promoting high standards of educational achievement. The term of office for parent governors as determined by the governing body is 4 years.

You will need to be able to commit sufficient time. We are looking for someone who can take an active role, attend regular meetings, some of which may be during the day. Attendance at Full Governors and Committee Meetings each school term will also be expected.

Training is available for all governors and those new to being a governor are encouraged to attend induction training. All of our governors are expected to follow the Code of Conduct.

If you would like to stand for election please pop into the school office to pick up a nomination form, which needs to be returned to the school no later than **Friday 24th September (i.e. you must get two parent/carers to nominate you, and you must sign to state that you are accepting the nomination.)**

Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school. Parents/carers being nominated are invited to provide some brief details limited to no more than 150 words suitable for inclusion in a ballot paper should there be more than one nomination. More than one nomination will result in voting papers being send out to all parents/carers with details of the ballot procedure

Supply Midday Supervisor

We are looking for individuals who can work the lunchtime period to cover staff absences. Hours of work will be 11.45am until 1.00pm each day. The role will involve supervising the children at lunchtimes, both on the playground and in classrooms if it is raining, making sure the children are playing safely and monitoring lunchtimes in the dinner hall.

The supply role will not commence until all pre-employment checks have been made. If you are interested in this position, please pick up a job application form from the school office.

Staff Retirement

Mrs Knight, who works in our school office, will sadly be retiring on Friday 1st October.

Mrs Knight has worked at our school for over 25 years, and is going to be greatly missed by us all. We wish her a very long and happy retirement.

If you wish to bring in cards, please do so from Monday 27th Sept.

Green Energy

Governors decided at a recent resources meeting for St. Paul's to move to a 100% renewable energy from 1st October 2021 and using Pure Green energy means that we can report zero emissions for electricity. A small step towards making our school more environmentally sustainable towards climate change.



Library Bus and Reading Hut

The work on the Library Bus and Reading Hut is almost complete and the children will be able to use them both very soon.



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A FOOD STORY

We are delighted that Educaterers have taken over the supply of our school meals from Monday 6th September. Educaterers have over 60 years' experience in the education sector and their mission is to provide delicious, healthy nutritious food to everyone they serve. Further information about Educaterers can be found on their website www.educaterers.co.uk. Educaterers focus on working with schools to provide food that children want to eat and they use their 'Nutrigang' to raise pupil awareness of not only food and nutrition but also sustainability and ecology.

New menus are available from the school foyer area and on the school website. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, please encourage them to give the meals a try.

Jubilee Day

This year, with the announcement of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June half term, the Department for Education has stated that the school year should be reduced from 190 to 189 days.

We will therefore end the school year a day early, so Wednesday 20th July 2022 will be the last day of term.

Thursday 21st July will be a teacher training day.



ParentPay

Could we remind Parents/Carers when paying on ParentPay, Please can you not pay via Bank Transfer, as this process takes up to 15 days and your account remains "Pending." Please pay by "Visa/Debit" or "Other Method". Thank you.

School Dinners

The new menu from Educaterers is now up and running and proving very popular.

Meals cost £2.25 per day and remember if your child is in Foundation or KS1, they are free.

Please follow the link to the school website where you can find up to date menus.



Parents Evening

Our first Parents Consultation dates are set for Monday 4th October to Thursday 7th October and will be held virtually. You will receive a letter with more information about how to book on Monday 20th September. It is important that your e-mail address and mobile number is correct on our system and please make sure you book your parents meeting as soon as the system goes live to ensure you get the best time to suit you.

Twitter

For up to date photos, links and information on what your children are doing, see and learning at St. Paul's every day, follow us at:



<https://twitter.com/StPaulsSchNun>

Book Fair

Our book fair will be running next week, please can you visit on the following days to avoid congestion in school:-

Monday - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2

Tuesday - Year 3 & 4

Thursday Year 5 & 6

Please can we ask parents/carers to wear a mask in school.

Please log on to Scholastic's website for instructions on how to order and pay for books. PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE ON LINE, CASH PAYMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

Scholastic's new on line payment system is available for parents wishing to pay by card either at the fair or from home.

They have an online secure payment system where you can pay for books securely. You can access the parent payment system either by the link <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay> or QR code (this will be on display in the hall next week). You scan the QR code and proceed to make payment at the Book Fair, avoiding queuing and grouping.

All fair materials can be found on their website under the Free Digital Resource Pack banner https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/free_resources

Thank you for supporting 😊



Free School Meals

Pupils in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically eligible for a free school dinner under the Universal Free School Meals initiative launched by the government a few years ago but some parents may not realise that unless you apply for Free School Meals through the Local Authority, the school will receive additional funding that can help support your child.

Whether your child is in receipt of a universal school dinner (Reception, Year 1 or Year 2) or in Nursery, Years 3-6, if you are in receipt of any of the below benefits, please phone free schools meals on 01926 359189.

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal Credit (with an annual income of less than £7,400)
- Both income-based and contribution-based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both. You should also qualify if you receive both, but the income-based amount is greater, but not if the contribution-based amount is greater.
- Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income assessed by HMRC to be no more than £16,190, providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on').

When eligibility has been confirmed by the school, you will receive a £25.00 uniform voucher per child.



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Accident Reporting

The school continues to use an on-line system for the recording of accidents and parents will receive an e-mail notification of any minor accident such as a small bump, cut or graze.

When our first aiders consider the injury may require further medical care by a GP or Hospital or is a head injury, then our policy is to call the priority contact by telephone.

Please ensure the school has all up to date phone numbers and an email address.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 25th September—Thursday 28th September - Book Week (details to follow)

Monday 4th October—Thursday 7th October - Parent Consultations

Thursday 14th October - School Photographer (from Reception—Year 6 including siblings in school)

Monday 25th October—Friday 29th October - Half term

**Monday 20th December - Wednesday 5th January —Christmas Holidays
(Tuesday 4th January is a Teacher Training Day)**

Monday 21st February—Friday 25th February - Half Term

Monday 11th April—Friday 22nd April—Easter Holidays

Monday 2nd May—Bank Holiday

Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June—Half Term

Wednesday 6th July— Induction Day

Wednesday 20th July—Summer holidays begin



WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO PLAY IN THEIR VERY OWN ROCK BAND?

ROCK STEADY™

Enrol today at www.rocksteadymusicschool.com
or call 0330 113 0330 (local rate) 8am-5pm, Mon-Fri

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life. Parents often find that Rocksteady lessons also boost children's confidence, wellbeing, and even academic achievement.

Here's some more information about what your child could experience:

- Lessons are held during the school day. There's no experience necessary and all instruments are provided, so it's totally **inclusive** and **accessible** for all.
- Your child can choose from **drums, vocals, keyboard or electric guitar** (subject to availability). They'll join their bandmates for a weekly 30-minute lesson, where together they'll learn some of their favourite songs, developing up to 300 musical skills along the way.
- You can proudly watch as your child performs in their Rocksteady concert at the end of each term, showing you and their friends just how far they have come.
- Rocksteady is the largest provider of **rock and pop** band lessons, working with thousands of UK primary schools every year. Our experienced band leaders will **guide and inspire** your child to progress their musical skills at your child's own pace, ensuring they enjoy the journey.
- A **highlight of the school week**, your child could enjoy the Rocksteady experience for £34.85 a month (no payment in August). There is a **money back guarantee** for the first month and you can **cancel at any time**.
- ***NEW*** You'll also receive **regular updates** on your child's **progress** through the parent timeline.
- ***NEW*** Your child will become either a **Mini Rocker** (Reception to Year 2), **Rock Hero** (Year 3 and Year 4) or a **Rock Icon** (Year 5 and Year 6).

Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Selecting different instrument options will also give you the best chance of getting a place. To secure your child's spot in the band or find out more visit www.rocksteadymusicschool.com or call 0330 113 0330.

Best wishes,
Mark Robinson | Chairman and Founder



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HERE'S WHAT SOME PARENTS AND HEADTEACHERS
HAVE TO SAY ABOUT ROCKSTEADY LESSONS



90% OF PARENTS TOLD US 
ROCKSTEADY LESSONS IMPROVE THEIR CHILD'S WELLBEING

96% OF 
HEADTEACHERS SAID ROCKSTEADY LESSONS BOOST THEIR PUPILS CONFIDENCE

100% OF 
HEADTEACHERS SAID ROCKSTEADY LESSONS HAVE A SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE IMPACT ON THEIR PUPILS

“
My son's confidence has skyrocketed since starting Rocksteady!
”

Emily

“
It's very inclusive for my daughter to access with her disability.
”

Alison

“
Rocksteady is the very first school club my 9 year old has ever been interested in.
”

Emma

“
My child really looks forward to his Tuesday lesson, it is one of the highlights of his school week.
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Justine

“
My daughter thoroughly enjoys Rocksteady, so much she wishes it wasn't once a week but every day .
”

Anthony

“
What Harry truly loves about Rocksteady is being part of a band.
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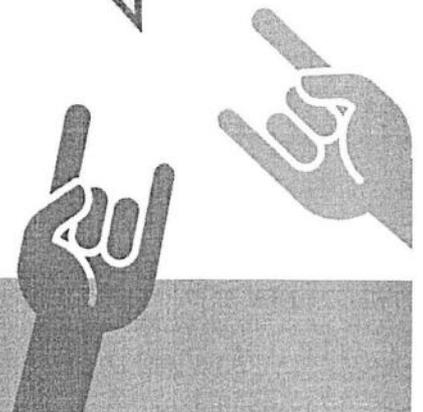
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Enrol today at www.rocksteadymusicschool.com or call 0330 113 0330 (local rate) 8am-5pm Monday to Friday

*From a survey of 105 primary schools and over 1,100 parents

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Community Notices

You will notice that from time to time the school circulates information provided by outside groups, regarding the services they offer or about local events in the area.

Whilst we are happy to circulate the information for these parties, in the interests of offering our parents/carers a varied picture of what is available outside of school, we in no way endorse them.

We therefore recommend that parents/carers should satisfy themselves that the group or event runs the necessary checks and precautions to safeguard themselves or their children before participating.



NUNEATON FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE



**AT: NORTH WARWICKSHIRE & SOUTH
LEICESTERSHIRE COLLEGE (NUNEATON CAMPUS)
HINCKLEY ROAD, NUNEATON, CV11 6BH**

STARTING: MONDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Mondays:	Group 1: Reception & Year 1.....	5.00pm-6.00pm
	Group 2: Year 2 & 3.....	6.00pm-7.00pm
	Group 3: Year 4, 5, 6 & 7.....	7.00pm-8.00pm

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last **20 years**, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in September 2021. The course will run for approximately 12 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by **F.A qualified coaches**, who are **DBS** checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an **indoor** course held in the sports hall, therefore children may wear trainers and sportswear.
- **Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Leicester City player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- **Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

Presentation of trophies and award

- On the final week of the course we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'premier league' and 'penalty shoot out' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £7.00 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £28.00 due on week 1. **Please Note:** Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis. *Mark Frith (course co-ordinator)* www.soccercoachinguk.co.uk

**TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:
NUNEATON + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3)
and receive confirmation by text to:
07827 322780**