

St Paul's Newsletter – Spring 19.01.24

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

Welcome back to Mrs Foster, who returned to us fighting fit and just in time to take all of our runners out to the first TVRL event of the term. Well done to the children who participated - you were brilliant ambassadors for St Paul's. Thank you to Mrs Foster, Mrs Judd and all of our parent helpers for supporting our runners!



It was good to see so many Year 5 parents at Monday's Liddington Meeting. If you were unable to join us, the slides from Mrs Armstrong's presentation were sent out on Tuesday via ParentMail. To secure your child's place, the deadline for the EV2 and £80 deposit is 31st January.

Thank you 3H for a stunning assembly this morning. The children have clearly been working very hard and have learned a staggering amount of new knowledge since joining us in September, particularly about the Ancient Egyptians. It was hard to believe that the performance was delivered by some of our newest recruits as they looked and sounded like they'd been here for years - well done, everyone.

At the end of assembly, we said farewell to Teo, 3D, who recently moved house to Twyford and will soon be starting at Polehampton CE Junior School. We wish his family lots of happiness in their new home and that Teo quickly settles in to his new school.



The School Council's fundraiser will take place next Friday, 26th. This will be a non-uniform and bad hair day. The Councillors have set themselves a target of raising £1000 and are inviting donations of £1 for non-uniform of £1 for bad hair. There will of course be a Bad Hair Prize for the best 'do' in each year group. Collection buckets will be at the gate on Friday and all donations will be very gratefully received.

Finally, thank you for such positive feedback about our Attendance and Punctuality Bulletin. We are delighted that pulling government guidance, absence procedures and other helpful information together in one place has proved useful. One great suggestion that came out of this was that we should include the hyperlink for reporting an absence in every Newsletter, so that it is always close to hand for you.

Have a good weekend, everyone. Thankfully, it promises to be a much warmer and sunnier one than the last.



Mrs Taylor

Absence Reporting

If your child is not able to attend school due to illness, parents are asked to email

absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

by 8.15am each day of the absence. Please ensure your child's name, class and symptoms; stating that your child is 'unwell' is not sufficient information for our records.

Punctuality

Arriving after 8.40am should be 'once in a blue moon' but for some of our pupils, it is becoming almost a daily occurrence. So far this year, 87 children have been late for school at least three times or more. In the last four days alone, 67 pupils have arrived after lessons had started. For the vast majority, traffic has been given as the reason but as congestion in and around school is a historical problem, we ask everyone choosing to travel to school by car, factors in additional journey time so that all of our pupils arrive on the playground by 8.40am and have a calm, orderly start to their day.

Health & Safety

Under no circumstances should any parent ever park directly in front of the Oxford Road gates. This is the entrance that the emergency services use to access the site and it is also the staff entrance. Twice in the last three days, a parent dropping a child off after the Murray Road gates have closed, has left their car blocking access to school and preventing staff from arriving at work on time.

To make matters worse, one parent ignored the request to move his car, telling staff that he wouldn't be too long! This resulted in them having to wait, queueing into the Oxford Road whilst he walked his child into school to sign them in and then returned to his car. This kind of behaviour goes against everything we stand for as a school and is a very poor example to set for one of our pupils.

Well done!

Well done, Year 5 - although bitterly disappointed to find out that Winchester Science Museum was without running water, preventing Tuesday's trip from going ahead, they were very sensible and just got on with an alternative day of learning. The good news is that the trip has now been rescheduled for Tuesday 12th March. Special thanks to those parent helpers who had rearranged work/taken annual leave to join us. Fingers crossed you will be able to make the new date. Year 5 parents will have received a form regarding the rescheduled trip earlier today. We would be grateful if you complete this as soon as possible.

Forest School News



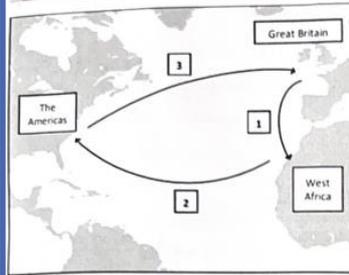
It has been an exciting two weeks as the groups have started to get to know and work with each other. They have shown many of our school values by being caring and kind towards each other, showing determination and resilience while learning to tie reef knots, use the flint and steel to light cotton wool pads as well as using their voice and also listening to others while working on tasks.



The weather has been very cold and it has been wonderful to see the majority of the children arrive for their sessions well prepared with coats, hats and gloves. We have talked about the importance of wearing layers and this need will continue as we go through the weeks ahead. During our reflection, the children shared how being outside in the woods had made them feel calm, relaxed and happy. Some children expressed how they had felt a bit anxious before the session as they were going to be meeting new people, but at the end of the afternoon were able to leave that worry behind.

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

LO: To know that the Transatlantic Slave Trade transported millions of enslaved Africans to the Americas.



The first step of the Transatlantic Slave Trade was that the Europeans loaded their boats with goods such as cloth, iron and artillery ^{then} set off for West Africa to trade for slaves.

Step two would be that the enslaved Africans would be loaded into the bottom of the European ships. It would be very cramped for the enslaved Africans and there was very bad hygiene. It was so bad that 1 in 10 slaves died of disease.

In step three the enslaved Africans would be sold in an auction in some America for goods ~~sugar tobacco or~~ sugar, tobacco and the Europeans would leave richer.

Tuesday 16th January 2024

LO: To know that Ancient Egyptians worshipped many Gods and believed in the ~~after~~ afterlife.

The Ancient Egyptians believed in over 2,000 gods, and the afterlife. They believed that when they were buried they needed all of their belongings like food, furniture and also to go to the afterlife they called a guide which as known in the Book of the Dead and they had loads of challenges, near the end they held their heart if it was heavier than a feather then it would be sent to a ~~monster~~ devourer and you wouldn't go to the afterlife but if it was as light as a feather

Britain wanted to trade and import goods that couldn't be grown at home. Trade is giving something to someone and expecting something in return (usually the same value). Britain had many trading posts so they traded with many countries, including India, Africa, China, Canada and the Caribbean. In India, they traded spices, jewellery and gold bullions. In Africa they traded slaves. In India they traded China they traded china, tea and silk. In China they traded beaver and bear skins. Britain set up the colonies from 1497-1763.

Britain wanted manpower (a larger army) and to make money. Henry VIII invested money in the army. While he was investing his army, he noticed India was very valuable - they had a big army. Britain then colonised India. Britain gained control of India and made a bigger army. Britain was neighbouring to the French so were worried they would be invaded. After, Britain invaded the Mughal empire and won. This was known as the Battle of Plassey.

Britain wanted ^{more land} and to stop other European countries gaining more land. The Seven Years War was when many countries fought for land. In this war the French and the British fought - Britain won, taking a lot of land from the French. The battle of Quebec was important for Britain because they gained land from Canada.

Monday 11th December 2023

LO: To know Assessment task: - To know that stone age is divided in three different parts sections and identify key events that happened in each

2.5 million years ago Palaeolithic age begins

In the Palaeolithic age people were nomads and people created art on the cave walls with different kinds of rocks. People moved to lots of places so they could kill animals and eat them because different animals were in different places.

8000 BCE Mesolithic age begins

In the Mesolithic age people moved to Skara Brae that is in Scotland right above Egham where we live now and started to make more proper and permanent houses and did not move that much but they have still a long way to go until Romans came to earth.

4000 BCE Neolithic age begins

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In the Neolithic age people were farmers and instead of eating the animals they took care for them and gave them food to eat every day.

2500 BCE Bronze age begins

In the bronze age people made things from bronze.

8000 BCE Iron age begins.

In the Iron age things are made from iron and used in round houses.

Bag 2 School Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated their used textiles for today's Bag2School collection. The PTA collected 351kg which raised £175.50, a brilliant result!

Handwriting Pens

Every child is issued with a Handwriting Pen, which is replaced when the ink runs out. If your child has lost or broken their pen, a replacement can be purchased for 50p via SCOPAY. **We are a cashless school and only able to process online payments, so please do not send cash into school.** We encourage children to clearly label their pen to avoid it being misplaced.

Just Play Sports February Half Term Holiday Club

It's come around quickly, but it's nearly time to start thinking about February half term activities. Just Play Sports' holiday club is back and it's now open for booking.



What's on

The usual jam-packed, sporty games are available, including football, multi skills, archery, tennis, cricket and arts and crafts. Just Play Sports are our after school club provider who run a lot of our popular school clubs, so they're a safe option to guarantee fun-filled days this February.

Savings available

Save:

- 10% when you book the whole week
- 10% for siblings

Childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare – we accept childcare vouchers or tax-free childcare. Take a look at the attached flyer for all the information of how to book your children on

Dates - 12-16 February

Any questions? Give the friendly team an email at info@justplaysports.co.uk

Next Week

Monday 22 nd January	Online Booking for Parents' Consultations opens 7pm
Thursday 25 th January	U9/U10 Rugby Festival at Luckley House School
Friday 26 th January	6B Class Assembly
Friday 26 th January	Non-Uniform/Bad Hair Day – School Council Fundraiser

Diary Dates

Friday 2 nd February	6T Class Assembly
Monday 5 th February	Online Booking for Parents' Consultations closes 7pm
Friday 9 th February	5S Class Assembly
Friday 9 th February	Break up for Half Term – 3.30pm finish
Tuesday 20 th / Wednesday 21 st February	3.50pm-7.00pm Parents' Consultations
Tuesday 12 th March	Y5 Winchester Science Museum Trip



FIRST DAYS CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Heart Trail

10th-18th February

A family event at Lightwater Country Park this February half term

Purchase a map for £3 from
Lightwater Adventure Golf or the Country Park Café

Follow the trail around the lakes and take part in the Fitness Trail at the same time (approx 1km)

Find the letters that spell out the secret word

Learn fun facts about your heart and spot all the hanging crocheted hearts

Once completed, take the map back to Lightwater Adventure Golf or the Country Park Café and receive a sweet treat

Massive thanks to the Barkham Hookers for creating beautiful hearts for this trail.

LIGHTWATER ADVENTURE GOLF

Free Parking



raising money for First Days Children's Charity

FIRST DAYS CHILDREN'S CHARITY
www.firstdays.net

First Days Children's Charity reg number: 115 7855



just play sports

12-16 February

Half term holiday clubs

Banish holiday boredom with our jam-packed sessions for children aged 4-12

Discover a new sport or game
Play awesome games, competitions and matches across:

- Football • Multi-skills • Archery
- Tennis • Rounders • Dodgeball • Cricket • Arts and crafts

Savings to suit every pocket

Save:
10% when you book the whole week
10% for siblings

Where you'll find the fun
St Paul's Junior School, Wokingham
Colleton Primary School, Twyford

Flexibility to suit you
Standard day: 10.00am - 3.30pm
Extended day: 8.30am - 5.30pm
4-year-olds: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Use your childcare vouchers or pay with tax-free childcare

Get 15% off at Colleton
Use code JPSFEB15 until 31 January
(works with other discounts)

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Primary Schools Competition

Walk or cycle to school more in 2024

BETWEEN MONDAY, 15 JANUARY AND WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY WE WOULD PUPILS TO DRAW OR TAKE A PHOTO OF SOMETHING THEY LIKE TO SEE WHEN TRAVELLING ACTIVELY TO SCHOOL.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE YOU TO WRITE A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF WHY YOU LIKE TO SEE THIS.

SEND YOUR ENTRY TO: MYJOURNEY@WOKINGHAM.GOV.UK BY WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY

PRIZES ARE:
FAMILY TICKETS TO A READING FOOTBALL MATCH SPONSORED BY READING FC.
RUNNERS-UP PRIZES:
KS1: FAMILY SWIM TICKET SPONSORED BY PLACES LEISURE
KS2: BORN TO MORE CLASS SPONSORED BY PLACES LEISURE



my Journey



