



NEWSLETTER

ST PAUL'S C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS & INFORMATION FOR PARENTS – Autumn 1 2017

A very warm welcome back to all our children and families to the new school year. We hope you had a lovely summer holiday. For those of you joining us for the first time, we look forward to working in partnership with you and wish you a long and happy association with our school.

The new children have settled very well and throughout the school there is a real 'buzz' about learning. The staff and children are united in doing the very best that they can which is wonderful as we never settle for anything less at St Paul's! We take great pride in all that we do and every aspect of our presentation. Thank you for sending your children to school dressed smartly in uniform. With 384 pupils, it is vital that every item is clearly named. Lost property can be found in the large green storage container by the Murray Road gate.

We are looking forward to the autumn and excited about our new curriculum which has undergone some considerable changes over the last few months. The teachers have worked hard to make it even more exciting and engaging to enthuse all of our learners, and already some of our new topics are well underway.

It is not just children and families joining us, we also have several new staff. We are delighted to welcome our newcomers, who each bring something special to our school. Mrs Beamish joins us as Year 5 Team Leader and Miss Osborne as Year 5 class teacher. Mrs Robinson joins Year 4, working alongside Mrs Harding as part of a job share. We also have a new member of our lunchtime team, Mrs Samee.

LEARNING NEWS

Last night's Curriculum Information Evening was very well attended. Each teaching team gave a short presentation about this term's curriculum and went through some general housekeeping issues, such as homework, the learning platform, timetabling and how to support your child with reading.

If you were unable to attend, a copy of the curriculum map, timetable and reading booklet will be sent home today. The presentations are available on our website.

CLUBS

There is a great range of clubs on offer again this term. All sessions start next week and we have emailed confirmation of places.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Running Club – 07.45am	Years 5/6 Badminton Club – 07.45am	Judo Club – 07.55am	Gymnastics Club – 07.45am	Yoga Club – 07.45am
Years 3/4 Badminton – 07.45am	Lunchtime Lego Club	Chess Club – 3.30pm	French Club 3.30pm	Football 3.30pm
Years 3/4 Football - Lunchtime	Year 5 Imagineering Club – 3.30pm	Years 5/6 Scrapbooking Club – 3.30pm	Years 4/5/6 Football - Lunchtime	
		Multisports – 3.30pm		
		All Years Girls Football - lunchtime		

ST PAUL'S C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND EXPECTS ALL PUPILS, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, VISITORS AND EXTERNAL AGENCIES TO SHARE THIS COMMITMENT. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS PLEASE SPEAK TO MRS J M TAYLOR, DESIGNATED CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER.

REMINDERS

There are always so many reminders to give out at the beginning of the term and we appreciate your help with keeping everyone in school safe and happy.

- Playground gates open at 8.30 am when staff come out on duty.
- Classroom doors open at 8.40 am.
- School starts promptly at 8.50 am. Late arrival means lost learning and is disruptive for the rest of the class.
- No bikes/scooters to be ridden on the school grounds and dogs are not permitted anywhere on site.
- Children should bring a water bottle with them each day (water only, no squash).
- Playtime snack should be fruit or vegetables only. In the interests of good health and fairness to all, please ensure you support this rule.
- We have a number of pupils with acute allergies and therefore no foods containing nuts are permitted on site.
- We operate an open door policy and teachers are always happy to meet with you, please phone the office to make an appointment. Mornings can be hectic and it is difficult for staff to find sufficient time to deal with queries, especially those that can wait until the end of the day.
- Parking is very limited in the roads around school. We actively encourage parents to park away from school and walk the last part of the journey. We work hard to maintain good relationships with the local community and therefore if you must park close to school, please do so with care and consideration.

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

Term time holidays will not be authorised and absences of 5 days or more will incur a Penalty Notice. On occasion, we have had parents choose to take their child out of school on holiday, advising the office that their child is unwell. This puts the child in the difficult position of having to lie to their teachers and friends upon their return. With 12 weeks school holiday a year, we respectfully request that you ensure that your child is present in school unless they are genuinely unwell.

WHAT A TALENTED BUNCH

Ballet

Sophia Hannaford gave a stunning ballet performance this morning in a special assembly, dancing before the whole school. After becoming an Academy Scholar at Allied School of Dance, she has gone on to join the Royal Ballet School's Junior Associate Programme. At the recent Regional All England Dance Festival she competed in the classical ballet section against the best 40 ballet dancers in her age group across the South of England. Sophia won the gold medal which was awarded to her unanimously by the panel of 3 judges and is through to the National All England Dance festival in London. She also won and qualified her Classical Greek dance and danced at the Hackney Empire on 29th July.



Gymnastics

Lily Eggleton and Jeani Botha both recently competed in the Pinewood Gymnastics Club Championship. Lily won a Silver medal on vault and a Bronze medal on floor. Jeanie won a Gold medal for tumbling and a Bronze medal for floor, trampet and vault. Very well done to both girls.

Voice

On 23rd July, Edward Rea, Ruby Hewitt, Ani Shah, and ex-pupils Gabby Tait and Freya Griffiths sang for Berkshire Count They also sang at the Proms in the Royal Albert Hall and their concert was broadcast on Radio 3.

VIP!

Our very own Caitlyn Hyde was recently inaugurated as Wokingham's Mini Mayor. This competition is run by WBC each year and applicants must write to the Mayor explaining why they wish to be considered for this very special role. If shortlisted, they attend afternoon tea with the Mayor and his secretary along with the other candidates. This second stage of the selection process. Caitlyn "stood out from the crowd" and was chosen by the Mayor, Peter Lucey, who visited the school to present her with her Mayoral robe, hat and chain.

On Sunday, Caitlyn officiated at the new Heritage Exhibition at the Town Hall, cutting the ribbon and declaring the exhibition open. She will accompany the Mayor to a number of official events over the course of this year. Caitlyn is the first pupil of St Paul's to have achieved this award and is a fabulous ambassador for Wokingham and for our school. We are tremendously proud of her!



POKEMON CARDS

It has been a while since we have found it necessary to ban collectibles but sadly, Pokemon cards are now causing considerable problems amongst the children.

Whilst we do not want to discourage them from collecting or prevent them from having fun, cards have been stolen and some children are putting pressure on others to trade their collection.

Since Monday, cards have been stolen from lockers and bags and whilst we have managed to reunite the majority with their rightful owners, incidents such as this are now becoming a daily occurrence. Any cards brought in after today will be kept in school and returned on the last day of the summer term. This is to ensure that we are being fair to all collectors and the playground is once again a happy place for every child.

DIARY DATES – Please do remember to regularly check the school website calendar

Tuesday 19 th September	Jameson Hustings
Tuesday 19 th September 2.30pm – 3.15pm	SEN Presentation
Wednesday 20 th September	Lewis Hustings
Thursday 21 st September	Selwyn Hustings
Friday 22 nd September	Walter Hustings
Thursday 21st September - 6.30 pm	PGL Liddington Information Evening for Parents
Friday 22nd September	Jeans for Genes Day – NON-UNIFORM DAY
Friday 29th September – 9.15 am	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Monday 2nd October - 9.15 am	Open Morning
Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th October	Year 6 Residential Trip to PGL Liddington
Monday 9th October	Year 6 - National Childhood Measurement Programme
Monday 9th October – 2.45 pm	Year 6 Girls to Visit the Holt School
Tuesday 10th October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations for Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 11th October	Year 3 Stone Age Day
Monday 16th October	Year 5 visit to Winchester Science Centre
Wednesday 18th October – 11.00 am	Harvest Festival in St Paul's Church
Friday 20th October	Individual pupil photos – sibling photos from 8.00 am
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October	HALF TERM
Tuesday 31st October – 3.50pm – 7.30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 1st November – 9.15 am	Open Morning
Wednesday 8th November 8.50am-11.10am	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 29th November	Year 3 Christingle Workshop
Saturday 2nd – Sunday 3rd December	Festival of Angels – Wokingham Methodist Church
Friday 24th November	NON-UNIFORM DAY for PTA Christmas Fair Tombola
Friday 1st December – 5.00 pm	PTA Christmas Fair
Friday 1st December – 9.15 am	Open Morning
Sunday 10th December	Loddon Valley Christmas Concert (Choir)
Tuesday 12th December – 2.00 pm & 5.30 pm	Christmas Celebration – St Paul's Church
Wednesday 13th December – 5.30 pm	Christmas Celebration – St Paul's Church
Monday 18th December	PTA Christmas Discos
Tuesday 19th December	END OF TERM – FINISH AT 2.00 PM